

Treatment and Recovery Support Services Committee Report

Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council
September 5, 2017

Last Meeting: May 16, 2017

Attendees: Fran Shaddix, Nicole Walden, Steve Dozier, Pamela Butler, Shannon Roberts, Brent Boyett, David Albright, Susan Staats Combs, Bobbi Jo Taylor, Mar Litvine, Wendy Taylor, Myra Frick, Deidre Johnson, Luciana Coleman, Shereda Finch, Sarah Harkless

Discussed our mission to expand the quality and availability of evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders.

Identified sixteen different strategies to support fulfillment of that mission:

1. Engaging hospitals in cost saving strategies.
2. Promoting SBIRT.
3. Implementing Chronic Disease Model of Addiction.
4. Full Implementation of 2008 Parity Act.
5. Broader CPT Code coverage of addiction.
6. Increase the system's treatment capacity.
7. Increase funding for the treatment and recovery support services system.
8. Increase visibility of the system.
9. Encourage more physicians to obtain DATA waivers.
10. Develop minimal standards for DATA waived physicians.
11. Work with state boards to encourage mid-level practitioners to become buprenorphine prescribers.
12. Examination of the private community corrections treatment impact.
13. Increase alternative settings/access for substance use disorders treatment, especially primary care access.
14. Bolster the substance use disorders workforce.
15. Bolster support for families.
16. Promote standards of excellence.

Collapsed those strategies into six groups of related strategies, and identified facilitators to establish workgroups to develop associated goals, objectives and tasks for consideration by the Committee as a whole.

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Nicole Walden/Dr. David Albright

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All Workgroups

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Deferred to the **Prescriber/Dispenser Practices Committee's** work

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Next Steps: Review other states' strategic plans, Surgeon General's Report on Addiction in America, along with other opioid-related materials, and establish specific recommendations for the Council's strategic plan.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2017.