



# Governor's Advisory Commission on Opioids and Addiction

## Justice Involved Interventions

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- VADOC, DBHDS, VDH, DMAS, DCJS, Judiciary, VDSS, DJJ
- This workgroup sought to develop model protocols for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for individuals that are being released from correctional settings that local/regional jails and community services boards can use to implement

# Workgroup Initiatives

- Develop infrastructure for treatment opportunities
  - Implement existing pilot structure which uses Vivitrol with three DOC sites and respective Community Services Boards which includes other services (i.e., recovery navigators).
  - Partner with DBHDS to create avenues for incarcerated individuals to access other forms of MAT (Buprenorphine/Sublocade).
  - Partner with DMAS to schedule a training to administer buprenorphine
  - Develop criteria for early identification of those who experience substance abuse dependence and develop quality, long term treatment efforts to assist in establishing sobriety through MAT to include local jail and court settings.
  - Reach out to existing local jail treatment and drug court programs to understand its protocols and data.
- Develop evidence-based protocols for treatment provision
  - Establish protocols that can be used statewide by local jails and correctional centers that uses MAT as a part of treatment.
  - Develop protocols to include treatment with buprenorphine in incarceration settings.

# Workgroup Initiatives (Cont.)

- Establish permanence for evidence-based treatment in DOC
  - Seek funding for positions that supplement public safety positions that are treatment focused (Recovery Support Navigators-DOC).
- Remove stigma and other barriers to successful recovery for justice-involved populations
  - Develop and implement a campaign that places emphasis on the benefits of MAT.
- Expand treatment to all incarcerated individuals in Virginia.
  - Collaborate with DCJS on how to integrate best practices for local and regional jails.

# Questions/Comments