

# Statewide survey of jails in NC for the availability of medications for opioid use disorder

Disability Rights North Carolina is working with Vital Strategies to gather information on the availability of medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in jails across the state. This survey should be completed by the person who would be most familiar with your facility's policies or procedures on MOUD.

Date:

Name of Facility:

Name/Title of Facility Representative:

Contact Information email/phone:

- 1. Does your facility screen for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)?
  - a. Who conducts the screening?
  - b. How long after admission does the screening have to be done?
  - c. Can the screening be postponed or skipped for any reason?
  - d. Do you use a standardized screening tool? What do you use to screen?

i.If you use a commercial standardized screening tool, please specify the name.

- 2. On average, how many people per month do you identify in this screening as having an OUD?
  - a. What is the percentage of those identified with OUD out of the total number of people screened per month?
  - b. Do you collect data on the number of people who are identified as having an opioid use disorder during the screenings?
  - c. If you collect data, do you collect that data using demographic information such as race and ethnicity or gender?
- 3. What services, if any, do you provide to people with an opioid use disorder (e.g., medications, counseling, peer support, etc.)?
- a. If services are provided, when are those services initiated?
  - b. Does your facility have a withdrawal protocol?

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- 4. Does your facility have a written policy(ies) for OUD treatment?
  - a. If YES, what do the policies cover?
  - b. If NO, is there a policy being developed or considered?
- 5. Does your facility provide any Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) treatment?

(If NO, answer a. and a. i-ii, if YES, skip to b.)

- a. **If no**, what are the barriers preventing MOUD services from being offered in your facility?
  - i.Does your facility plan to develop an MOUD treatment program if they are currently not offering one?
  - ii. If you plan to develop an MOUD treatment program, do you have a timeframe to develop the plan?

## [FOR FACILITIES WITH NO MOUD PROGRAM SKIP TO QUESTION 10]

- b. If yes, your facility does offer MOUD,
  - i. Does your MOUD program work with any outside agencies? If so, which agencies.
  - ii. Who administers the medications-what staff take part in this process? [E.g., jail staff? COs? internal medical? External medical?]
  - iii. Where does the administration of the MOUD take place? Is it in the medical unit, in cells, in an outside clinic, etc. Please describe the process.

## [FACILITIES WITH AN MOUD PROGRAM CONTINUE TO NEXT QUESTIONS]

- 6. For those with an MOUD program:
  - a. When are the MOUD services initially offered?
  - b. What medications are offered?
  - c. Do you collect demographic data such as race/ethnicity for the MOUD program?
- 7. Is this MOUD treatment offered to all people in custody?
  - a. If only offered to some populations, which population(s) is it offered to (e.g., pregnant women, those who enter the jail with existing MOUD prescriptions, anyone who requests and is approved by medical)?

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- b. If your facility provides MOUD, what standards, if any, must patients meet in order to be provided with MOUD?
- 8. Are any other treatments/resources provided for those receiving MOUD services? (e.g., counseling, therapy, group therapy, 12 step groups, peer support, etc.)
  - a. If provided, are these treatments/resources offered as voluntary treatment or are they mandatory in order to receive MOUD?
- 9. Have the people under your care experienced any interruption in their dosage schedule, e.g., people are not able to get the doses each day or as often as prescribed?
  - a. If so, what is the cause of that interruption (some reasons may be staff availability, provider availability, discipline, diversion, etc.)
    - i.If there are interruptions for diversion (e.g., medication not going to the person intended) of MOUD, do you collect data on this and do you know the reasons for any diversion? Please describe:
- 10. Are those who have an opioid use disorder provided with aftercare and/or follow-up community resources/referrals upon release?
  - a. Are you experiencing any barriers to getting people aftercare in the community and please describe what the barriers are that you have encountered?
- 11. Does your facility have an ADA Coordinator (Americans with Disabilities Act)?
  - a. If yes, may we have the name and contact information for that person?
- 12. Does your facility contract with a third-party provider to provide medical services in the facility?
  - a. If yes, what is the name of that third party provider?

Thank you for your participation. **Please return the completed survey to** lisa.gessler@disabilityrightsnc.org or dane.mullis@disabilityrightsnc.org