



Yakima County, Washington
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Office of
Director Jeremy Welch

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 23th, 2025
To: Yakima County Human Services Department
From: Jeremy Welch, Director
Re: **4th Quarter Performance Measure Summary**

The Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program officially started March 11, 2024. This program is also often referred to as Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

Yakima County Department of Corrections (YCDOC) was awarded for the funding to be put towards a Correctional Officer position that provides security and escort services for the Comprehensive Healthcare staff that are administering the MOUD medication throughout the facility.

Below you will find a summary for the 4th quarter of 2024 and Final 2024 data.

Data:

- Total officer hours spent working the MOUD program (Rounded)
 - 1st quarter = 74 (only 1-month)
 - 2nd quarter = 271 hours
 - 3rd quarter = 319 hours
 - 4th quarter = 427 hours
 - Total = 1091 hours
- Our average has grown to 32 individuals who receive MOUD treatment services.
- Since starting inductions in September, we have inducted 48 clients.
 - We are now scheduling 11 inductions per week.
- 160 unique clients have been served since starting MOUD.
- 185 total clients served.
- 36 clients have transferred care to Comprehensive Healthcare once released from Custody. This doesn't include those who choose to transfer care to another treatment facility. (Currently don't have those statistics)

Barriers:

- Some concerns with individuals diverting medications.

Success:

- Program has continued to grow since starting in early 2024.
- Program continues individuals' medication when booked or released.
- Overdose incidents are significantly down from 2023.
- Outreach and education being significantly promoted and encouraged.
- We continue to see encouraging successes with individuals either continuing treatment upon release or at least remain out of custody for longer periods of time. This success is contributed to not just our MOUD program but the program we have put into place.

Significant Changes:

- We began completing inductions.
- Changed one of the dosing locations to be more efficient on dosing times.
- Providing a medical room to conduct assessments for inductions.
- Looking to use injectable medication for fast dosing and reduction in diversions of medications.
- We plan to continue the growth of our MOUD program in 2025.

Respectfully,

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Jeremy Welch, Director