

Rural Health & Substance Use Support Program (RHeSUS)



Substance Use Disorder Clinical Support
Lunch and Learn

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Objectives for Today

- Overview of RHeSUS
- Summary of available treatment options and management support offered through RHeSUS
- Question and Answer



Health Equity

- **Substance use and related issues have increased dramatically in Wisconsin**
 - ↑ heavy alcohol consumption w/ COVID-related stress
 - Opioid overdose mortality ↑ 60+%
 - Cases involving methamphetamine ↑ 452%
- **Disparate impact on rural residents**
 - Lack of access to prevention/treatment resources
 - 70% of rural WI counties lack an opioid treatment program or certified prescriber treating opioid use disorder
- **Rises in substance use and use disorders BUT addiction treatment services have served fewer WI residents due to COVID-related impact**
 - 12,252 served in Q1 2019 vs 3,116 in Q3 2020

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Goal:
Enhance capacity for delivering this care in rural primary care and hospital settings

Reduced substance-related morbidity and mortality through community empowerment

Increase overdose awareness & dissemination of best practices for prevention & intervention

Increase access to peer recovery coaching – improve engagement & retention

Goal:
Enhance availability of peer recovery support to rural residents

Offer a variety of workforce development opportunities – enhance implementation of best practices related to prevention & treatment in rural health care

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Activities to Create Change



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- Dr. Bobby Redwood
- Dr. Eric and Cindy Ketchum

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We are pleased to announce a new initiative that will help improve access to services for people struggling with substance use disorders in rural Wisconsin by

1. enhancing capacity for delivering this care in rural primary care and hospital settings, and
2. enhancing the availability of peer recovery support to rural residents.



This work represents a collaboration between Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA), Dr. Randy Brown, UW- Madison, and Wisconsin Voices for Recovery (WISVFR).



As part of this grant: RHeSUS will



- provide educational and consultative support to primary care providers, emergency physicians and hospitals in rural Wisconsin
- expand access to peer recovery coaching, which facilitates connections to care and provides recovery support

Upcoming RHeSUS opportunities

Project ECHO

<https://www.fammed.wisc.edu/echo/>



Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Waiver Course

February 22, 2022: https://elearning.asam.org/p/TOUDUW_02222022

Get waived to prescribe Buprenorphine!

Substance Use Disorders Management Boot Camp

May 6th, 2022: registration link coming soon

1 to 2 day workshops providing in depth instruction and case-based learning to facilitate successful implementation of SUD management in primary care and hospital settings.



Learn more about peer recovery

<https://wisconsinvoicesforrecovery.org/>

For more information or to connect with RHeSUS

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