

# Addressing the Opioid Crisis in Northern Colorado

## Northern Colorado Opioid Prevention Workgroup (NCOPW)

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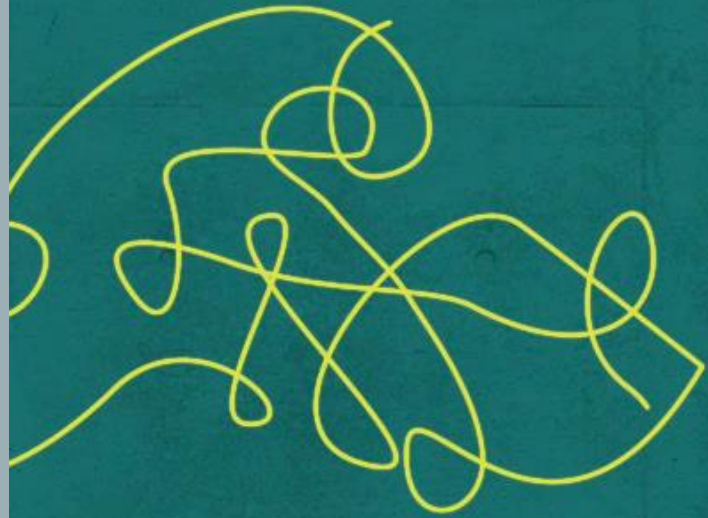
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# CHANGING MINDS

An innovative approach to addiction  
that starts conversations and saves lives

[www.changingmindslarimer.org](http://www.changingmindslarimer.org)

