

2022 Penn LDI/CHERISH Virtual Conference

Using State Licensing Standards to Improve Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

Friday, January 14, 2022 | 12:00–3:00 P.M. (ET)

Despite effective medications for opioid use disorder, many facilities and programs fail to provide these medications as a standard of care. This conference will explore how states can use their licensing authority to address these widespread gaps in care. Join us as we discuss model state licensing standards for residential facilities, the challenges states face in implementing licensing requirements, and how research can help estimate the intended and unintended outcomes of this approach.

Agenda

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| 12:00 P.M. | Welcome/Introductory Remarks Zachary (Zack) F. Meisel, MD, MPH, MSHP, University of Pennsylvania |
| 12:10 - 12:40 P.M. | Keynote Rebekah Gee, MD, MPH, MHSPR, CEO of Healthcare Services, Louisiana State University |
| 12:40 - 1:50 P.M. | Progress Toward Model State Licensing Standards for Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUDs) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen Stubbs Church, JD, Louisiana Department of Health• Chinazo O. Cunningham, MD, MS, NY State Office of Addiction Services and Supports• Zachary (Zack) F. Meisel, MD, MPH, MSHP, University of Pennsylvania (Moderator)• Yngvild Olsen, MD, MPH, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA |
| 1:50 - 3:00 P.M. | Evaluating Impact: How Can Researchers Use Data and Modeling to Inform Implementation of State Licensure Changes? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Botticelli, MEd, Formerly at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (Moderator)• Mathieu Castry, PhD, Boston University School of Medicine• Benjamin Linas, MD, MPH, Boston Medical Center• Rosalie Pacula, PhD, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy• Brendan Saloner, PhD, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health |

Keynote

[Rebekah Gee](#) is the CEO of Health Care Services for LSU Health and formerly served as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health from 2016-2020. Under Dr. Gee's leadership, Louisiana expanded Medicaid, launched a Medicaid dashboard to measure access to health care services, and developed a comprehensive plan to address the opioid epidemic. She is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist, a trained policy expert and health services researcher who has served in numerous state and national roles, and in 2017 she was elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

Speakers

Michael Botticelli has more than two decades of experience supporting Americans affected by substance use disorders. As former Director of National Drug Control Policy for the Obama Administration, he led the Obama Administration's drug policy efforts, based on a balanced public health and safety approach and coordinated actions across the federal government to reduce prescription drug abuse, heroin use and related overdoses.

[Mathieu Castry](#) is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Public Health and Health Economics at Boston Medical Center. He, along with Benjamin Linas, has applied a simulation model to estimate the effects of a licensing regulation on overdose outcomes.

Karen Stubbs Church serves as the Assistant Secretary for the Louisiana Department of Health Office of Behavioral Health. As head of the state Office of Behavioral Health, Karen leads policy decisions addressing prevention and treatment of mental illness, substance use disorders, and addictive disorders. She leads Louisiana's comprehensive state response to the opioid epidemic.

[Chinazo O. Cunningham](#) is the newly appointed Commissioner of New York State's Office of Addiction Services and Supports. Most recently she was Executive Deputy Commissioner of Mental Hygiene at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and before that was at Montefiore Health System. She is a professor of medicine, family and social medicine, and psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Cunningham has spent more than two decades providing care, developing programs and conducting research focused on people who use drugs.

[Benjamin Linas](#) is the Director of the HIV Epidemiology and Outcomes Research Unit in the Department of Medicine at Boston Medical Center and Professor of Medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine. He and his colleagues have developed a dynamic population model that simulates the trajectory of OUD and treatment effects on drug use and overdose in Massachusetts.

[Zachary \(Zack\) F. Meisel](#) is the Vice Chair for Faculty Affairs and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and director of the Center for Emergency Care Policy and Research at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He also directs the Policy and Dissemination core for the NIH/NIDA-funded Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorder, HCV, and HIV (CHERISH).

[Yngvild Olsen](#) serves as the Acting Director for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at SAMHSA. She has a long history of working within the addiction treatment field to expand access to care and enhance quality, having previously served as Vice President of Clinical Affairs for the Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems and Vice President of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. Most recently, she served as Medical Director for the Institutes for Behavior Resources/REACH Health Services, a comprehensive outpatient substance use disorder treatment program in Baltimore City.

[Rosalie Pacula](#) is the Elizabeth Garrett Chair in Health Policy, Economics & Law in the Sol Price School of Public Policy and the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics at the University of Southern California. Her research focuses on illegal or imperfect markets, where she has applied much of this knowledge to study addiction, addiction policy, and how the health care system delivers and finances treatment for addiction services.

[Brendan Saloner](#) is a Bloomberg Associate Professor of Addiction and Overdose in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. One strand of his research focuses on access and quality of care for people with mental health and substance use disorders. He has also investigated the impact of federal and state policies on access to care and outcomes related to treatment.