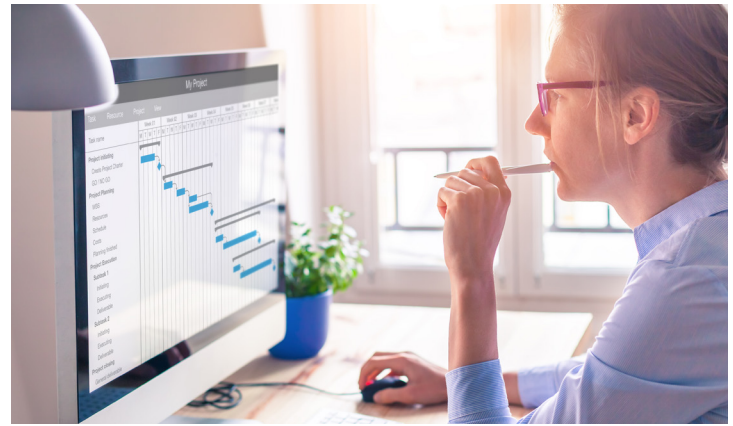




PROJECT UPDATES

- After over 16 years of service, Principal Investigator Elizabeth Van Nostrand transitioned to Temple University College of Public Health on July 1, 2021. Dr. Mark Roberts will serve as the site Principal Investigator for the University of Pittsburgh. It is anticipated the project will transition seamlessly to Temple University. Elizabeth Van Nostrand can be reached at evannostrand@temple.edu.
- Van Nostrand submitted a paper entitled “Using Problem Solving Courts as a Public Health Intervention to Address Fatal and Non-Fatal Opioid Events” to the peer reviewed publication, *Drugs in Context Journal*.
- The next stakeholder committee meeting is scheduled for September 10th, 2021 from 2:00 – 3:30pm. The meeting will be recorded and available to those unable to attend the meeting.
- Future newsletters will be sent to the stakeholder committee quarterly.



QUALITATIVE INTERVIEWS

- 11 correctional facility assistant wardens have been interviewed.
- Addiction recovery service representatives from 6 of the 17 correctional facilities have been interviewed. Interviews will continue throughout 2021.
- Interviews of problem solving court personnel will begin in August 2021.



DATA ACCESS

- The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) has joined the project as a collaborative partner. PLA maintains the prescription drug monitoring program data for Indiana. These data will be used to identify medication assisted treatment prescribed to the study cohort.
- Twenty-nine courts in 19 counties have agreed to allow access to Supervised Release System data. A request has been sent to the Indiana Office of Court Services to access these data. The Management Performance Hub and the courts are working together to ensure confidentiality. Court approval is pending.



MODELING

- The modeling team is constructing a new synthetic population to reflect the 2019 population.

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