# Behavioral Health Care Opioid Reduction Strategies

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## Opioid Model of Care

#### **Health Care Providers**

- Prescribing guidelines
- Ceiling dose and tiered goal
- Opioid dashboard
- Community of Practice
- Changing paradigm of chronic pain
- Clinical Up-skilling
- ED/Surgeons/Dentists

#### Nonpharmaceutical Treatments

- Behavior Based pain clinics
- Acupuncture coverage
- PT benefit
- Yoga resources
- CBT/Behavioral health

#### **Public Health**

- Needle exchange programs
- Naloxone
- Social marketing
- OPDMP grant

#### **Addictions Treatment**

- Medication Assistance Treatment
- Detox Center
- Naloxone

Addressing the Opioid Epidemic through multifactorial system of care

#### Community

- Social Marketing
- Community events
- Awareness of risks
- Community Action

#### Pharmacy

- Taper Plan Education
- Drug take backs
- Naloxone
- Data/Opioid Risk Score

#### **Behavioral Health**

- Integrated behaviorist
- Increasing access to specialty mental health
- Crisis Respite

# Access to SUD Services 2016: MAT Services



### 2019: CPCCO MAT Services



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# Integrate Behavioral Health Consultant Into The Team

- Pain contracts
- Support plan
- Group education
- ACT model of intervention

# Surgeon General's #TurnTheTide

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HOME

CONSULT

TREATMENT OPTIONS -

FOR YOUR PATIENTS -

TOUR

JOIN

# HAVING A DIFFICULT CONVERSATION



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It can be challenging a ve difficult coversal as with patients and a ptiate an opioid taper plan. Hearing the words: "You don't care about a proposition of "You are making me buy these medications from the street," can be heart wrenching. Watching patients cry or yell because of something you are saying is deflating. Feeling threatened by the same people you are trying to help is terrifying.

For years, we were taught that most anyone with chronic pain should be treated with an opioid medication and that people are entitled to live a life free from pain. But the evidence now shows that treating most chronic pain conditions with opioid medication does not improve symptoms and function, and may actually cause harm. We inherit patients whose pain has been treated with high-dose opioids, and the work to taper these patients down and/or off of opioids may be some of the most difficult and important work that we will ever do.

And it all starts with the difficult conversation

I close my eyes and breathe deeply before I enter the room. I find my center and focus.

This is my mantra as I enter the room: "you can do this with grace and compassion."

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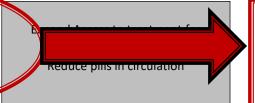
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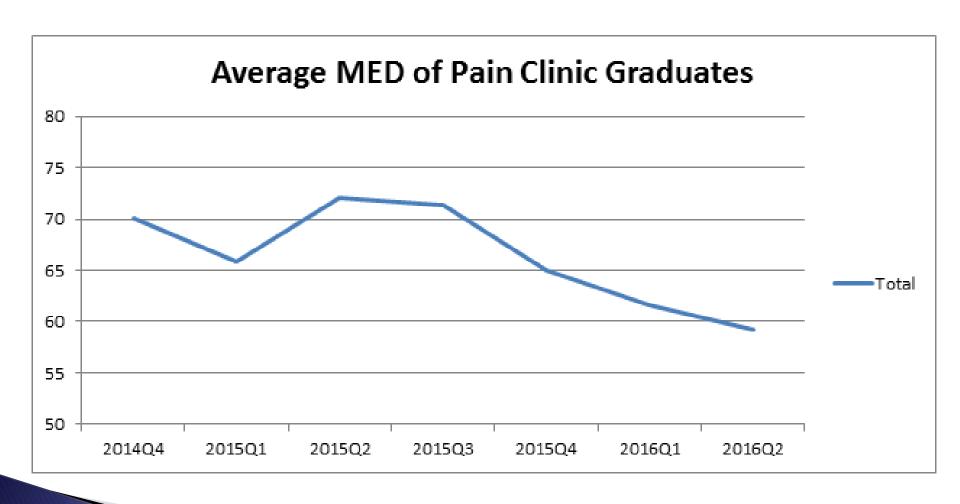
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### Pain Clinic MED Data



# Medication Assisted Therapy

- Individually tailored to the resources available in each community
- Team based care
- Suboxone, Vivitrol, Naloxone

 Effective approach is maximized using a collaborative, integrated approach that includes primary care, behavioral health consultants, and CMHP clinical staff

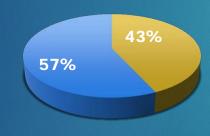
# Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare Medication Assisted Treatment

# Challenges in a Rural Area



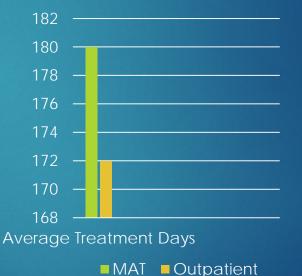
# Medication Assisted Treatment: June 2018 - September 2019





■ Not Engaged ■ Actively Engaged





### **Inpatient Utilization Change**

DRG	July 2017 - June 2018 N Admits	July 2018 – June 2019 N Admits	%Δ
Cellulitis	24	14	- 41.7%
Septicemia	47	12	- 74.4%
Poisoning and Toxic Effects of Drugs	47	21	- 55.3%
Overall	118	47	- 60.2%