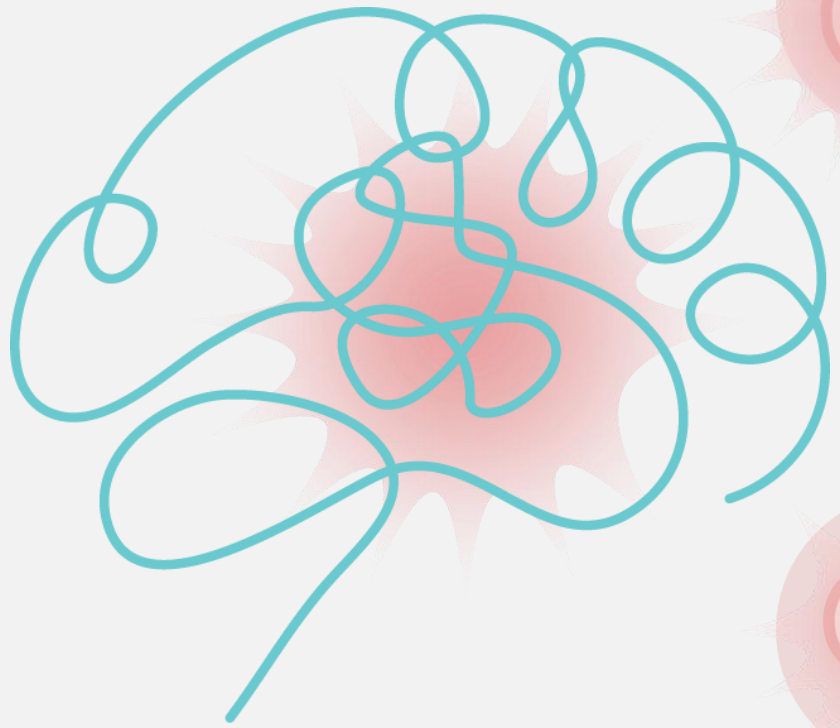


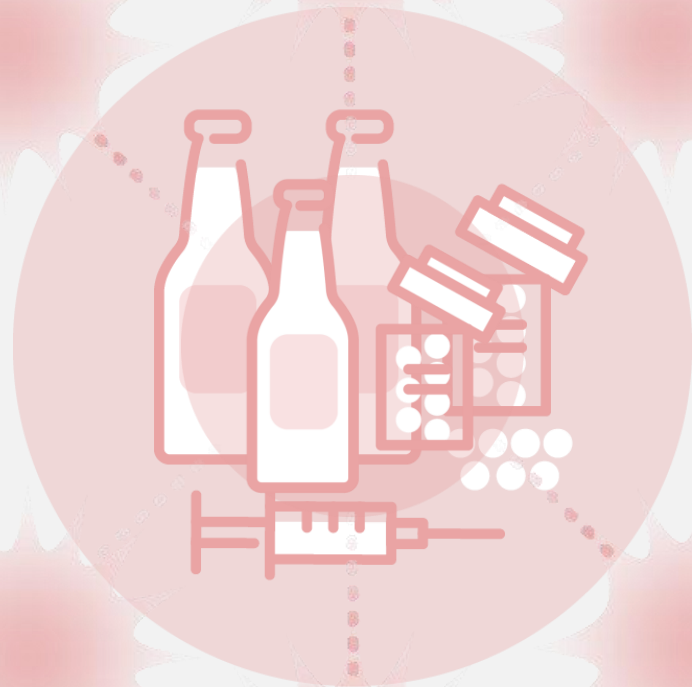
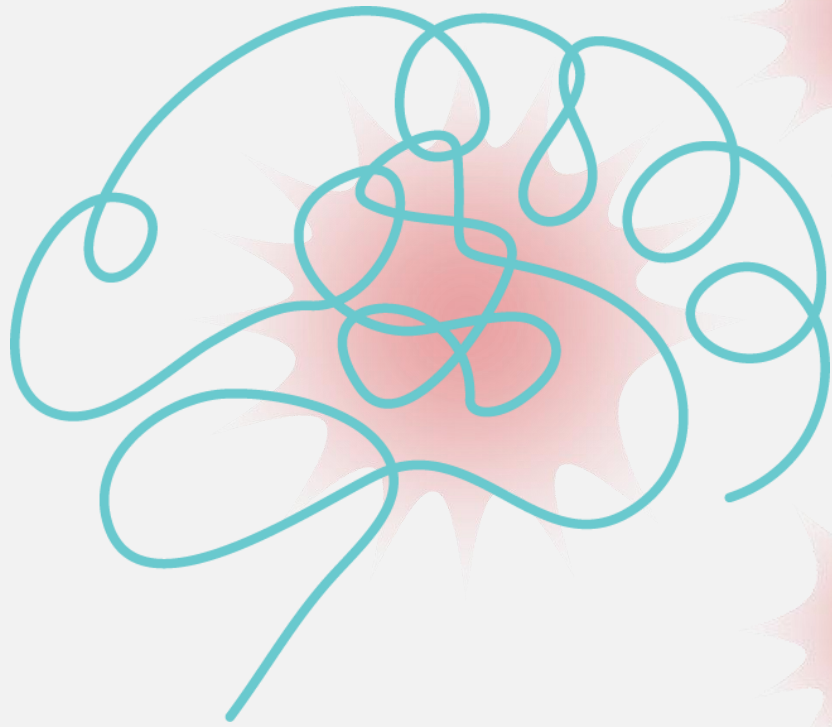
**Addiction is a disease that  
changes the brain.**

**Here's how:**













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— 5 DAYS —  
**Starvation**

# Northern Colorado Opioid Prevention Work Group (Work Group)

- Convening since May 2017
- Strong, multi-disciplinary partnership
- Strategic planning work
- Three (3) priority areas
  - Harm Reduction – Naloxone Work Group
  - Prevention – Provider Education/CDPHE Grant
  - Identification & Treatment – Criminal justice involved population



Where hope begins.



