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INSIGHT HOUSE EXPANDS MEDICATED ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) OPTIONS

Insight House has recently expanded its medication assisted treatment options for those patients undergoing treatment for opiate use. **Suboxone Replacement Therapy for opiate use disorder is now available in all three major program components - including long-term residential, day rehabilitation, and outpatient.**



Additionally, for those patients that have already gone through opiate detox, injectable Vivitrol (or Naltrexone) is now available as preventive treatment. Vivitrol is an FDA-approved drug for the treatment of addiction, and is approved to treat opioid and alcohol use disorders. It is administered monthly as a time-released intramuscular injection.



Bonnie Carr, Insight House VP of Program Development, indicated that a person needs to be opiate-free for 10 days prior to receiving Vivitrol, and must be willing to participate in a drug treatment program while receiving subsequent monthly Vivitrol injections. “Vivitrol helps people recover from opioid dependencies, but people may need to resolve other issues in their lives,” Carr states. “We feel that combining medication assisted treatment like Vivitrol with counseling, education and coping skills is critical in preventing relapse.”

Insight House is now accepting referrals for its Vivitrol program. The cost for Vivitrol is generally covered by all major insurance carriers and Medicaid.

OPEN ACCESS SCHEDULING



Insight House has commenced a more efficient and timely method of scheduling patient appointments, called “Open Access” scheduling. Pregnant IV drug users, IV drug users, and patients seeking Suboxone/Vivitrol treatment, and/or patients seeking help NOW are all candidates for “Open Access” scheduling. During the initial visit, patients will meet with a counselor, complete the medical assessment with nursing staff, and be scheduled with an appointment for treatment. “Open Access” will provide more immediate treatment opportunities and increase patient satisfaction.

“CURRENT DRUG TRENDS” SESSIONS

Paul Vitagliano Jr., Director of Prevention, conducted multiple free presentations this past summer to local employers, businesses and agencies regarding current drug use in Oneida County. Topics covered included the latest information on the heroin/opiate epidemic facing our community, as well as trends in alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, e-cigarette and synthetic drug usage. Paul will continue to do a limited number of sessions this fall. For more information, or to schedule an “Oneida County Drug Trends” session, email requests to pv.insighthouse@yahoo.com.

