

## SAMHSA Targeted Capacity Expansion Grant for Medication Assisted Treatment 2015-2018

The Vermont Department of Health (VDH), Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP) has been awarded a 3 year/\$3 million grant (1 million annually) to provide funding to enhance/expand their treatment service systems to increase capacity and provide accessible, effective, comprehensive, coordinated care, and evidence-based medication assisted treatment (MAT) and recovery support services to individuals with opioid use disorders seeking or receiving MAT.

As a result of this program, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) seeks to: 1) increase the number of individuals receiving MAT services with pharmacotherapies approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of opioid use disorders; 2) increase the number of individuals receiving integrated care; and 3) decrease illicit drug use at 6-months follow-up.

Vermont's proposed project will expand MAT capacity using a targeted and multi-faceted strategy for these communities, and will utilize four primary approaches: 1) organize a multi-disciplinary community-based team within each patient-centered medical home/neighborhood; 2) offer the option of naltrexone IM in the Hubs and Spokes; 3) implement evidence-based integrated psychosocial treatments in the specialty addiction treatment agencies; and 4) build recovery capital by engaging peer recovery support guides at the outset of treatment.

The project will engage 375 persons with opioid addiction from the three high risk categories, and closely monitor their recovery course and outcomes. Because our overarching goal is to improve MAT for all Vermonters, in addition to tracking the required outcomes at the patient-level (n=375), we will also gather services and implementation-level performance measures during this 3-year project. By generating data-based information on all three levels, the proposed model stands to be generalizable to and sustainable in other communities in Vermont and across the country.

### Targeted Opioid Use High Risk Populations:

1. Involved with VT Department of Corrections
2. Involved with VT Department of Children and Families
3. Currently on waiting list for MAT services

### Regions and Lead Provider Organizations:

1. Rutland/Addison Region: Rutland Regional Medical Center, West Ridge Center for Addiction Recovery
2. Chittenden County: Howard Center, Chittenden Clinic
3. Franklin/Grand Isle: Northwestern Medical Center, Comprehensive Pain Management Clinic