Prevent misuse and optimize use of opioids

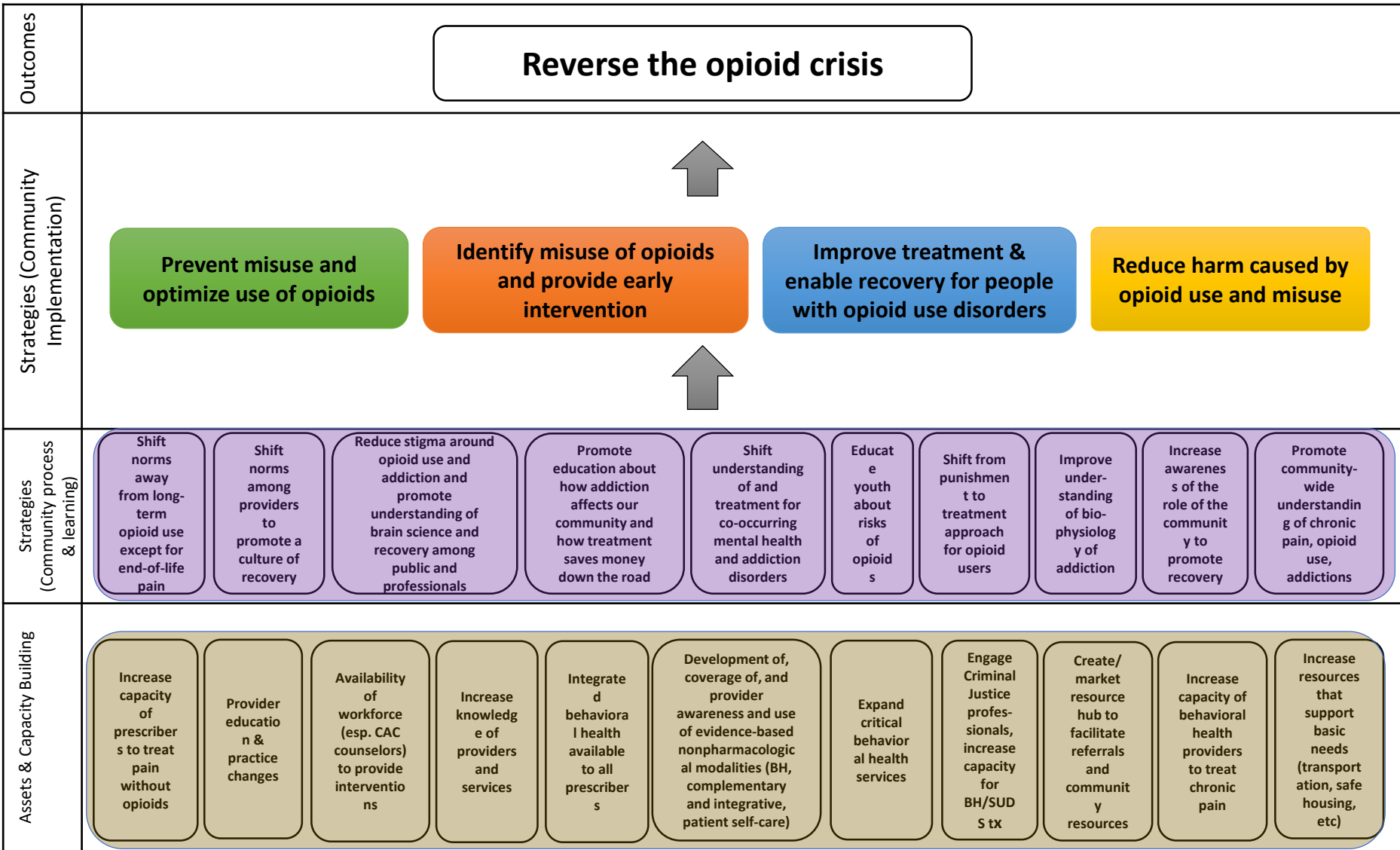
Improve treatment & enable recovery for people with opioid use disorders

Identify misuse of opioids and provide early intervention

Reduce harm caused by opioid use and misuse

NCOPLWG

Community Partnerships







# Treatment Gap: Larimer & Weld Counties

	Larimer	Weld
All opioid overdose deaths, 2017	32 deaths	---
Maximum number of people who received at least one buprenorphine prescription, 2017	1,200 people	781 people
Methadone patients at opioid treatment programs, 2017	140 people	110 people
Buprenorphine-waivered, SAMHSA-listed prescribers, April 2018 Estimate	48 prescribers	25 prescribers
Est count and rate of opioid misuse	17,567 people (5.9% per 100 people)	14,856 people (5.9% per 100 people)
Est count and rate of OUD	2,978 people (1.0 per 1000 people)	2,518 people (1.0 per 1000 people)
Est # of people with OUD who could be treated with buprenorphine given current capacity	Between 976 and 1508 people (given current capacity)	Between 512 and 796 people (given current capacity)
Est # of people with OUD who could be treated with methadone given current capacity	200 people	250 people
Est treatment gap, assuming all people with OUD will seek treatment	Between 1,270 and 1,802 people	Between 1,472 and 1,756 people

**Estimated Gap =  
2,742-3,558  
persons**

# NCOWPG Background

- Group attended OBH-sponsored Hub & Spoke (H&S) model presentation from Vermont – March 2018
-  Do we in northern Colorado have the building blocks of a strong H&S model?
  -  OTPs willing to collaborate
  -  Strong, high functioning, integrated healthcare settings – primary care and behavioral/mental health
  -  Strong, high functioning, integrated community-based care management teams

