Southeast Regional Workshop on
Expanding Access to Medication Assisted Treatment for Justice-Involved Populations

June 13 - 14, 2019
Hotel Monteleone
214 Royal St
New Orleans, Louisiana

AGENDA

Workshop Objectives:
By the end of the workshop, state participants will be able to:
1. Identify stigmas and stereotypes associated with substance use disorders and mental illness.
2. Understand the disease model of addiction, diagnostic criteria for opioid use disorders (OUD), and medication-assisted treatment (MAT).
3. Understand the benefits of all available forms of MAT in a correctional setting and psychosocial supports in the treatment of opioid use disorders.
4. Identify a treatment model, potential funding, and concrete next steps for implementing and/or expanding access to MAT in the state’s correctional system within twelve months.
5. Identify evidence-based practices in coordinating reentry processes for continuity of care regarding MAT services, linkage to healthcare, behavioral healthcare, and social support services in communities.

Day 1

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  Breakfast and Registration
Vieux Carre

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Welcome and Objectives
Vieux Carre

Joe Locke, Program Director, NGA Homeland Security and Public Safety
Elizabeth Gondles, Director, Office of Correctional Health, American Correctional Association
Sarah Bacon, Lead Behavioral Scientist, Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs Team, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Office of Governor John Bel Edwards, Louisiana
James LeBlanc, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  State Introductions
Vieux Carre

Kirk Williamson, Policy Analyst, NGA Homeland Security and Public Safety
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
*Vieux Carre*

**The Disease Model of Addiction, Treatment, and Approved Medications**  
This session will provide a brief overview of the disease model of addiction, diagnostic criteria for substance use disorders, co-occurring mental illness, and co-occurring infectious diseases (such as viral hepatitis). This session will also provide an overview on opioid use disorder, the scope of the problem facing the country, treatment approaches, recovery, and FDA approved medications for opioid use disorders.

*Jennifer Clarke*, Medical Program Director, Rhode Island Department of Corrections  
*Rosemarie Martin*, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Brown University School of Public Health  

**Moderator:** *Elizabeth Gondles*, Director, Office of Correctional Health, American Correctional Association

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
**Break**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
*Vieux Carre*

**Eliminating Stigmas and Breaking Down Myths**  
During this session, participants will engage in a discussion on stigma, common myths and misperceptions associated with substance use, mental illness, incarceration and language as a barrier.

*Jeannie Waldridge*, Assistant Director of Substance Abuse Programming, Kentucky Department of Corrections  
*Rachel Kowalski*, Lieutenant, Rhode Island Department of Corrections  
*Susan Tucker*, Psychologist/Warden Care & Treatment, Louisiana Department of Corrections

**Moderator:** *Sandra Wilkniss*, Program Director, NGA Health

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
*Vieux Carre*

**Health Services Delivery in a Correctional Setting and Continuity of Care**  
This session will highlight the delivery of healthcare services that includes medical, dental, substance use disorder, mental health, nursing, pharmaceutical services, personal hygiene, dietary and community services that addresses the physical and mental well-being of incarcerated individuals. The session will also discuss the importance of providing evidence-based treatment and maintaining continuity of care in the delivery of healthcare services in a correctional setting from the time an individual enters the correctional setting through their release back into the community.

*Kenneth Williams*, Chief Medical Officer, Tennessee Department of Correction  
*Lara Strick*, Infectious Disease Physician and Corrections Program Director, Washington State Department of Corrections

**Moderator:** *Michael Miskell*, Senior Correctional Health Specialist, American Correctional Association
**Working Lunch: Key Components of MAT Within Corrections**

During this session the presenters will discuss core components of increasing access to MAT in correctional settings. By initiating the reentry process at post-sentencing, correctional staff can gather the full spectrum of factors contributing to an individual’s opioid use or substance use disorder during the screening and intake process. Once an individual has met the treatment criteria, protocols must be in place to initiate or continue MAT within the walls throughout post-release supervision.

NGA and ACA will provide an overview of the findings from the correctional survey and state team questionnaire, highlighting approaches to treating substance use disorder for justice-involved populations across the states.

*Jennifer Clarke, Medical Program Director, Rhode Island Department of Corrections*

*Annie Ramniceanu, Addictions and Mental Health Systems Director, Vermont Department of Corrections*

*Discussant: Elise Simonsen, Policy Analyst, NGA Homeland Security and Public Safety*

*Moderator: Elizabeth Gondles, Director, Office of Correctional Healthcare, American Correctional Association*

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**Break**

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**Care Coordination from Reentry to Community: Delivery and Payment Strategies**

The session will provide an overview of delivery and payment strategies underpinning effective coordination with community services upon reentry. This includes cross-sector collaboration among Medicaid, state substance abuse and mental health authorities and community providers to build capacity. State officials from Kentucky and Virginia will share lessons learned and best practice models for people reentering into the community. Examples will focus on working with Medicaid (including managed care organizations) to conduct “in-reach” into prisons, enrollment during the reentry planning process, and the use of application assistance.

*Kristin Harrod, Director of Reentry Services, Kentucky Department of Corrections*

*Chethan Bachireddy, Chief Clinical Innovation Officer and Acting Chief Medical Officer, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services*

*Discussant: Elise Simonsen, Policy Analyst, NGA Homeland Security and Public Safety*

*Moderator: Elizabeth Gondles, Director, Office of Correctional Healthcare, American Correctional Association*

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**Break**
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  

**State Team Time**

State teams will reflect on the morning’s discussions, review pre-work assignments, and begin drafting their action plans for implementing or expanding MAT.

- **Kentucky**
  Location: Orleans A
- **Louisiana**
  Location: Vieux Carre
- **North Carolina**
  Location: Boardroom
- **Tennessee**
  Location: Orleans B
- **Virginia**
  Location: Orleans C

5:00 p.m.  

**Adjourn**

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**DAY 2**

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.  

**Breakfast with the Experts**

Participants will have an opportunity to meet and talk with experts on a variety of key issues associated with implementing successful MAT programs. Tables will be divided into various topics, and participants are encouraged to mix and continue discussions over breakfast.

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  

**From Incarceration to Community: Planning and Implementing Reentry**

The days and weeks following reentry into the community are a time of increased vulnerability for those with substance use disorders. This session will discuss the key elements of successful reentry planning and the importance of preparing for reentry from the start of incarceration. The discussion will highlight approaches for coordinating care with community supports across corrections, community systems, and the larger justice systems.

- **Chris Holland**, Deputy Secretary, North Carolina Department of Public Safety
- **Jae K. Davenport**, Deputy Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security, Virginia
- **Melissa Gallardo**, Manager, Colorado Department of Corrections/Adult Parole

**Moderator: Kalyn Hill**, Senior Policy Analyst, NGA Homeland Security and Public Safety

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  

**Break**
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  **State Team Time**  
State teams will continue to work on their action plans.

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11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  **State Team Report Out and Next Steps**  
*Vieux Carre*  
A representative from each state team will briefly report out on their goals and next steps for work in their state. Participants will discuss strategies and challenges to implementation. NGA will review next steps for continued learning and collaboration.

*Jeff Locke*, Program Director, NGA Homeland Security and Public Safety  
*Sandra Wilkniss*, Program Director, NGA Health

12:00 p.m.  **Adjourn**