Clatsop County has seen a 60.2% decrease in IP admits for SUD-related issues, of which all originate in the emergency department



### SUCCESS STORIES

# Lessons Learned

# Regional Overdose Prevention and Crisis Response

Harm Reduction for People Who Use Drugs

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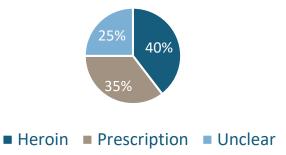
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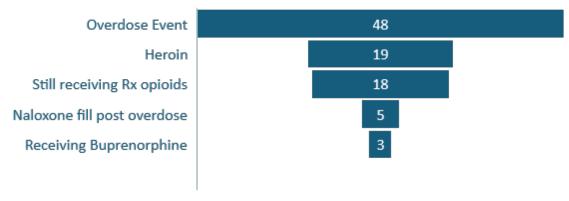
### Overdose Data Analysis

A suboptimal response to a growing problem

# Overdoses in Columbia Pacific 2015-2018



#### **Overdose Response**



# Deep Dive of 2018 Overdoses (CCO patients only)

#### 32 overdoses

- 14 heroin (44%), 3 methadone (9%)
- 2 young children
- 6 fell off plan (19%), mostly young males using heroin
- 7 intentional
- 1 receiving treatment with buprenorphine
- 2 had fills for naloxone post overdose (6%)
- 9 were <30 years old (28%)
- 16 between 31-50 years old
- 9 clearly related to risky overprescribing (28%)

### Key Interventions for Overdose Prevention

- Notification of overdose by EMS or 911 dispatch
- Emergency department-based screening and referral to treatment
  - SBIRT prior to discharge
  - Project ASSERT in Boston has provided screening and referral for more than 60,000 patients treated for intoxication
  - Initiation of buprenorphine in the ED is more effective than SBIRT
- Naloxone provision
  - Multiple venues for naloxone dispensing, including ED, community paramedic, syringe exchange, pharmacies, and law enforcement or peer drop off programs
  - Designing a program that ensures this happens and is not left up to the patient to fulfill a prescription are preferred and more safe
- Post-overdose outreach and follow-up
  - Outreach workers provide support, information, referrals, and counseling services

#### Vision and Goals for Overdose Response Strategy

For all non-fatal overdoses, we aim to provide:

# Overdose Response Taskforce Vision

Naloxone training for person who experienced OD and/or family members

Screening and referral to treatment

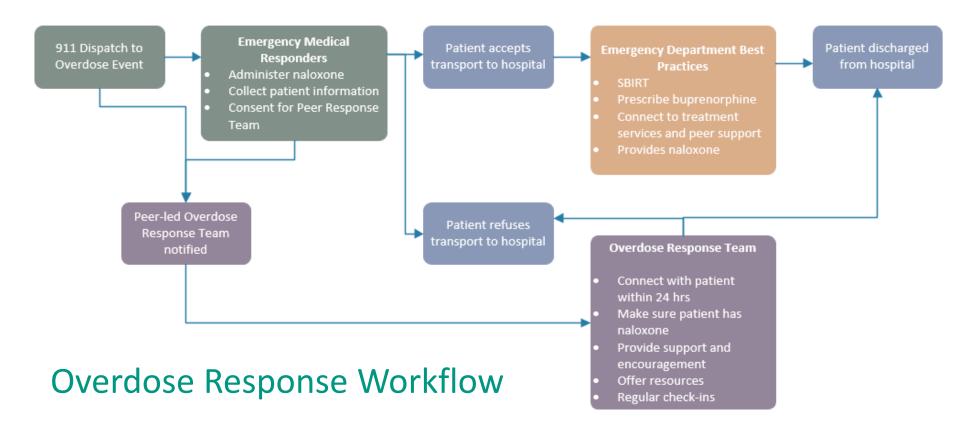
Recovery peer mentor support and outreach

Information regarding services for treatment, recovery, and harm reduction

Tracking and registry data for continued outreach and outcome monitoring

Education for first responders, EDs, peers, and other stakeholders

Compassionate, traumainformed care that aims to create supportive relationships with people who use drugs



### Recommendations

- 1. Develop a Peer-led Overdose Response Team (PORT) in each county to track and follow-up on opioid overdoses.
- 2. Create a process for 911 dispatchers or EMS to notify PORT when naloxone is used in the field.
- Develop overdose protocols for hospital emergency departments that includes SBIRT and prescribing naloxone.
- 4. Develop processes to initiate MAT in EDs.
- 5. Train and equip PORTs to be able to provide naloxone and train patients and family members on how to respond to an overdose.

# MAT and Naloxone in Criminal Justice Settings

- Brings jails in line with medical best practices, ethically appropriate
- Increases likelihood incarcerated people will engage in care in the future
- Reduces likelihood of overdose following release
- Rhode Island saw a 60% decrease in fatal overdose following release

### Partnering with Syringe Service Programs

Front lines of the epidemic

Naloxone training and distribution

84 lives saved

Regional reduction in sepsis hospital admissions

500,000 syringes exchanged

Partnerships with Hep C and HIV programs

Surveillance for fentanyl in the community

