

Project Court REACH: Oneida County HOPE Intervention Court Action Plan

Essential Element #1: Broad Legal Eligibility

Recommendations:

- Review eligibility criteria and consider expansion to violent felonies where risk of overdose is indicated.
- Encourage more referrals from towns and villages throughout the county by engaging and educating local courts;
- Identify law enforcement members to invite to be stakeholders and participate on the HOPE Court team;
- Use supportive law enforcement members to engage and educate rank-and-file officers on the benefits of HOPE Court and risks of OUD

Goal 1: Town and village attorneys and law enforcement agencies are aware of HOPE Court and the referral process.

Objective 1A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Engage with law enforcement on their participation with problem-solving courts	Judge to speak with law enforcement	Judge Amoroso	July 2021	Oneida PSCs will have a law enforcement liaison	
Objective 1B:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Have written eligibility criteria that is known among all stakeholders for HOPE Court	Judge to speak to DA's office Creation of eligibility and referral sheet to be able to hand out	Judge Amoroso Project Court REACH staff	End of Summer 2021	Eligibility criteria developed and disseminated	
	Create separate eligibility	Pat Cady			

	and referral sheet for VOPs				
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Essential Element #2: Immediate Screening for Risk of Overdose

Recommendations:

- Develop new early identification and referral processes with law enforcement and prosecution;
- Develop additional strategies to inform DAT recipients about the HOPE Court option and available services while they await their first court date;
- Consider expanding the role of the certified peer navigator from Center for Family Life and Recovery (CFLR) into the identification and screening process.

Goal 2: Develop new early identification and referral processes with law enforcement and prosecution.

Objective 2A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Have a process for law enforcement to identify potential participants	<p>Reach out to Oswego Opioid Court for early ID by law enforcement</p> <p>Work with identified liaison from Goal 1 to engage LE on-referral process</p> <p>Locate a representative from law enforcement to be on the team</p>	<p>Tabatha and Project Court REACH staff</p> <p>Bob</p>	<p>Sept 2021</p> <p>October 2021</p>	HOPE court will receive referrals from LE	<p>Oswego is in process –</p> <p>(11.8.21) CCI to update LE referral form and give to Tabatha to review</p>

	Have annual meetings with law enforcement officers				
Objective 2B:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Integrate peer advocate into the ID process	Have peer review screening form for appropriateness	Ambi	August 2021	Peer will be an active member of the HOPE court team	
Objective 2C:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Have a process for probation to identify potential participants	Identify criteria/screening for probation to refer appropriate participants to HOPE court Reach out to probation to advertise and educate on HOPE Court	Pat Cady Bob will reach out and Talk with Pat with education. Holly Bulton PO – Presentation for Officer. Get with Pat to organize	August 2021 Mid-September	HOPE court will receive referrals from probation and track outcomes	

Essential Element #3: Informed Consent after Consultation with Defense Counsel

Recommendations:

- Work with the public defender's office to identify risk of overdose tools, with a focus on the screener that the court uses, that would be helpful in systematizing identification and referrals;
- Identify and invite private attorneys to join the stakeholder committee meetings;
- Provide onboarding training to new attorneys about HOPE Court, OUD and risk of OD

Goal 3: Have public defenders identifying and screening, with a screening tool, all potential participants at the earliest possible intercept.

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Objective 3A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Work with the public defender's office on implementing a risk of overdose screening tool into their interview process.	<p>Identify the quick risk of overdose screener (i.e., four question screener)</p> <p>Talk with public defenders about whether it is feasible to incorporate the screener into their interview</p>	Project Court REACH Staff	2021	Public defenders identify and refer participants to HOPE Court	<p>Share questions</p> <p>(11.8.21) CCI will send screener questions to Tabatha by 11.12.21</p>
Objective 3B:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Engage private defense attorneys Schedule regular trainings for 18-B attorneys	<p>Reach out to the assigned counsel program and have them assign dedicated attorneys to HOPE Court</p> <p>Distribute training modules from Project Court REACH to private defense attorneys and 18-B attorneys</p>	<p>Coordinator/Case Manager</p> <p>Project Court REACH staff</p>	Dec. 2021	<p>Representative engaged in meetings and referrals</p> <p>Modules viewed</p>	

Essential Element #4: Suspension of Prosecution or Expedited Plea

Recommendations:

- Formalize in writing that there is no penalty for participants who are not successful in HOPE Court;

- Consider favorable case disposition on case-by-case basis.

Goal 4: Develop written documents outlining the benefits of HOPE Court participation and that unsuccessful participation will not lead to a penalty.

Objective 4A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Condense HOPE Court benefits packet into a one-pager to give to attorneys and clients	Reach out to DA to discuss how the one-pager will look like Draft one-pager Create MOU for one-pager Disseminate one-pager	Bob/Jen Bob/Jen Jen/CCI to send template	End of September	One-page benefits document developed and disseminated	Oswego brochure as a template? (11.8.21) CCI to update Oswego bench card for Oneida and have it ready to present at stakeholders meeting. Dates of next stakeholder mtg TBD.
Objective 4B:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes

Essential Element #5: Rapid Clinical Assessment and Treatment Engagement

Recommendations:

- Provide court practitioners (judge, prosecutors, and defense) with ongoing training on the science of MOUD and best practices in legal settings;
- Consider adding additional personnel from Helio Health to conduct assessments immediately upon referral.

Goal 5: Engage more multidisciplinary stakeholders to help identify early intercept points where additional referrals could be made to HOPE Court.

