

# Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS

## Nov. 16, 2023

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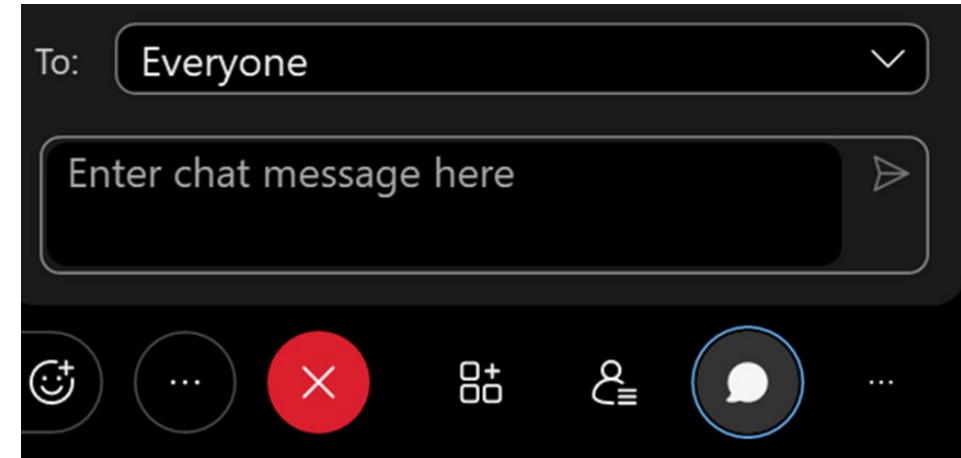
- 3:00      Logistics and Introductions
- 3:05      Updates from SUD teams
- 3:30      Q&A

# Meeting Logistics

- All attendees, except presenters, will remain muted
- Questions submitted via chat will be addressed during Q&A portion of meeting
- Post chat questions to everyone to allow for all attendees to see conversation
- Refrain from using chat during presentations to decrease distractions and side conversations
- To save bandwidth, please keep cameras off
- We will work to address all questions during the time allotted. If there are more questions than can be addressed or if the responses need further research, those responses will be posted on the meeting webpage.

# Getting Connected

1. Submit questions in the Chat
2. DHS staff will address questions during the Q&A in the order they are received.
3. A summary of questions, comments and responses will be posted on the Thursday Connections with SUD webpage within two weeks of the meeting date.



Use chat feature to enter questions

# SUD Unit Leadership at DHS

- **Jen Sather**, Deputy Director for Substance Use Disorder Services
- Supervisor, Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention Team –posted on careers website
- **Nathaniel Dyess**, Supervisor, SUD Reform and Redesign Team (formerly 1115 Demo Team)
- **Amelia Fink**, Supervisor, SUD Clinical Policy Team
- **Don Moore**, Supervisor, Behavioral Health American Indian Team
- **Jennifer Rennquist**, Supervisor, State Opioid Response Team

# State Opioid Response Team

- Grant managers have completed negotiation meetings with new OERAC awardees and working to execute those contracts.
- Also, working on completing grant amendments to carryforward unspent funds.
- Onboarding three new grant managers.
- Preparing for the December 1<sup>st</sup> OERAC meeting, which will take place in Hastings, MN. The Council will discuss plans for the next RFP and legislative recommendations.

# Updates: Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention

- No updates at this time

# Updates: SUD Reform & Redesign Team

- **SUD Paperwork Reduction & Systems Improvement:** Vendor will be doing in person visits to a variety of types of 245G programs and conducting key informant interviews in the coming weeks.
- **SUD Community of Practice:** Next meeting December 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussion will be focused on ASAM and gaps in SUD continuum.
- **Residential SUD Providers:** Deadline to enroll in ASAM level(s) of care is January 1, 2024.
- **1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration Waiver:** Public comment closed on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Demonstration Extension Request to be submitted to CMS this month.
- **ASAM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Manual:** DHS in the process of securing one 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Manual for each licensed and Tribal Nation SUD program. More information will be shared.



# Updates: American Indian Team

- Work continues on getting amendments completed for the grantees that are wanting to carry forward unspent funds.
- Introductory talks have begun with tribes that want to develop some form of Withdrawal Management.
- American Indian Summit strategic plan is still in draft but is moving in a positive direction but with assurance that it is inclusive of the majority of recommendations that came out of the summit.
- American Indian Team is developing a communication plan that will better fit the need to inform partners in a consistent manner.
- Next AIAC meeting is set for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 site TBD.

# Updates: SUD Clinical Policy Team

1. DAANES changes
  - a. Comp assessment to Service Initiation Date
  - b. Eligibility span from 183 days to 1 year
  - c. [Upcoming trainings](#)
2. State Plan Amendment changes will be posted for public comment in the next week or two
  - a. Peer recovery qualifications, removing high school diploma
  - b. Adding ASAM Residential levels of care
  - c. Adding Hospital, FQHCs, and RHCs as eligible vendors of Comprehensive Assessments
  - d. Adding Counties as eligible vendors of peer recovery support services
3. **OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM WORK GROUP** In process of finishing draft of legislative report and recommendations ([Chapter 61](#), Article 4, Sec.24)
4. **ENROLLMENT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES VENDORS**  
Stakeholder engagement in process, recommendations due early next year to the legislature ([Chapter 61](#), Article 4, Sec. 25)
5. [MN 245G Comprehensive Assessment Reference Guide](#) posted

What questions do you have for the SUD Unit here today?

We will try to answer your questions at this meeting.

Questions that require more research will be posted within two weeks on the Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS webpage.



# Thank You!

For updates about future meetings and responses to questions not answered during this meeting, please visit the [Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS webpage](#).