**Medications for Substance Use Disorders Special Interest Group Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

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* Introductions
  + Name, specialty, setting(s) worked in, interest in meds for SUDS
  + All new attendees to this SIG
* Discussion
  + Question about experiences with meds for stimulant use disorder
    - Since outcomes with purported meds are equivocal at best, consider contingency management instead
      * Not MSUD but should be standard practice since provides best outcomes
      * Problem is that federal law will not allow patients in treatment to be paid anything greater than $75 by provider
        + Advocacy in California to override this, but did not go through
      * Technical assistance is available for contingency management in OBOTs
      * Bryan Hartzler was identified as a good resource for contingency management
      * RESET- app that has contingency management built in
        + Spin wheel, get gift cards
        + One app for stimulant use disorder and another for other SUDs
      * DEI Issues: access to technology, response of different races to contingency management, ensuring non-coercion, considering doing away with gift cards for people with SUD as they perpetuate stigma (using cash instead)
    - No good anecdotal data re: bupropion/naltrexone for methamphetamine use disorder
      * Major barrier: IM naltrexone is denied by insurance for this purpose, only approved for AUD or OUD
      * Data are also not very compelling in NEJM study
      * Mixed results with bupropion alone
  + Methadone
    - Changes in regs due to COVID- remain in place but at risk of returning to the past restrictive regs
    - Much advocacy needed in this area
* Next steps
  + Join AMERSA Advocacy Committee
  + Attend upcoming ASAM Advocacy Summit (next Wednesday 11/10/21, 4pm-6:30pm)
  + Continue advocacy efforts throughout the year in areas of contingency management and methadone regs
  + Consider putting out position statement
  + Email addresses were provided for follow up