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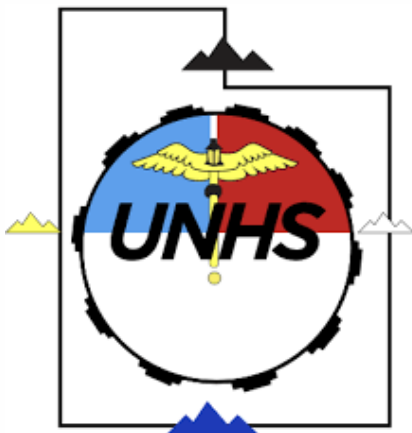


The mission of the RAIN Initiative is to improve access to care by implementing evidence-based addiction-related prevention, treatment, and recovery activities and services to reduce the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder in high-risk rural communities while improving the knowledge of addiction recovery, treatment, and recovery and implementation processes of rural health care practitioners. We will accomplish this initiative through a collaboration with the University of Utah's PARCKA (Program for Addiction Research, Clinical Care, Knowledge, and Advocacy), UUHRN (Utah Health Regional Network), and four intermountain healthcare systems.



Grant Writing Workshop

Dr. Taylor Kelley (UNHS Site Mentor) gave a Grant Writing 101 workshop at the UNHS site in Montezuma Creek. Nineteen individuals from the UNHS system were there to learn and develop their skills. This was a huge success and many individuals are looking to come up to Salt Lake City to take part in further grant writing education.



Paramedic Training

UNHS's nationally recognized EMS, which has been recently selected as the EMS World's Volunteer EMS service of the year, is now continuing to improve its team. Using the RAIN initiative, 8 new EMS team members have started paramedic training. This allows UNHS to aid individuals that need care when they are hours away from the closest ER.

Social Workers passing the MLSW Exam

The UNHS-RAIN team and BYU have partnered to aid those in San Juan County that have not passed their Master of Social Work Exam. Thanks to these efforts, the first two social workers to take the exam both passed, while several more continue to prepare to take the exam in the coming months

St. Peter's Highlight

Narcan to-go Kits in the ER

St. Peter's has ordered Narcan kits from Montana State, developed a protocol for patients with overdose risk, and developed a program to hand out Narcan kits in the ER. This is hugely beneficial as it is now easy and convenient to get Narcan into the hands of those that could need it in the future.

Urine Drug Screen Improvement Program

RAIN members at St. Peter's had identified that their Urine Drug Screen (UDS) was inaccurate and slow. They tested different companies to see which UDS would be a better fit to identify potential SUD/OD. They found a company and the whole hospital has switched to the new UDS kits.

ER to Addiction Clinic Coordination

St. Peter's has a new Social Worker that will be working in the ER. RAIN team members will be meeting with this Social Worker to help with the coordination of care from In-Patient addiction care to outpatient addiction care in the addiction clinic.



St. Peter's Health

X-Waiver Information

Announcement

Section 1262 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (also known as Omnibus bill), removes the federal requirement for practitioners to submit a Notice of Intent (have a waiver) to prescribe medications, like buprenorphine, for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). With this provision, and effective immediately, SAMHSA will no longer be accepting NOIs (waiver applications).

Quick Facts

X-waiver is no more

- Anyone with an independent DEA license can prescribe buprenorphine for OUD
- Including pharmacists now, if state allows it
- Must follow state licensure and regulations
- No training is required to prescribe buprenorphine for OUD
- No limits on the number of patients that a DEA practitioner can treat
- Does not change other regulations regarding methadone or the provision of admissions/dispensations. For example, 72-hour rule still exists for methadone

Contact Information and Resources



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