Objective 5A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Educate stakeholders and the greater community about HOPE Court	Become member of 941 committee	Tabatha	Ongoing	Tabatha will present at the 941 committee.	Tabatha has attended 2 meetings and become standing member of committee
Objective 5B:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Ongoing education on MOUD	Refer any new court practitioners to training modules	Tabatha/Bob Project Court REACH staff	Ongoing	New team members will have viewed all training modules.	

Essential Element #6: Recovery Support Services

Recommendations:

- Expand collaboration with CFLR since they offer family and peer support, without being connected to a treatment provider;
- Continue to maintain robust partnerships with the treatment and recovery supportive services in the community;
- Improve partnerships with mental health providers in order to streamline the intake process for assessment to these services

Goal 6: Enhance the role of the peer to assist with all aspects of recovery, with emphasis on engagement at the earliest point possible.

Objective 6A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Integrating peer as soon as participant starts in HOPE court	Inviting peers and other treatment representatives to stakeholder meetings Identifying role and reach of peer from each treatment agency Work with CFLR to have a HOPE court peer only	Tabatha/Bob	October 2021	The role and responsibilities of the peer will be included in program manual and one-page document.	
Objective 6B:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Connect with the opioid task force committee	Set up meeting to introduce CCI and Project Court REACH to opioid task force	Tabatha to initiate			

Essential Element #7: Frequent Judicial Supervision and Compliance Monitoring

Recommendations:

- Allow virtual appearances to supplement in-person court appearances for those who have barriers such as transportation, mobility, or childcare after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted;
- Ensure the judge, as well as the rest of the team, are trained in, and applying, motivational interviewing techniques;
- Schedule quarterly stakeholder meetings to review court operations.

Goal 7: Create a sustainability plan for hybrid court operations while the HOPE Court grows.

Objective 7A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Put into place benchmarks that trigger need to implement hybrid court operations	Brainstorm who would need to be included in initial discussions	Susan	Need timeline		
Objective 7B:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Schedule bi-annual meetings to review court operations	Analyze the successes and failures of hybrid court operations Review and analyze data from court outcomes	Tabatha (further direction needed)	October 2021	Stakeholder committee will be established, and first meeting held	
Objective 7C:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Identify appropriate MI expert for fidelity check		Project Court REACH staff			Who provided previous training? (11.8.21) Tabatha to send us name and contact of Dr. Nicole Schermerhorn; CCI to reach out and

					set up fidelity check
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Essential Element #8: Intensive Case Management

Recommendations:

- Continue offering robust case management and coordinated communication between all and stakeholders.

Goal 8: No active goal needed

Objective 8A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Objective 8B:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes

Essential Element #9: Program Completion and Continuing Care

Recommendations:

- Create a formal completion criteria checklist that includes elements of social stabilization to be addressed through case management;
- Schedule stakeholder meetings to update policies and procedures, discuss case process flow, monitor outcomes and make changes as needed;
- Develop an MOU to formalize how time spent in HOPE Court will count towards treatment court participation (where applicable).

Goal 9: Create written formalized program completion guidelines.

Objective 9A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Develop and have consensus on program completion guidelines	Project Court REACH to share resources from other counties	Project Court REACH staff	July 2021	Program completion guidelines will be created and distributed to stakeholders and participants.	
Objective 9B:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Develop MOU to formalize time spent in HOPE Court towards drug treatment court	Project Court REACH to reach out to other counties and gather resources on MOU Identify who needs to have consensus on the MOU Have agreement with DA that commit them to	Project Court REACH staff Tabatha/Bob	July 2021 August 2021	Criteria will be included with program completion guidelines regarding time spent in HOPE court for individuals moving on to drug treatment court	Share benchcard from Oswego (11.8.21) CCI to update Oswego bench card for Oneida and have it ready to present at stakeholders meeting. Dates of next stakeholder mtg TBD.

	identifying participants legal eligibility for Tx track.				
Objective 9C:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
Create list of continuing care support options	<p>Ensure continuing care plans with available recovery supports are available for those who complete the program</p> <p>Set up system to reach out to participants after 30 days and 60 days</p>	<p>Bob</p> <p>Tabatha/Bob</p>	September 2021	List of continuing care options will be available for participants	

Essential Element #10: Performance Evaluation and Program Improvement

Recommendations:

- Work with Project Court REACH staff to identify areas and strategies for data entry improvement, including the use of the Opioid Court dashboard;
- Implement recommendations from this report with the help of technical assistance from Project Court REACH.

Goal 10: Consistently input and analyze data.

Objective 10A:	Action Steps	Persons Responsible	Timeline	Performance Measures	Updates / Notes
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Use UCMS to input and track data for HOPE Court	Columbia to reach out re data input and collection meetings Attend UCMS Trainings for Opioid Courts	Project Court REACH staff Tabatha/Susan	July 2021		Tabatha to email CCI names of peers and emails to help set up UCMS meeting for data
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Prioritizing Elements:

1. Broad Legal Eligibility
2. Screening
3. Defense Consent
4. Suspension of Prosecution
5. Treatment Engagement
6. Recovery Support Services
7. Frequent Supervision and Compliance Monitoring
8. Intensive Case Management
9. Program Completion
10. Performance Evaluation

General notes from 11.8.21

- Have not gotten back together as a stakeholder group to determine who is doing what
- CCI to help get stakeholders back together
 - Tabatha will get us dates
- Second surface pro-
 - Program and sent to them and then add to second surface pro
- MI- quality assurance
 - Dr. Nicole Schermerhorn
 - She is a long time friend of Tabatha so she was good

- Follow-up could be paid for by CCI
- New York Matters
 - Haven't referred anyone yet
- 8-10-12 participants right now and that has stated consistent
 - If this got any larger she is not sure if the judge could fit this in his calendar