Meeting Minutes of the
Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)
For Ohio’s SUD 1115 Waiver

Opening Remarks/Housekeeping Items
- ODM welcomes new Stakeholder Advisory Committee member Joan Englund to the committee.

Review of SUD Provider Capacity
- ODM facilitated a discussion about additional provider capacity assessment analysis. This presentation focused on the changes in access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) over the period State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 to SFY 2020.
- The data shows a net increase of providers who are prescribing MAT in the period between SFY 2018 and SFY 2020. As a next step, ODM will conduct analysis on other levels of care.
- SAC Question: Does this data show all providers who are enrolled in Medicaid?
  - Yes, the data is pulled from Medicaid claims and therefore shows data from any type of provider that is prescribing medications for opioid use disorder (OUD).
- SAC Question: Have you looked at distance that participants are traveling to get MAT services, particularly in rural communities?
  - Medicaid data is limited with regards to the exact location where service is being delivered when a provider has more than one location. In addition, providers do not always list all of their service locations. So ODM is limited in knowing only the addresses that are listed in MITS. Therefore, it would be very complicated to develop a time and distance calculation for consumers. This limitation will be improved in the new IT system that is in planning for a January 2022 go-live.
- SAC Question: Once the new system goes live, will providers enter their information differently?
  - Not likely, though these discussions are currently underway. The new system will change how the claims are captured.
- SAC Question: Can you show the breakdown of data between opioid treatment programs (OTPs) versus office-based opioid treatment (OBOT) settings?
  - ODM will consider this suggestion. MHAS has created similar data maps in the past.
  - SAC Comment: This crosswalk would be useful to better understand whether rural access to MAT has improved after the State opened to more OTP providers.
  - The data shows that the new providers are largely clustered around urban areas. Fewer new providers are delivering services in southern Ohio and in rural areas.
  - Another future research topic is to examine who is receiving MAT via telehealth services.
- SAC Comment: Ohio providers are facing challenges with delivering services in underserved areas. SAC member suggests that the State consider providing incentives to operate in more rural areas that offset the cost of delivering services there.
- SAC Question: Are “cash-only clinics” represented in the data?
  - No they are not. This data is from Medicaid claims.
• SAC Question: Is it possible to analyze which provider types are prescribing MAT to the most patients? For example, how many primary care physicians are prescribing MAT to their patients? It is important to understand integration of primary care with behavioral healthcare.
  o Yes, ODM can breakdown the data to show provider type in the next version of analysis.
• SAC Question: Can the data maps overlay 2020 overdose death data? There has been a significant rise in overdose deaths in 2020 especially June through December.
  o Great suggestion given that 2020 is showing the highest number of overdose deaths. ODM will add this information into the analysis by State Fiscal Year to understand trends.
• SAC Comment: Regional maps that correspond to the districts instead of state-wide maps may allow viewers to see the data more clearly. Also, is there a way to show data from insurers outside of Medicaid?
  o Thank you for this feedback. MHAS categorizes providers that obtain certification. It is possible to work with MHAS to understand the providers outside of Medicaid. Also, the Pharmacy Board may be able to share data that could provide insight into this.
• SAC Question: Can the data analysis show the customers who were prescribed MAT and a service?
  o The provider capacity assessment presents similar information to this question, including the percentage of Medicaid recipients with an opioid use disorder (OUD) who received services from a SUD provider, mental health provider, or other behavioral health provider.

Milestone 3 – Provider Standards for SUD Residential
• ODM reviews the CMS requirements for the SUD 1115 Waiver Milestone 3 including site visits to SUD residential providers.
• State provides an overview on the purpose for site visits and welcomes feedback and input from the SAC members on the approach toward the site visits.
• The State is currently reviewing recommendations from Targeted Workgroups and deciding how to incorporate them into the regulatory framework. This will be done before site visits will begin
• The goal is to establish a process before the end of the calendar year and then begin piloting onsite reviews.
• SAC Comment: Suggest gathering data on the number of beds being utilized at residential facilities and the waiting lists for beds at organizations that have not been able to expand.
  o Thanks for that suggestion. There will be a pre-onsite process that will be a desk review to make the onsite reviews more efficient and productive.
• SAC Comment: Due to the impacts from COVID-19, it is important to look at the capacity in the years prior to 2020 as well. In one case, a residential provider reduced capacity by 20 beds because of COVID-19 impacts.
• SAC Comment: Suggest examining the closure of adolescent residential facilities.
• SAC Comment: When looking at the bed count, what is the payer source for those beds? Suggest collecting data in terms of overall availability of beds across the continuum regardless of payer.
• SAC Question: Has it been determined who will conduct the onsite reviews?
  o No, not yet. The scope and detail of the onsite reviews is under discussion between ODM and Ohio MHAS.
Update on Utilization management workgroup

- The Utilization Management Targeted Workgroup has continued to meet. The workgroup is finalizing a pilot for a uniform prior authorization form that will be implemented more broadly.
- SAC Question: Will the State provide training on the prior authorization pilot form?
  - ODM will organize a training for all stakeholders to introduce the form.
- The State is developing a FAQ document to provide additional guidance on the prior authorization process for SUD services.
- SAC Question: Can ODM include the percentage of the prior authorization requests that were only partially approved or denied?
  - ODM will consider incorporating into the pilot process.
- SAC Question: Will the targeted workgroups continue to meet?
  - The State is considering the recommendations from the targeted workgroups and incorporating the information into standards. As a next step, the State will regroup internally on any pending items from the targeted workgroups. The SAC can discuss the targeted workgroup follow-up actions as an agenda item during a future meeting.

Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- Next SAC meeting is scheduled for April 5th.