Substance Use Disorders: A System Overview

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Substance use disorder services in Oregon

- Who is affected (causes, impacts, costs)
- System and budget history
- System components What is available
- Where we are going



Substance use disorders in Oregon

Who is affected

What are the causes

What are the impacts and costs



The Need for Substance Use Disorder Services in Oregon

 4,182 Oregonians died from drug overdose from 2000-2012.



- 1 in 10 (303,000) adults have alcohol or drug dependence/abuse (National Survey on Drug Use and Health, SAMHSA).
- **283,000** Oregonians age 12 and up misused alcohol during the last year.
- 332 Deaths in Oregon due to opiate overdoses from prescription or illicit use per year.



Where addiction comes from





No single factor determines whether a person will become addicted to drugs.

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse





Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



ACE score and drug abuse





Cost burden

- Abuse of and addiction to alcohol, nicotine, and illicit and prescription drugs cost Americans more than \$700 billion a year in increased health care costs, crime, and lost productivity (NIDA).
- Every year, illicit and prescription drugs and alcohol contribute to the death of more than 90,000 Americans (NIDA).
- "Unaddressed substance use now costs mainstream healthcare upwards of \$100 billion annually, particularly in areas such as ER and trauma care, but also in the treatment of virtually every chronic illness" (McLellen, Statement on the Supreme Court Decision on ACA, June 2012).



Cost burden

Untreated substance abuse:

- Total economic impact in Oregon of \$5.93 billion in one year.
- About 4 percent of Oregon's gross state product in 2006, or \$1,600 per person (ECONorthwest, 2008).

The costs relate to the following categories:

- \$813 million: health care
- \$4.15 billion: lost earnings
- \$967 million: law enforcement, criminal justice, and social welfare



System and budget history

What is available

Where we have been

What happened



What is available

Prevention in each county / tribe / region:

- Community, family, school and peer focused
- Supported by Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) block grant, and Beer and Wine tax revenues

Prevention services reach more than 200,000 Oregonians each year:

• School- and community-based prevention programs reduce substance use and prevent problem gambling.



What is available

Outpatient treatment in each county / region and most tribes:

- Clinic settings by non-profit, local government and for-profit programs. More than 60,000 people served each year
- Supported by Medicaid and General Funds, SAPT block grant, beer and wine taxes, and other funds for under- and uninsured, undocumented, and some court-mandated clients

Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opiate addiction:

- 15 methadone treatment programs in Oregon.
- Methadone treatment is a covered OHP benefit.
- County governments through community mental health programs (CMHPs)
- At any given time, more than 5,000 Oregonians are enrolled in MAT.



What is available

Recovery support and maintenance:

- Recovery housing (Oxford Houses)
- Rental assistance
- Peer-to-peer recovery support
- Peer wellness programs
- Wrap-around supports such as child care, transportation, and life skills training.



Changes in Oregon's addiction treatment system capacity

2000s:

- Economic recession caused loss of revenue and significant reduction in OHP Standard program in 2002 and 2003
- Reduced state support for workforce development and training; 1,000 counselors laid off
- Emphasis on evidence-based practices, particularly for people in the juvenile and adult justice systems
- Disproportionate impact on single, low-income adults without custody of children, many with substance use disorders who could no longer access treatment
- Impacts of this reduction still felt throughout system



Budget Trends

Addiction Treatment Revenue (Includes OHP)





2008 Gap analysis





Investment Needs Identified in 2008







Where we need to go



Health System Transformation

Where We Were:	Where We are:
Managed care, fee for service, payments based on encounters only. Mental health care carved out to mental health organizations (MHOs).	2012: CCOs, coordinated care, payments accountable to health outcomes. CCOs responsible for managing all physical and behavioral health including mental health.
Residential and detox services carved out of managed care – paid by state through counties and non-profit organizations.	2013: Full continuum of addiction services, including residential and detox, managed by CCOs. Room and board payments still made by AMH.
Uninsured and under-insured Oregonians (especially single adults) unable to access substance use disorder treatment.	2014: Medicaid expansion January 2014 includes significant growth in number of people with health insurance and benefit coverage that includes addiction treatment.
Inadequate residential treatment rates do not support full cost of care (Residential Rate Study, 2013).	2014: Room and board rates increased; service rates still not in line with the rate study recommendations.







ACA and service trends

Unique Count of Adults 18 and Older that Received any Substance Use Disorder Service







Planning for the Future

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2015–2018 Behavioral Health Strategic Plan

- Improve transitions for people leaving residential settings
- Expand access to opioidspecific treatment
- Work with Public Health, Medical Assistance Programs and local partners to reduce overdose deaths



Opportunities

- Increase community prevention capacity
- Focus more effort on supporting the workforce
- Build capacity to implement and sustain evidence-based strategies
- Housing supports for people in recovery
- Increase capacity to deliver peer-to-peer recovery services
- Improve coordination across systems



Thank You

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