# SAMHSA-MAT-PDOA GRANT: PHASED APPROACH TO HUB & SPOKE MODEL

## Colorado Opioid - Synergy Larimer and Weld (CO-SLAW)

- **Phase I** – Close, Coordinated Collaboration
- **Phase II** – Coordinated Transitions of Care (Hosp/ED, Incarceration)
- **Phase III** – Establish Hub Operations



Colorado Opioid Synergy Larimer and Weld

*'Treat Addiction. Save Lives.'*

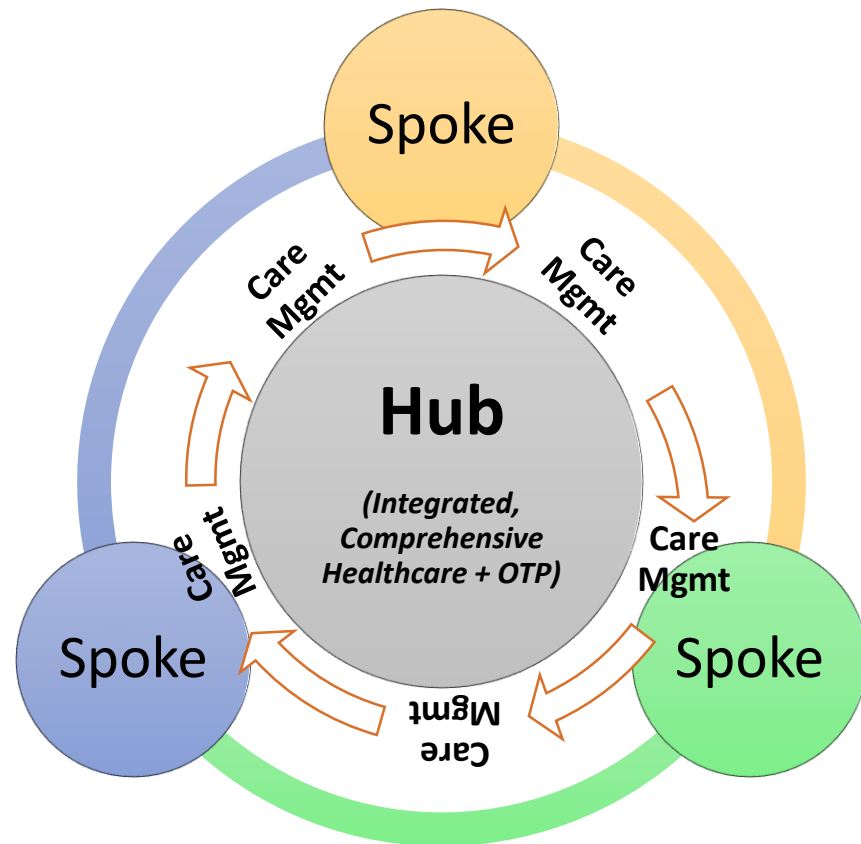


# CO-SLAW Community Partnership

- The **CO-SLAW** (Colorado Opioid Synergy – Larimer and Weld) network & **North Colorado Health Alliance (NCHA)**
  - ✓ funded by a 3-year SAMHSA grant,
  - ✓ Care coordination for discharging inmates
  - ✓ Will accept discharging inmates to continue MAT in a comprehensive, integrated care setting



# Work Group – Possible NoCo Hub & Spoke Model for Addiction Treatment



Under one roof...

- Comprehensive integrated healthcare
- Mental health
- Primary care
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)
- Care Management

WE HAVE A NUMBER!  
ONE CALL DOES IT ALL!

1-844-944-7529



Care Coordinator Numbers:

