

FACILITATOR GUIDE

County Touchpoints in Access to Medications for Addiction Treatment for Justice Involved Individuals

Module 9. Toxicology Testing for OUD in the Context of Clinical, Justice and Child Welfare Approaches

Module Overview

The module is for criminal justice and child welfare professionals who have completed earlier sessions on the neuroscience of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), medications for addiction treatment (MAT), and their professional association positions regarding the need to make all FDA-approved MAT medications available to persons with OUD.

This 63-minute video provides information on toxicology testing as part of treatment of OUD, and evidence-based considerations for interpreting toxicology results in the context of court-ordered treatment and conditions of probation/parole or dependency determinations. Content addresses use of other illicit substances during OUD treatment, the expected trajectory of relapse within recovery, and more. Discussion questions and additional resources are provided to help participants translate this information into action in the workplace.

Content

- Video recording of interactive panel discussion on toxicology testing, 63 minutes. Conducted and recorded by HMA. Panelists and moderator noted below.
- PowerPoint slide deck: Created by Health Management Associates

Facilitator Steps

1. Print and distribute Module Overview and Learning Objectives as people enter the room
2. Distribute the pre-test questions to participants and have them complete it. Then discuss the responses
3. Review the Module Overview and Learning Objectives
4. Show the video
5. Following the video, engage the participants in the following questions:
 - a. Discuss your reactions to the video with one another and share your chief points of discussion.
 - b. How is the practice in your organization related to positive toxicology findings similar or different from the practices described by the panel?
 - c. Are there changes you would like to advocate in your organization? What are the barriers to those changes?
6. Provide link to National Drug Court Institute webinar and slides: <https://ndcrc.org/medication-assisted-treatment-course/>

7. Distribute post questions, capture responses in accordance with CEU requirements and then discuss responses

Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, the participant can:

1. Differentiate between clinical and criminal justice objectives in conducting toxicology testing
2. Describe a range of options for probation, courts, and treatment providers to address a variety or positive toxicology findings.
3. Identify clinical resources available to courts and probation for assistance in interpreting toxicology testing results

Panelists

- Kimberly McKinney, Clinical Program Coordinator, Shasta County Drug Court. Clinical substance use disorder treatment provider and drug court coordinator.
- Gavin O'Neill, Principal Analyst, Office of Collaborative Courts, Alameda County. Seven years' experience addressing toxicology testing in Alameda County's collaborative courts.
- Shannon Robinson, MD, Principal, Health Management Associates, and addiction-trained psychiatrist with extensive experience treating OUD in the VA and California prisons.
- John Declan Tormey, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Ventura County Probation. Two decades of experience with probation and toxicology testing.
- Donna Strugar-Fritsch, BSN, MPA, CCHP, Principal Health Management Associates and Director, County Touchpoints project. Moderator.

Pre-Test Questions

1. Toxicology screening tests and tests done in a lab provide the same information. True/False
Correct answer: FALSE
2. Addiction clinicians and drug court personnel can both use toxicology results to adjust client treatment plans. True/False Correct answer: TRUE
3. Positive findings for THC are not actionable because marijuana use is legal in California.
True/False Correct answer: FALSE

Post-Test Questions

1. Which if the following is NOT true about positive toxicology testing results:
 - a. They can be used to send a person back to jail
 - b. They are data about the process of a person's recovery
 - c. Their implications are clear and not subject to further interpretation
 - d. They can be discussed with the testing lab
 - e. They can be discussed with the client's treatment provider

Correct answer: C

2. Who can help a court or probation officer interpret a toxicology testing result?
 - a. The client
 - b. A Certified Medical Review Officer
 - c. The client's SUD counselor
 - d. All of the above

Correct answer: D

3. Clients generally perceive toxicology testing as helpful to their recovery. True/False Correct answer: TRUE

Continuing Education Options

Refer to the County Touchpoints Training Site website for information about continuing education credits by discipline. (red arrow)



California MAT Expansion Project

- California MAT Expansion Partner Projects
- County Touchpoints in Access to MAT for Justice-Involved Populations
- Expanding Access to MAT in County Criminal Justice Settings
- Mom&Baby Substance Exposure Initiative
- Transitions of Care

Welcome To TRAINING SITE For County Touchpoints In Access To MAT For Justice-Involved Populations

This site contains all the materials necessary for group or individual training about the use of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to treat Opioid Use Disorder in justice system and human service systems.

Click here for a comprehensive Training Manual designed for use by internal organizational training teams to help plan, execute, sustain, and evaluate internal training.

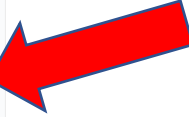

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