

Title

County Learning Collaboratives to Support Implementation of MAT in Jails and Drug Courts

Presenters/Bios

Bren Manaugh, LCSW-S, CPHQ, CCTS, is a clinician, healthcare leader, and specialist in organizational and systems transformation with more than twenty-five years of experience in clinical services and operations. As a Principal at Health Management Associates (HMA) she directs HMA's MAT in Jails and Drug Courts project under contract with California DHCS as well as projects in Illinois and Alaska supporting implementation of MAT in county jails and prisons. To date at HMA she has supported more than 50 jails and counties in 16 states with MAT implementation.

Prior to joining HMA Bren was vice president of adult services at a large public BH agency in San Antonio Texas where she developed and administered programs in the nationally recognized Bexar County diversion model. In this leadership role she partnered with multiple hospitals, city and county leadership, and the criminal justice system. She oversaw operations across a full continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services, and in partnership with the Sheriff, Police Department, Courts and County across the entire sequential intercept map.

Bren's approach engages multiple stakeholders and decision makers to generate innovative strategies to develop and drive person-centered, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed care

Length: 75 min

Session Description

More than ever before Collaborative Courts are positioned to have positive impact on some of the most marginalized and vulnerable persons in our country - those with opioid use disorder and justice system involvement. However, despite California county progress in establishing drug courts - and the promise of improved outcomes they bring, including reduction in recidivism - and billions of dollars in state and federal funding - the national and state death rate due to opioid overdose continues to rise. Health Management Associates (HMA) is contracted with California Department of Health Care Services for the MAT in Jails and Drug Courts Learning Collaborative, funded by the CA state legislature. For the past three-plus years HMA has been leading a learning collaborative with 37 California counties supporting implementation of MAT in county jails, drug courts and the county service delivery system. To date almost 32,000 people have accessed MAT while incarcerated in participating county jails from an initial baseline of 25. This session will describe the evidence-base and promising practices for successful implementation of MAT in county justice systems and provide information about how Collaborative Courts and their partners can participate in the continuing county learning collaborative.

Learning Objectives

Participants will describe a model for effectively supporting implementation of MAT in county drug courts and jails

Participants will understand how to participate in supporting MAT implementation for justice-involved individuals in their counties and communities through a state-funded county learning collaborative

References

[Statutes, Regulations, and Guidelines - SAMHSA](#)

<https://www.samhsa.gov> › medication-assisted-treatment

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Sep 27, 2022 — Federal statutes, **regulations**, and guidelines govern medication-assisted treatment (**MAT**) for opioid addiction.

[The California MAT Expansion Project Overview - DHCS](#)

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Apr 25, 2022 — The **California MAT** Expansion Project aims to increase access to MAT, reduce unmet treatment need, and reduce opioid overdose related deaths ...

[CalAIM Explained: A Five-Year Plan to Transform Medi-Cal](#)

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