SUD Medical Directors COVID-19 WebEx
Thursday, April 23, 2020 | 1-2pm
Executive Summary

Dr. Nicole Esposito, County Behavioral Health Services Department (BHS) Assistant Clinical Director, convene DMC-ODS Medical Directors (MDs) on a weekly basis via WebEx to provide updates regarding the County's COVID-19 response efforts as well as to dialog on issues faced by MDs during the COVID-19 emergency. The group reconvened on Thursday, April 23rd at 1pm.

The County shared the current COVID-19 numbers that are accessible via the County of San Diego's ArcGIS COVID-19 Dashboard.

As a follow-up to last week's meeting, a contact list of Health Center Partners was shared with the group. The list of Family Health Center contacts is still pending.

The County also shared that on April 19th, the California Department of Public Health released an All Facilities Letter (AFL 20-44) Expanding Access to Testing, informing health facilities on the availability of both Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and serology testing for COVID-19 across California hospital, academic, commercial, and public health laboratories. On the date of this meeting the anticipated CAHAN had not yet been released – however, it has since been released. Please see (CAHAN) San Diego Advisory Update #13 and Table: Priority Level for Testing Criteria: Federal, State, and County Recommendations. Medical Directors requested more information about testing and types of testing at SUD residential. This request will be met in follow-up communications to all contractors.

Additional discussion included contact tracing, high risk client testing, dosing and spacing, home delivery medication procedures/barriers, as well as a survey on whether programs can filter out high risk groups from their EHR. MDs were also asked to share on whether they would face logistical challenges on fulfilling reporting mandates if testing were to be made available in the future, and no barriers were identified at the meeting.

The next meeting is on Thursday, April 30th, at 1pm.