

# NORTHERN COLORADO OPIOID PREVENTION WORKGROUP –

## Engaging a Community Network for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion

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# Northern Colorado Opioid Prevention Workgroup



**“Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.”**

**Ryunosuke Satoro**

# SAMHSA GRANT: \$1.5 MIL TO NORTHERN COLORADO

*Medication Assisted Treatment-  
Prescription Drug and Opioid  
Addiction (MAT-PDOA)*



**Colorado Opioid – Synergy  
Larimer and Weld (CO-SLAW)**

**Phase I** – Close, Coordinated  
Collaboration

**Phase II** – Coordinated Transitions of  
Care (Hospital/ED, Incarceration)

**Phase III** – Hub Operations

# CO-SLAW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



- **Opiate Treatment Providers (OTPs)**
- **Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)**
- **Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs)**
- **Residency program**
- **Addiction clinic**

# CO-SLAW Team

## Treat Addiction. Save Lives.

Julie  
Chandler



Caleb  
Eddy



Amanda  
Fallon



William  
Roybal



Shannon  
Jenkins



Heather  
Ihrig, RN

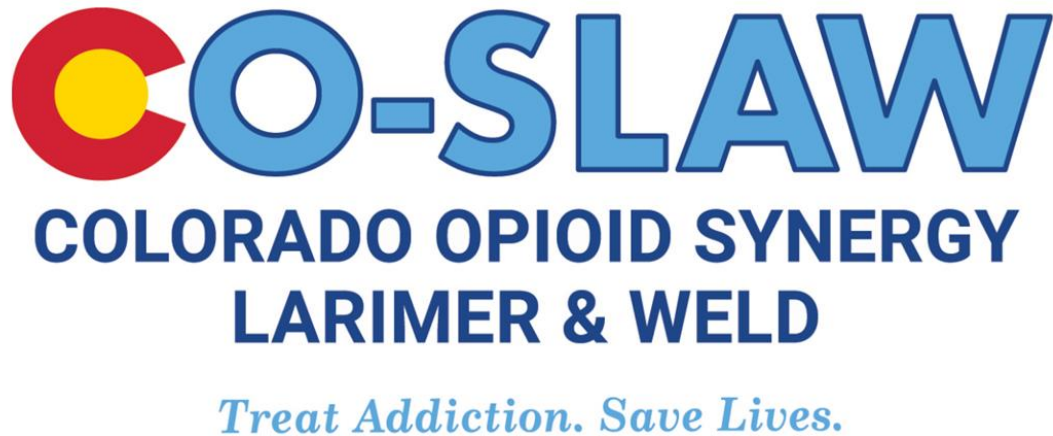


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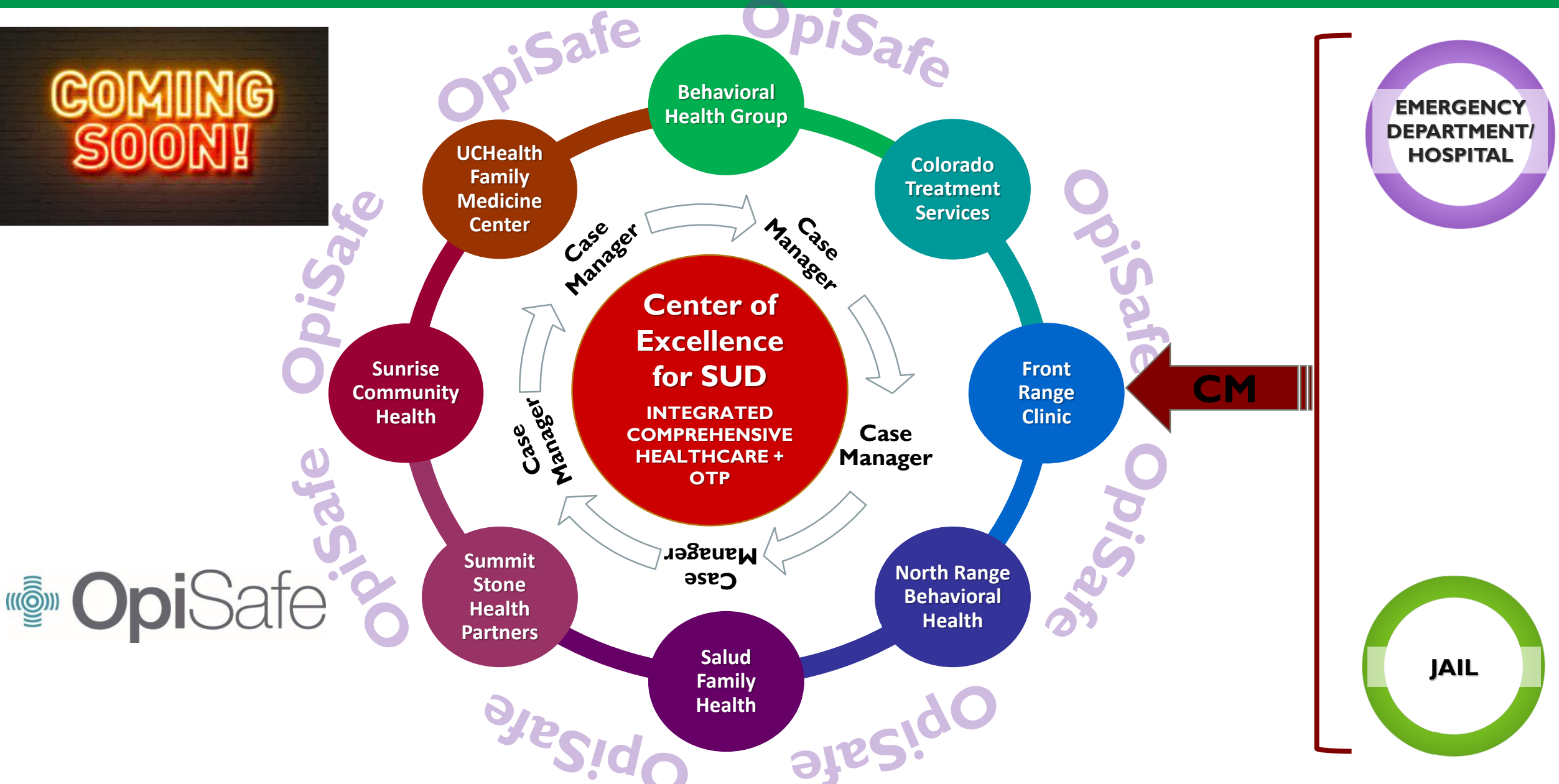
- Five Care Coordinators (including peer recovery specialist), Project Director, Principal Investigator
- Team training:
  - Principles of addiction
  - Motivational interviewing

# One call # 1-844-944-7529



- **Provider (ED)** - ensure MAT care coordinator follow-up for continuation after treatment initiation, care management
- **Community** - for those interested in or in need of MAT
- Answered by director, triaged to care coordinator

COMING  
SOON!





Patient  
with  
OUD

## BUPRENORPHINE SINGLE-DOSE MODEL IN ED

(-) No withdrawal.  
Comfort meds  
Referral to **CO-SLAW**

(+) Withdrawal.  
Medical emergency. Requires  
treatment with  
buprenorphine.

**CO-SLAW MAT Network**

Call: **844-944-7529**

Fax: 970-350-4696

Within 24-48 HRS...

- Continued Treatment
- Navigation Assistance



Critical action.  
Patient name, contact info to **CO-SLAW** MAT  
Network.



**Treat Opiate Use  
Disorder and  
Withdrawal...**

- Buprenorphine  
4-8mg Q30-45min,  
max 16-24mg
- Rx for Naloxone
- Refer



Banner Health.

