Innovations in MOUD SIG Minutes

**AMERSA annual meeting, Chicago, November 14, 2024**

**Attendees:** Joshua Brown, Kaytryn Campbell, Avik Chatterjee, Emily Loscalzo, Aaron Greenblatt, Arielle Bivas, Leni Popova, Gail Groves Scott, Caitlin Ryus, Gail D’Onofrio, Yolanda Preston, Erica Lyons, Nia Bhadra-Heintz, Samantha Cella, Venessa Loukas, Judith Austin, Lexie Bergeron, Josette LaRochelle, Megan Hudson

**Agenda/Discussion:**

* Introductions
* Facilitation connections to OTPS:
  + FQHC/OTP partnership in Lawrence, MA. Intakes for methadone in mobile unit. Facilitating ID’s. Created smooth pathway for new patient appointments.
  + OTP Cincinnati – some hospitals do 72 rule, some don’t. If they do it it’s mostly for mostly for discharge reasons.
  + OTP Baltimore – can admit based no hospital documentation. Initially special permission to sotaa. Would be helpful if other physician documentation can do that. Lots of capacity for same day initiation.
  + FQHC/OTP partnership in Chicago – using urgent care to facilitate new intakes
* Buprenorphine
  + Low dose v. high dose inductions, regional variations
  + Direct to brixadi—shared ED experience with<1% PW. Recommend having objective signs withdrawal. Shared primary care induction experience from outpatient.
  + Lots of folks using benzo’s as part of withdrawal management.
  + Discussion of Sublocade and additional supplemental bup, regional variations
  + Discussed possible wearing off of Brixadi – encouraged documentation as we learn more about this new method
* Reaching vulnerable populations
  + Telehealth –
  + Ophelia COE designation in PA and Medicaid coverage, pharmacy pilot for injectables, reach a lot of folks who wouldn’t be in care – transportation/caregiving. Mail cups during visit for UDS testing. Offers rotations in virtual care.
  + Baltimore team doing telemed to provide access in jails. Ophelia doing telehealth pre-release from jails.
  + Mobile program for unhoused, recently unhoused
* Staying connected -discussed possible listserv v. joining active pcss and asam