

Iowa Department of Public Health  
Division of Behavioral Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse  
Opioid Update for Wednesday, March 20, 2019

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) offers the Opioid Update to share information about opioid use and Iowa's efforts to address the national opioid epidemic. Please feel free to submit topics to Julie Jones at [julie.jones@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:julie.jones@idph.iowa.gov).

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**Recovery Stakeholders Learning Community Call: March 28**

The Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) and the Missouri Recovery Network have teamed up for a monthly Recovery Stakeholders Learning Community. The purpose of the Learning Community is to allow sharing of innovative recovery program ideas, successful advocacy efforts, available federal grants and other funding opportunities, as well as enable recovery stakeholders to get to know each other. Recovery stakeholders and other interested individuals within the four states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska (SAMHSA Region 7) are welcome to participate.

The focus of this month's presentation is *Recovery Community Centers*. The session will be held at 12:30 p.m. (Central Time) via Zoom. For information on registering, please click on the following link: [Mid-America ATTC](#)

**Current Opioid Related Legislation**

Several bills have been introduced this legislative session that involve opioid-related efforts. While some did not make it past the first funnel week, others remain. Some of those that are still active include:

**House File 580 – *Companion to SF 500, which is the successor to SF 178***

An act relating to the establishment of a needle exchange pilot program by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

**House Study Bill 200 – *Passed committee, successor bill number is HF 623***

An act relating to prior authorization for medication assisted treatment under the Medicaid program.

**Senate File 178 – *Passed committee, successor bill number is SF 500***

An act relating to the criminal offense of manufacturing, delivering, selling or possessing drug paraphernalia by exempting hypodermic needles or syringes delivered, sold or possessed through an approved needle exchange program.

IDPH will continue to provide updates as this session continues.

## **Department News**

### **POMW Training: April 4**

The next Prevention of Opioid Misuse in Women (POMW) “Identifying Opioid Misuse” regional training is scheduled for April 4, 2019, in Waterloo. The purpose of this program is to expand the prevention strategies that support the decrease of opioid misuse in women. Specific objectives of the training include:

- List the individual and community impacts of opioid misuse
- Identify an evidence-based strategy to screen and address substance misuse
- Identify appropriate opioid overdose recognition and response strategies

For more information about the training, please click on the following link: [POMW](#)

## **Opioid News**

### **National Personal Training Institute – Opioid Recovery Project**

The National Personal Training Institute is offering an online Certified Personal Trainer (CPT) course to those affected by the opioid epidemic. The initiative offers thousands of free scholarship opportunities (approx. \$1.5 million total) to recovering opioid victims around the country. According to the Institute, personal training is a great bridge for recovering addicts. It not only gives them the benefits of exercise, but it will provide a wonderful career opportunity where they can ultimately give back as well.

For more information about the scholarship program, please click on the following link: [CPT](#)

### **HRSA Funding Opportunities**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the following funding opportunities.

- The Opioid Workforce Expansion Program (OWEP) for Professionals is intended to build upon existing HRSA investments to enhance community-based experiential training focused on Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other Substance Use Disorders (SUD) for students preparing to become behavioral health professionals. The OWEP for Paraprofessionals NOFO funds this same training for peer support specialists and other types of behavioral health-related paraprofessionals.

To learn more about this funding opportunity, please click on the following link: [OWEP](#)

- The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation (RCORP-Implementation) is intended to enhance service delivery for substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder. Over the course of a three-year period of performance, grant recipients will implement a set of core prevention, treatment and recovery activities that align with the Department of Health and Human Services’ Five-Point Strategy to Combat the Opioid Crisis.

To learn more about this funding opportunity, please click on the following link: [RCORP](#)

## **MAT in the Criminal Justice System**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has prepared a brief that provides guidance to state governments on increasing the availability of evidence-based medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in criminal justice (CJ) settings. By including the criminal justice system as a path to treatment, states may see an increase in access to and retention in treatment, and lower rates of overdoses, re-offending and re-incarcerations. In this brief, states are provided an overview of the issue, the challenges to incorporating MAT, key considerations for establishing MAT in CJ settings, and existing standards/guidelines.

To read the entire brief, please click on the following link: [SAMHSA](#)

## **Upcoming Trainings**

- **Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse**  
April 16-17, 2019  
For more information, please click on the following link: [Des Moines](#).
- **National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit**  
April 22-25, 2019.  
For more information, please click on the following link: [Atlanta](#).