



Erie County
Opiate Epidemic
Task Force
Quarterly Meeting
February 3, 2020

Treatment Workgroup



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Treatment Provider Workgroup

- The work group continues to meet monthly with representation of treatment and prevention providers, family members, peers, hospitals, treatment court representation, managed care representation, Erie County staff as well as representation from NYS OASAS.
- Meetings are generally monthly; face to face and/or conference calls.
- Access to treatment has been priority, specifically to MAT's
- In process of establishing targeted priorities for the next 12-18 months



Medication Assisted Treatment in Erie County Standard of care for OUD

- **Methadone**
 - 5 clinic sites
 - **Waitlist information** as reported by the agency as of the week of January 27, 2020:
 - Sister's in northern EC
 - No wait list as of 1/27/2020
 - BestSelf in southern EC
 - Wait list of 43. Application to expand capacity has been submitted.
 - **Within the city**
 - Alba de Vida
 - Waitlist of approximately 50
 - Pathways
 - No waitlist
 - DART
 - Wait list of approximately 34
- **Buprenorphine slot capacity:**
 - 2017-710
 - 2018-3,210
 - 2019- 4,395 [6 fold increase]
 - **Sublocade** use is gaining greater acceptance and use
 - **Challenge** is available providers to prescribe
 - Despite this, larger agencies have 800-950 buprenorphine patients
 - **Endeavor-MAT** for Adolescent/young adults to age 25
 - **Vivitrol** is used on a limited basis in the EC Holding Center



Criminal Justice Collaboratives

- ❑ **Crisis Intervention Team grant-training for law enforcement that includes substance use disorder education & targets services for veterans. Further enhances existing CIT work done with Crisis Services & local law enforcement.**
- ❑ **Endeavor has a licensed Behavioral Health/SUD professional is partnering with Town of Cheektowaga & Cheektowaga Police CIT & the Response After OD Pilot.**
- ❑ **Recent grants: MISSION CJ grant to enhance and expand care management services to the Opioid Intervention Court; Second Chance Act grant implementation planning is well on its way.**
- ❑ **Jail Substance Use Disorder services-specifically targets sentenced inmates at the Correctional Facility with psych-ed., CBI, & Motivational Interviewing to identify, educate and link to treatment. Provided by BestSelf & ECDMH.**
- ❑ **Service Link Stop-resource center to assist individuals with behavioral health needs leaving custody reintegrate into the community. Embedded in county offices at Forensic MH Service.**

Service Link Stop – Update

The Service Link Stop, located at 120 West Eagle St. in downtown Buffalo, will serve as a linkage hub targeted for those individuals returning from the Erie County Holding Center, other criminal justice-related sources, and to any individual coming in that is in need of support. Assist folks in successfully re-entering the community and has a goal to reduce recidivism.

- Open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.**
- Comprised of a variety of agencies and providers that will be offering services to these men and women including but not limited to: linkage and referral to healthcare, behavioral health providers, housing, employment, education, benefits, and essential needs (food, transportation, interview clothing, etc).**

Service Link Stop – Update continued

- Each organization/agency will be able to be represented at the SLS by either providing dedicated **staff on-site** or by being a **referral source**.
 - ❖ 40+ Agencies have currently invested energy and committed to SLS
 - ❖ 10 Agencies have currently planned for onsite weekly presence at SLS
- There will also be **interns from Daemen College** available to help facilitate initial intake/ needs assessment as well as provide additional support.
- **12 computers** onsite for use, and **phones** will be available for outgoing calls
- Provide coffee/water, and snacks will be available as well as limited groceries.



What's happened recently...

- **SLS Phone bank** completed
- **MOU** being reviewed for partner agencies
- **NYS Courts Computers** accepted and installed at SLS by Erie Count DISS/IT
- **NARCAN training** of ECFMH staff and SLS Interns – **supply** will be on 1st and 2nd floor of SLS/ECFMH
- **Access Data base** nearing the ready
- **Security assessment** and Erie County will be following up on Camera and distress button sites on 1st and 2nd floor
- **Window Hangings/Curtains** purchase and installation - in process
- **Front Office Counter** installed
- **Mural** and Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology wall

What's happened recently...

