Opioid Topic Areas of Focus

Overarching Goals of the Opioid Curriculum:

Increase the number of providers with a Data-2000 waiver in Illinois counties which have little or no medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services by providing training.

Engage clinicians who have received their Data-2000 waiver (also known as Buprenorphine Waiver Program or x-waiver), but are not utilizing it to treat patients, by mitigating perceived barriers and activating them to utilize their Data-2000 waiver through a Project ECHO Opioid Hub. The Project ECHO Opioid Hub will be facilitated by a multidisciplinary team from SIU comprised of Addiction Specialists, Clinical Psychologist, Psychiatry, Social Worker and Data-2000 waivered clinician working in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Clinicians who engage are strongly encouraged to identify local behavioral health partners to participate in the SIU-IHA ECHO Opioid Hub with them.



Curriculum Outline

- Co-Occurring Anxiety Disorders and Substance Use
- Co-Occurring Trauma / PTSD and Substance Use
- Co-Occurring Psychosis and Substance Use
- Co-Occurring Bipolar Disorder and Substance Use
- Co-Occurring Depression and Substance Use
- Co-Occurring Personality Disorder and Substance Use
- Opioid Treatment Medication Essentials
- Continuum of Care Needed to Effectively Treat Opioid Users
- Psychosocial and Behavioral Considerations Relevant to Opioid Addiction and Treatment
- Complications of Opioid Medications
- Management Strategies for the Relapsing or Aggressive Patient
 Setting Up and Sustaining a PCP based MAT Service

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About SIU-IHA Opioid ECHO

Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a movement to demonopolize knowledge and amplify the capacity to provide best practice care for underserved people all over the world. The SIU-IHA Opioid ECHO Hub is part of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA), Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) and Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) Great Lakes Partners for Patients Initiative to expand patient access to physicians who have the DATA-2000 waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder (OUD) and train clinicians who currently have the DATA-2000 waiver and are not prescribing to begin utilizing their waiver and treating patients.

The goals are to expand patient access to physicians and trained clinicians with DATA-2000 waiver and to create a network of providers in the region working together to improve care for patients with opioid addiction.

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Participation Benefits

As a participant, you will receive 12 (1 hour) sessions at no cost to you or your organization. Each session will include a short didactic on a specific issue related to opioid use, a presentation of a case from a participant, and discussions and recommendations on the case. Each participating organization is expected to present cases throughout the course of the 12 sessions. Continuing education credit information is outlined below:

• This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and the Illinois Health and Hospital Association. The SIU School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

• The Southern Illinois University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 12.0 AMA *PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

• SIU School of Medicine is pre-approved as a continuing nursing education provider pursuant to Section 1300.130, subsection c), 1), B) and P) of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Nurse Practice Act. Nurses may receive a maximum of 12.0 contact hours for completing this activity.

• SIU School of Medicine has been approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation as a provider of continuing education for social workers (license #159-000106) and clinical psychologists (license #268-000008). This program offers a maximum of 12.0 CE hours.