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- Cost implications of untreated substance use disorder (SUD)
- Medication-assisted treatment
- Novel delivery systems
- Innovative sheriff-led initiatives
- Available grants



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Introduction

- CLAAD's Mission
 - Lawful access: ensuring proper access to health care
 - Abuse deterrence: preventing prescription drug fraud, diversion, misuse, and abuse
- Support from National Sheriff's Association since 2008
- Special thanks to Sheriff Keith Cain, Committee Chairman, Ed Hutchison, Staff Liaison



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Costs of Untreated SUD

- Untreated substance use costs \$600 billion annually; \$8.2 billion in criminal justice costs¹
- Cost savings from treatment of SUD
 - \$1 invested = \$4 return in health care costs + \$7 in law enforcement & other criminal justice costs²
 - \$4,700 – \$12,000 per person to treat; \$24,000 - \$32,000 to incarcerate³



Medications and Treatment

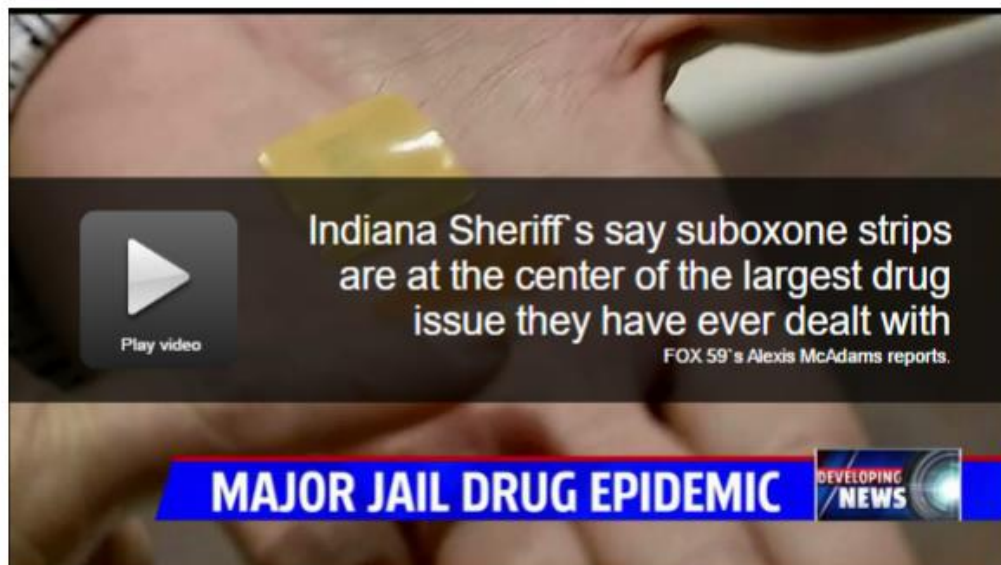
- Medication-assisted treatment is an evidence-based method that combines counseling, behavioral therapies, and FDA-approved meds to treat SUDs⁴
- Approved meds for opioid use disorders
 - Methadone (opioid full agonist): available at federally regulated opioid treatment programs (OTPs)
 - Naltrexone (non-opioid): available in physician offices
 - Buprenorphine (opioid partial agonist): available in physician offices and OTPs
- Federal policy: offer all FDA-approved medications⁵



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Indiana sheriffs: Suboxone strips at the center of state's drug trafficking issue

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Indiana sheriffs are demanding change to stop a major drug trafficking problem at their jails. Their calls have gone unanswered.

"I think that I can speak for 91 other sheriffs in the state that these Suboxone strips are a problem for any correctional facility," said Johnson County Sheriff Doug Cox.

Diversion and Novel-Delivery Systems

- Diversion in jails with buprenorphine/naloxone film: Indiana⁶
- Practitioner-administered delivery systems: can increase adherence, reduce diversion
 - Injections
 - FDA-approved: once-monthly naltrexone
 - Under development: once-monthly or once-weekly buprenorphine injection, each with multiple doses, to cover initiation through maintenance
 - Implants
 - FDA-approved: six-month buprenorphine



Innovative Sheriff-Led Initiatives

- No Questions Asked
 - Sheriff Bill Prummell in Charlotte County, FL: “Any person with a drug addiction can approach any one of [his] deputies on the street or walk into any one of [the county’s] facilities, turn in their drugs, and ask for assistance in obtaining treatment to overcome their addiction”
- Assistance with Medicaid and Insurance Coverage
 - Jon Sandage in McLean County, IL:
 - Staff help inmates complete the proper paperwork while in jail to enroll in Medicaid or apply for private insurance right away
 - Introduced legislation for Medicaid coverage to be suspended



Innovative Sheriff-Led Initiatives

- Medication-Assisted Treatment
 - Drug Court Treatment Program in Franklin County, OH
 - Two years into program, 14,000 jail days were suspended; cost savings = \$910,000
 - County saved over \$1,000,000 three years into program
 - Among drug court participants with access to buprenorphine/naloxone combination product, 62 percent were successfully treated and discharged
- Legislation
 - Sheriff John Fuson in Montgomery County, TN: Legislation would create pilot program within Montgomery County; sheriff, with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, would create and administer program offering substance use treatment services to eligible inmates



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CLAAD's Priorities

- Use of private health insurance and Medicaid to cover treatment costs while in jail
- Pre-conviction diversion programs
- Outcomes studies: reduction in jail bed days, costs, recidivism



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Available Grants

- SAMHSA is soliciting grants from states to support:
 - Increased access to treatment
 - Reduced unmet treatment need
 - Reduced opioid-related overdose deaths
- Only the Single State Agency (SSA) is eligible to apply for the grant
- The SSA may provide funds to any for-profit or not-for-profit entity that supports prevention, treatment, and recovery support
- Deadline for submission of grant is **February 17, 2017⁷**



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Conclusion

- Thank you
- Questions and discussion

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