- Cross trainings occurred with **ECDSS**
- **Agency run through** and group reviews of demographic and intake documents (Next 2/7/2020 9am)
- **Meeting with BPD** – Captain Beyer related to SLS and potential value in collaboration with **Buffalo Court Hold** (121 West Eagle) and through CIT with local LE
- Meeting arranged by ADA Danielle D'Abate and Legal Aid with **Judge Hannah** and **Judge Hennigan** related to potential value and referral process to SLS from the Court(s)





Currently in Planning for a mural of "Hope" to be completed by the Young Artists of the **Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology**





Communication and Dissemination of Resources

- Exploring a means to efficiently and effectively house existing resources and to reliably update as new resources come on line.



Working to Establish Priorities for the next 12-18 months

- Survey Monkey will be distributed shortly after the meeting
- Reviewed by Treatment Workgroup
- While it will go out to task force membership, please feel free to distribute to others
- Asking folks to identify primarily as one of:
 - Family Member
 - Lived Experience
 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment Provider
 - Substance Use Disorder Prevention or Support Services Provider (i.e. Peer Support, Club House, etc.)
 - Other Behavioral Health Treatment provider
 - Community Based Organization
 - Government partner other than Law Enforcement
 - Law Enforcement
 - Primary care Medical Providers
 - Academia



Other Initiatives & Opportunities

- ❑ **Critical Time Intervention Supported Housing-BestSelf for those leaving intensive residential treatment. Facilitates community transition and supports independence in the community.**
- ❑ **BestSelf Clubwest-Provides after hours support for any 18 & above, 7 days a week & holidays. Available to all clients in Value Network Beginning September 2019. Offering: group fitness, music therapy, arts & crafts, meditation**
 - ❑ **Clients can also get a short-term medication refill**
 - ❑ **Talk with a supportive person**
 - ❑ **Have a safe, quiet place**
- ❑ **Prosocial Peer Group for Youth & Young Adults-Spectrum**
 - ❑ **Community integration via youth peer facilitated activities**
- ❑ **Mobile Clinic Services by Spectrum in rural areas of Erie County**
 - ❑ **SUD care; to include MAT**
 - ❑ **Peer services**
 - ❑ **Telepsychiatry**



New Programs and Services in 2020

- ❑ **Beacon Center is offering New Group: The Woman's Healing Trauma Group at all locations**
- ❑ **Bestself**
 - ❑ M-WRAP in conjunction with NYS OASAS will implement a maternal wrap around program
 - ❑ Expanded slots for methadone
- ❑ **ECMC** relocated Northern Erie Clinical Services to the Town of Tonawanda
- ❑ **Endeavor**
 - ❑ Expansion of Crisis Intervention Program
 - ❑ Developing processes and supports needed for prescribers in MH Clinic to provide MAT including buprenorphine
- ❑ **Horizon Health Services**
 - ❑ Same Day Access including walk appointments
 - ❑ Tele-health for both counseling and psychiatry/addiction medicine
 - ❑ Integrated care for mental health and substance use disorders



New Programs and Services in 2020 (continued)

Northpoint Council, Inc

- Converting Medically Monitored Withdrawal and Stabilization Services to 820 Residential Services.
 - Stabilization: Individual will be able to detox, stabilize physical and mental health, and prepare themselves for rehabilitation (Treatment).
 - Rehabilitation: Individual will engage in appropriate treatment consisting of groups, individual sessions, Medication Assisted Treatment, self-help meetings, mental health counseling and treatment, medical care, etc.

- RASI** will be opening 2 stabilization units for ages 15 to 24. They are only provider in NY of these services for adolescents!

Spectrum Health

- Mobile Clinic in rural and underserved areas of Erie County
- Telepsychiatry
- U-MHAC Behavioral Health Urgent Care Clinic



**ERIE COUNTY ADDICTION HOTLINE
831-7007**

Operated by Crisis Services 24/7

- Provides information, referral, linkage to treatment and support.
- Education on MATs & Motivational Interviewing is woven into phone counselor script to facilitate referrals for callers.
- Integrate into Substance Use Disorder Treatment system
- Call volume since implementation 8/2016: 6897
- Call volume 2019: 1347



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