**ONLY USE FOR ESTABLISHED CO-SLAW PATIENTS**

Amanda Fallon 970-702-6656

Caleb Eddy 970-939-3488

Julie Chandler 970-939-1409



# Larimer county jail – MAT



## Comprehensive MAT program

Methadone maintenance

Buprenorphine & injectable Naltrexone  
induction and maintenance

Naloxone provided at release

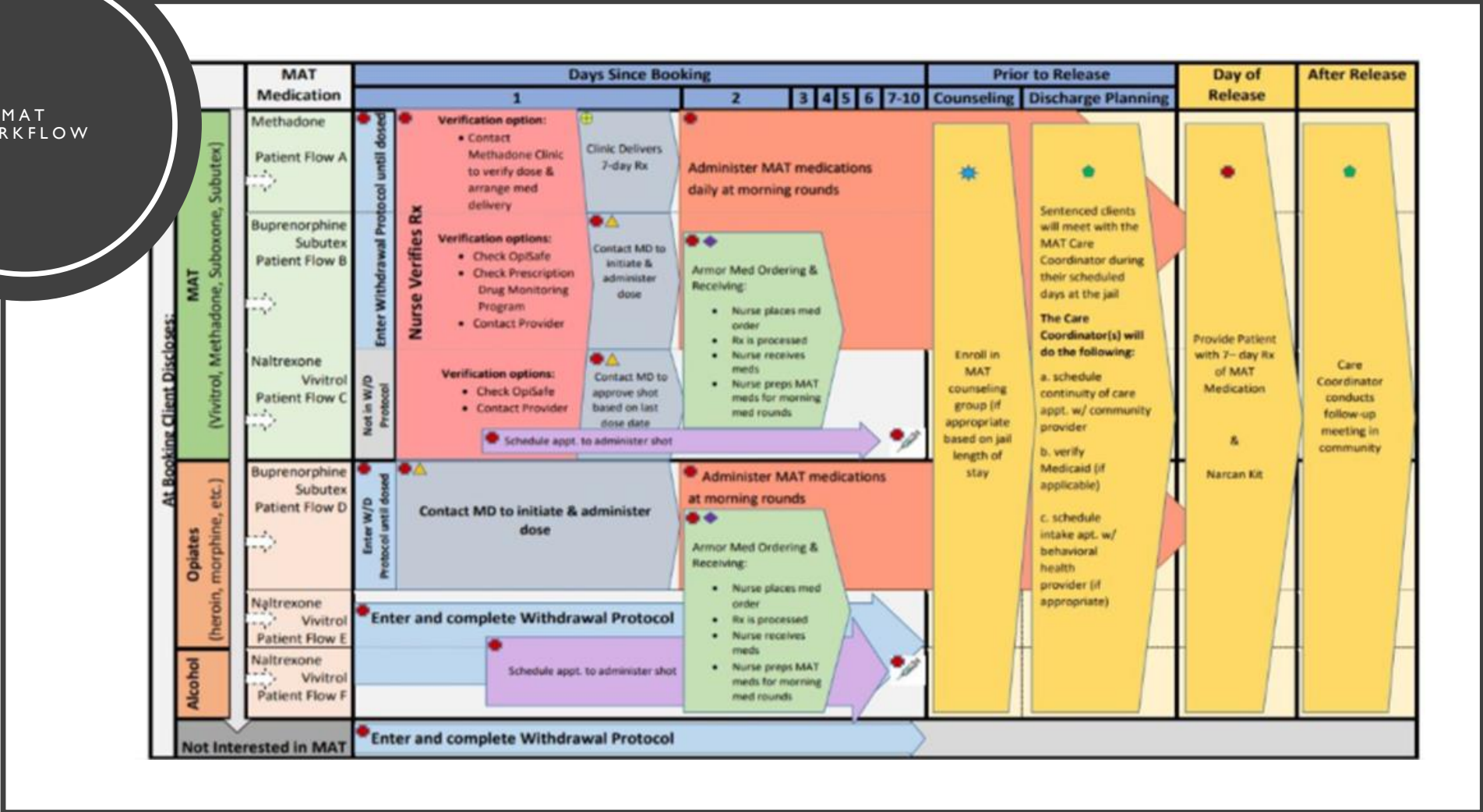
## CONTINUATION

- Officially kicked-off 4/2/2019
  - “One-call started it all”
- 40+ MAT individuals continued on MAT to date

## INDUCTIONS

- To begin this week (target date)