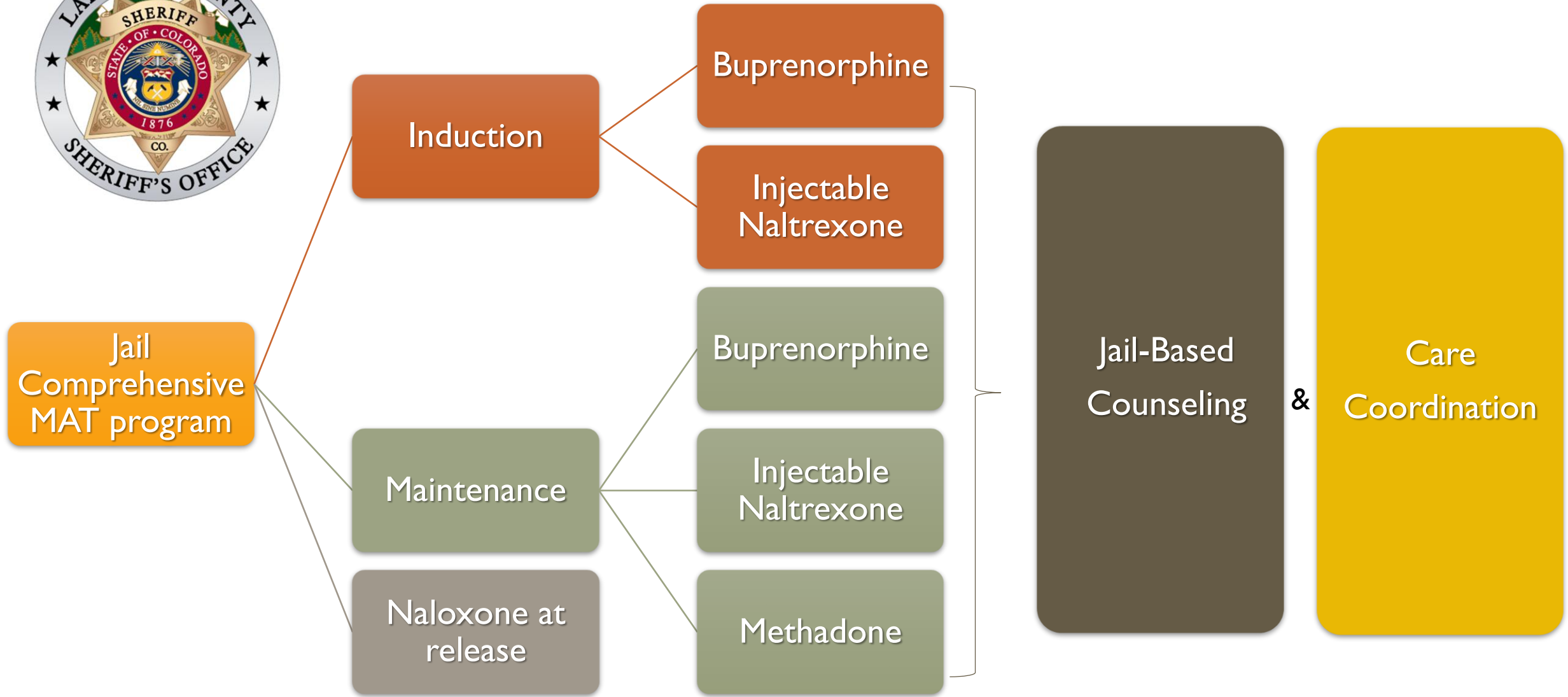


**NCHA**  
North Colorado Health Alliance

**+ Emergency Department**

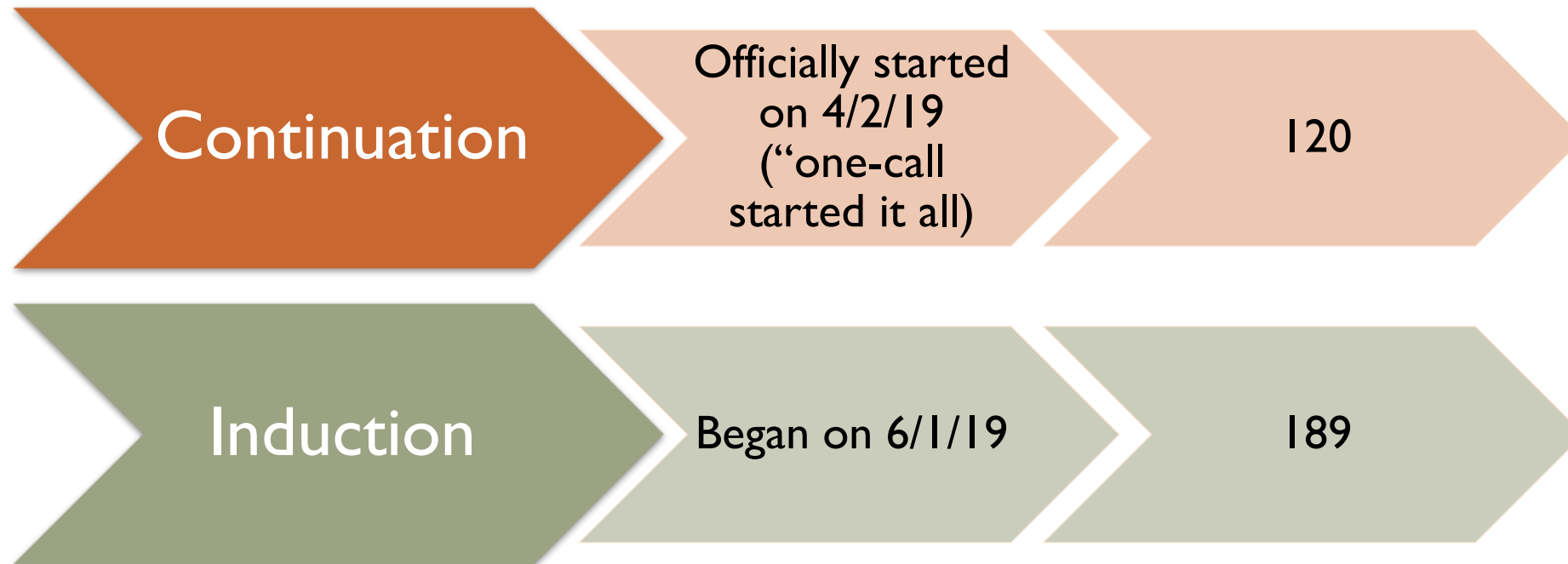
Note: 72hr rules allows 3 days of dispensing, NOT a 3-day Rx.  
No Rx for buprenorphine for OUD unless provider has X-waiver.

Process modified  
from...



**MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT IS THE STANDARD OF CARE**

# LARIMER COUNTY JAIL MAT GO LIVE



Only 2 individuals have opted out of MAT counseling when offered

# LESSONS LEARNED. WHAT DO WE NEED?

- ❑ **Community network of treatment providers, stakeholders**
- ❑ **Brain science of addiction is key to changing culture and minds**
- ❑ **Single phone number/contact is important for ED, community**
- ❑ **“Flood gates” for MAT located in jail, ED**
- ❑ **ED, jails need outpatient MAT clinics, OTPs**
  - **Clinics, OTPs need scale and be ready to accept patients into care**

# LESSONS LEARNED. WHAT DO WE NEED?

- ❑ **Care coordination is key! Especially when inmates leave the jail. We need more.**
  - Not covered by some grant funding.
- ❑ **Diversion in jail needs to be creatively and collaboratively addressed.**
  - Medical and security need to work together.
- ❑ **Medication delivery is key for corrections setting.**
  - Jails need sublocade and methadone.
  - Injectable medications are expensive - what is the funding source?
- ❑ **Need to share data.**
  - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) - Business Associate Agreements (BAA) help.
  - Toolkit is proposed to guide regulatory and legal landscape.

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**Thank you!**

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**Questions?**  
**Contact us.**

# Interim client level outcomes: Feb 1, 2019 – Sept 30, 2019

| Increase % of individuals receiving services who reported:  | N  | % at intake | % at 3 month follow up | Rate of change |
|---|----|-------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Abstinence: Did use illegal drugs or alcohol in the past 30 days  | 69 | 36.2%       | 55.1%                  | 52.0%          |
| Employment/ Education: were currently employed or attending school  | 68 | 35.3%       | 48.5%                  | 37.5%          |
| Health/Behavioral/Social Consequences: experienced no alcohol or illegal drug related health, behavioral, social consequences | 65 | 67.7%       | 83.1%                  | 22.7%          |
| Social Connectedness: were socially connected   | 69 | 94.2%       | 97.1%                  | 3.1%           |
| Stability in Housing: had a permanent place to live in the community  | 69 | 37.7%       | 56.5%                  | 50.0%          |