

Evaluation of Massachusetts Community Health Centers Supporting Opioid Recovery (MA-SOAR)

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Project Description:

Brandeis researchers will collaborate with the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and its partners to evaluate the Massachusetts Community Health Centers Supporting Opioid Addiction Recovery (MA-SOAR) project. Funded by SAMHSA under its Medication Assisted Treatment – Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction program, MA-SOAR will add nurse care management and recovery coaches to existing MAT services in three community health centers in Massachusetts, and will support additional prescribers to receive their Buprenorphine Waivers. The evaluation will monitor program implementation and outcomes using a continuous quality improvement framework. The process evaluation will highlight changes to policies and procedures within community health centers and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and document facilitators and barriers to sustainability. Patient outcomes will focus on opioid and poly-substance use and life functioning. Mary Brolin, Ph.D. will lead the evaluation and Carol Prost, M.Ed. will collaborate on the study.