# MAT WORKFLOW



# MAT IN NOCO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

## Currently engaged and sending referrals

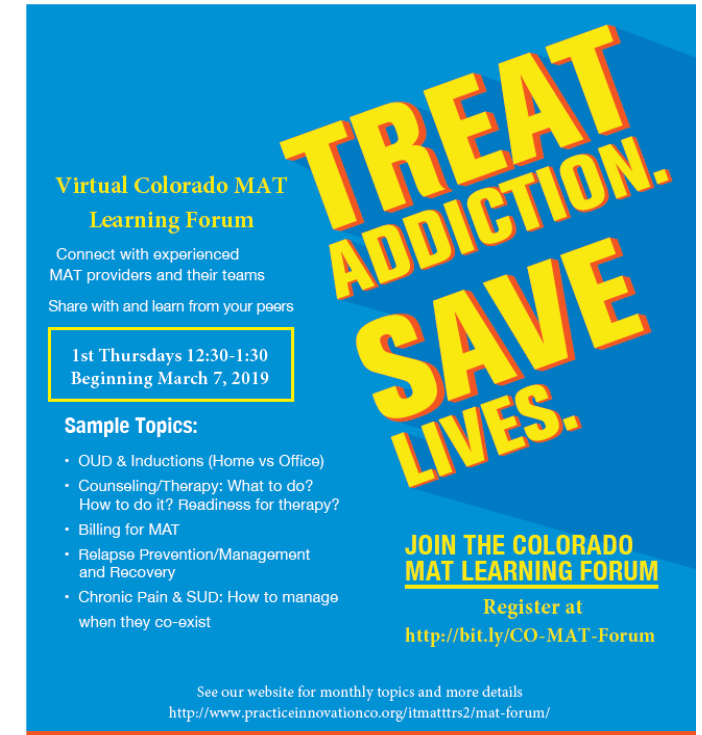
- NCMC
- Harmony (Banner)
- McKee (has at least 1 waived provider)

## Rolling Out Soon

- MCR
- PVH
- Greeley Medical Center

# Buprenorphine/X-Waiver Trainings

- Completed Waiver Trainings February, March, April 2019
  - Approximately 30 **new** MAT waived providers
    - Colorado: 797 MAT waived providers
    - Larimer County: 60 total MAT waived providers\*
    - Weld County: 16 total MAT waived providers\*
- Subsequent Waiver training: **June, July, August 2019 (Dates TBD)**
- MAT Webinar Forums
  - Northern CO: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 12:30pm
  - Denver Health: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 12:15pm
- Support from IT MATTTRS2



**Virtual Colorado MAT Learning Forum**

Connect with experienced MAT providers and their teams  
Share with and learn from your peers

1st Thursdays 12:30-1:30  
Beginning March 7, 2019

**Sample Topics:**

- OUD & Inductions (Home vs Office)
- Counseling/Therapy: What to do? How to do it? Readiness for therapy?
- Billing for MAT
- Relapse Prevention/Management and Recovery
- Chronic Pain & SUD: How to manage when they co-exist

**TREAT ADDICTION. SAVE LIVES.**

**JOIN THE COLORADO MAT LEARNING FORUM**

Register at <http://bit.ly/CO-MAT-Forum>

See our website for monthly topics and more details  
<http://www.practiceinnovationco.org/itmatttrs2/mat-forum/>

#### QUESTIONS?

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\*SAMSHA Buprenorphine provider inquiry: [https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/practitioner-program-data/treatment-practitioner-locator?distance%5Bpostal\\_code%5D=&distance%5Bsearch\\_distance%5D=&distance%5Bsearch\\_units%5D=mile&field\\_bup\\_physician\\_city\\_value=&field\\_bup\\_physician\\_state\\_value=CO](https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/practitioner-program-data/treatment-practitioner-locator?distance%5Bpostal_code%5D=&distance%5Bsearch_distance%5D=&distance%5Bsearch_units%5D=mile&field_bup_physician_city_value=&field_bup_physician_state_value=CO)

# Community Education/Events

- June 28<sup>th</sup> (7:30am – 1:00pm) – *Harm Reduction Symposium*
- August 28<sup>th</sup> (5:30pm – 8:30pm) – *Dinner Physician Training*
- August 29<sup>th</sup> (7:30am – 4:00pm) – *Rethinking Addiction Summit*
- August 30<sup>th</sup> – *Overdose Awareness Day Events*
  - Larimer County @ Civic Center Park, Ft. Collins 4-8pm
  - Weld County 4-6pm



\*If you are interested in planning or participating in Overdose Awareness day please reach out\*



# Movie screenings

- Kress Theatre - Greeley - July 25<sup>th</sup> (*Kissed by God, Ruined Wings*)
- Rialto Theatre – Loveland - August 8<sup>th</sup> (Film TBD)

- Next NOCO Opioid Prevention Workgroup Quarterly Meeting: June 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

QUESTIONS?