



## Invitation to Participate

### Hospital Opioid Treatment and Response Learning Collaborative

The Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI) is pleased to extend an invitation to hospitals in Chicago and suburban Cook County to participate in the Hospital Opioid Treatment and Response Learning Collaborative (HOTR-LC).

#### Goal of the Learning Collaborative

The HOTR-LC will bring hospital teams together to support and facilitate conversation around best practices, implementation, and quality improvement as it relates to caring for people with opioid use disorder and/or those who are at risk for opioid overdose. The goal of the HOTR-LC is for participating hospitals to move toward initiation of medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) with linkage to care and/or naloxone prescribing/distribution over the course of the six-month collaborative.

#### Hospital Participation

The HOTR-LC is ideal for hospitals committed to building capacity to implement MOUD/naloxone services in emergency department or inpatient units. Hospitals are asked to identify leadership and clinical team members to participate, including individuals with the ability and authority to implement new systems.

Leadership team participants (suggested): Chief Medical Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Pharmacy, Emergency Medicine Department Chair, any other clinical champions. *NOTE: Clinical champions should plan to attend both the leadership team learning sessions as well as the clinical learning sessions.*

Clinical team participants (suggested): Emergency Medicine Department Chair, Emergency Department Nursing Director/Clinical Director, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine or Psychiatry Department Chair (depending on which service would be managing on the inpatient side); Pharmacy Director; Supervisor of any behavioral health staff (social workers, etc.) in the emergency department, and Clinical Supervisor/Manager of hospital-based substance use disorder treatment services (where applicable). Additional members may include, IT, quality improvement and other staff.

#### Hospital Team Expectations

Hospital teams are welcome to participate in any of the learning collaborative sessions of interest. We encourage hospital teams to participate in all of the sessions though is not required. Throughout the Learning Collaborative, hospital teams will be asked to think deeply about their capacity needs and opportunities to increase opioid treatment and response, share those needs and capacity and engage with peers in shared learning.

There will be a total of six in-person learning sessions over a six-month period (July-December 2020). Meetings will be held virtually due to COVID-19 considerations.



Leadership Team Learning Sessions	Topics
Friday, July 17, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm	<p><b>Kickoff Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduction to the HOTR Learning Collaborative</li> <li>● Description of City/County opioid initiatives and how this learning collaborative fits</li> <li>● Presentations from area hospitals</li> <li>● Next Steps</li> </ul>
Friday, December 18, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Project highlights</li> <li>● Lessons learned</li> <li>● Policy and funding opportunities</li> <li>● Next Steps</li> </ul>
Clinical Team Learning Sessions	Topics
Friday, August 21, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm	<p><b>Session 1: Naloxone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overdose education and naloxone prescribing/distribution (best practices, regulatory and legal challenges, workflows)</li> <li>● Presentations and examples on the development of individual hospital work plans for naloxone prescribing and dispensing</li> <li>● Challenges/barriers to increasing naloxone prescribing, pharmacy access, and naloxone dispensing</li> <li>● Development of the next steps for naloxone dispensing</li> </ul>
Friday, September 18, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm	<p><b>Session 2: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evidence-based education for MAT in the emergency department and inpatient setting</li> <li>● Presentations and examples on the development of individual hospital and ED work plans for MOUD</li> <li>● Development of next steps for MAT initiation in the emergency department and inpatient setting</li> </ul>
Friday, October 16, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm	<p><b>Session 3: Warm Hand-offs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continuity of care after MOUD initiation</li> <li>● Fostering partnerships with outpatient clinics and treatment centers</li> <li>● Overcoming barriers and addressing lack of access</li> </ul>
Friday, November 20, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm	<p><b>Session 4: Stigma, Harm Reduction, and Peer Recovery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cultural change around opioid use disorder services and evidence-based practice within hospitals</li> <li>● Staff training to increase assessments of OUD and harm reduction including connecting patients to services, naloxone dispensing, and MOUD initiation in the hospital and ER setting</li> <li>● Development of next steps for increasing staff training and cultural change</li> </ul>



### **Learning Collaborative Facilitator**

The HOCR-LC will be facilitated by Dr. Nicole Gastala, Director of Behavioral Health and Addiction at Mile Square Health Centers. Dr. Gastala has extensive experience working in opioid treatment and response and participated in the previous learning collaborative. As facilitator, Dr. Gastala will also identify and engage additional subject matter experts based on the needs and interests of the HOCR-LC members.

### **Registration**

Hospitals applying for funding under the IPHI/Alliance for Health Equity Request for Applications for Hospital Demonstration Projects should indicate their interest to be part of the learning collaborative in section IV.A. "Learning Collaboration Participation" table of the RFA. No further action is necessary.

Hospitals who are not applying to be a demonstration site should complete the attached registration form and submit via email to [MATDemo@iphionline.org](mailto:MATDemo@iphionline.org) no later than **Friday, July 10 by 5:00 pm CT.**

### **Questions**

Please submit any questions about the content of the HOCR-LC or the registration process to [MATDemo@iphionline.org](mailto:MATDemo@iphionline.org).

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**Registration Form**  
**Hospital Opioid Treatment and Response Learning Collaborative (HOTR-LC)**

This registration form is only required for hospitals not applying under the IPHI/Alliance for Health Equity Request for Applications for Hospital Demonstration Projects.

**1. Hospital Name:**

**2. Primary point of contact for the HOTR-LC:**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Signature:**

**3. Leadership Team Participation**

- a. Does your hospital commit to sending hospital leadership to the July and December meetings?**  
*As stated, suggested participants include the Chief Medical Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Pharmacy, Emergency Medicine Department Chair, any other clinical champions. NOTE: Clinical champions should plan to attend both the leadership team learning sessions as well as the clinical learning sessions.*

Yes    No

- b. List the names, titles and email addresses of individuals who will participate.**

**5. Clinical Team Participation**

**a. Session Participation**

*Hospitals are not expected to participate in every session. For planning purposes, please select which sessions the clinical team intends to attend.*

- Session 1: Naloxone - Friday, August 21, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm  
 Session 2: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder - Friday, September 18, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm  
 Session 3: Warm Hand-offs - Friday, October 16, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm  
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- b. List the names, titles and email addresses of individuals who will participate.**

**6. Would your hospital complete a pre- and post- assessment that will be used to monitor progress over the 6-month period?**

*(Examples of data that will be collected include number of naloxone prescriptions prescribed in the past 2 months; number of buprenorphine prescriptions prescribed in the 2 months; number of naloxone kits dispensed)*

Yes    No    Unsure