

Monthly Newsletter

February 2021



PROJECT UPDATES

- The study's timeframe was changed from December 5, 2016 March 31, 2020 to January 1, 2018 June 30, 2021.
 - o This change will make the research findings more current and may allow for a comparison of interventions before and after the public health emergency.
 - o This change also increased the number of potential problem solving courts (PSCs) for inclusion in our study from 57 to 78.
- The Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS) will send emails to the 78 PSCs inviting them to support and participate in our study.
- In late March or early April 2021, a webinar will be conducted for those courts interested in learning more.
- Elizabeth Van Nostrand, JD, will present preliminary study findings at the Legal Epidemiology Workshop at the Sixth Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Conference on March 18, 2021.







LEGAL TEAM

 In collaboration with the Evaluation Team, methodology to code SRS data, sentencing data, corrections and court protocols, and qualitative interviews is being finalized to link datasets.







EVALUATION TEAM

- Interviews with the Indiana Department of Correction Deputy Wardens and Wexford/RepuCare are ongoing.
- At the request of Committee Member Ross Silverman, COVID- related questions, specifically related to telemedicine, will be included in the qualitative interviews.
- The IOCS requested that qualitative interviews be postponed until 2022.
- Coding methodology will be created to perform a separate analysis of the qualitative interviews.

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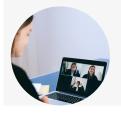
BIOSTATISTICS TEAM

- Coordination continues with the Management Performance Hub to develop a charter to obtain state agency data.
- We are in the process of obtaining Indiana PDMP data for a better measurement of individuals on buprenorphine.
- The 2015-2019 overdose mortality data are available and maps will be updated.



MODELING TEAM

 Engagement continues with all Research Team members to ensure data are requested and collected in a manner that will allow for modeling.







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