



Mobile Opioid Recovery Engagement

# M.O.R.E Team

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## Mission

- The mission of The Life Change Center is to empower people with tools and support so that they can overcome their addiction and guide their quality of life to a better level.



THE  
**Life**Change  
CENTER

# Who we are:

- Opened in 1999
- We are a non-profit 501 ( C ) 3.
- We provide recovery services for heroin and prescription medication abuse.
- We provide variety of services to beat their drug addiction.
- Emphasis based on two primary themes:
  - Empowerment:- providing the tools to assist the patient.
  - Improving quality of life.



# Admission criteria

- ▶ 18 years or older.
- ▶ Must be diagnosed with opioid use disorder.
- ▶ We cannot continue care for pain management alone.
- ▶ Must be determined as an appropriate fit for MAT services by a certified alcohol and drug counselor.
- ▶ Pregnant women are given priority and treated ASAP



## The Problem in Numbers



- ▶ The CDC reports that in 2017 there were 72,287 deaths from overdose in the United States. That is certainly an alarming statistic. Of that number, 49,060 of those deaths were from opioids specifically – just in 2017. By contrast, there were 58,200 U.S. fatalities that resulted from the entire Vietnam war.

# Harm Reduction and Medication-assisted Recovery



- Abstinence only models work for a small percentage of people who use drugs –10% success rate means 90% failure rate
- Harm reduction practices not only protect public health but they create a support system that facilitates linkage to treatment
- No wrong doors—multiple paths—client centered
- Medication alone is not the answer
- 1400+ methadone and buprenorphine clinics in the U.S. with over 2 million patients





# “Nothing About Us Without Us” finding value in lived experience



Nothing about us  
without us.

Judi Chamberlin

- ▶ Public health and rational choice theory: the assumption that when people are provided with necessary information, people tend to behave in their best interest.
- ▶ Rational actors: disjuncture between professional/academic logic (public health) and the logic of people who use drugs
- ▶ Peers bridge the gap
- ▶ **Subject matter experts: lived experience must be a part of the response to the opioid crisis**



# Peer-led ED Intervention in Carson

## Mission

- ▶ The mobile outreach teams are comprised of drug and alcohol counseling professionals able to provide support, guidance, and resources in the emergency department following an opioid related incident or overdose. In this moment, a peer recovery specialist makes a connection that can help facilitate long term encouragement for an individual who has opioid use disorder.

## Process

- ▶ ED Staff will initiate phone call to MORE team peer 1-833-GET-TLCC
- ▶ Peer will log and deploy to hospital
- ▶ Peer will initiate contact with patient, build rapport, conduct brief screening and interview, offer naloxone, and link to resources as requested by patient
- ▶ Peer will inform patient about paid research opportunity
- ▶ If patient consents, peer will continue contacts with patient



# Research Component



UNR SCHOOL OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
SCIENCES, MOBILE  
EMERGENCY RECOVERY  
INTERVENTION TRIAL  
(MERIT)



DR. KARLA WAGNER AND  
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GOAL IS TO TEST THE  
EFFECTIVENESS OF AN ER-  
BASED INTERVENTION  
FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE  
PATIENTS TREATED IN  
NEVADA'S EMERGENCY  
DEPARTMENTS (EDS).



THE LONG-TERM GOAL IS  
TO EVALUATE OUTCOMES  
AND CODIFY ED  
INTERVENTIONS IN  
NEVADA HOSPITALS

# Rural Patients at TLCC

City	Total
Carmichael	1
Carson City, NV	100
Crystal Bay	1
Dayton	12
Doyle	1
El Dorado Hills	1
Elko	1
Eureka	1
Fallon	5
Fernley	12
Gardnerville	23
Hawthorne	1
Henderson	1
Lake Tahoe	13
Lockwood	1
Lovelock	4
Minden	4
Portola	2
Santa Rosa	1
Silver Springs	4
Spring Creek	1
Stagecoach	1
Stateline	1
Truckee	2
Virginia City	8
Washoe Valle	2
Yerington	4
Zephyr Cove	2
	<b>210</b>

# Criminal Justice Intervention



Groups in jails for  
people with opioid use  
disorder



Assessments while  
incarcerated



Naloxone access for  
incarcerated  
individuals



Medication for  
pregnant women with  
opioid use disorder



# On the Horizon

- ▶ Medication unit to serve Lyon and Churchill Counties
- ▶ Downtown Reno clinic
- ▶ Expanded wrap-around services to pregnant women with opioid use disorders and families affected by OUD
- ▶ Further collaboration with transitional living and sober living providers
- ▶ Expanding access to behavioral health for co-occurring population

People recover  
there is hope  
we can help



Questions?