

Introducing Wheelhouse:

A Hub-and-Spoke Model to Increase Access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the Tri-County Area



Opioid use disorder is a local and national epidemic with a dramatic increase in overdose deaths and hospitalizations.

Need

In Portland, only

1 in 10

individuals is receiving necessary treatment for opioid use disorder.

Last year, opioid overdose killed an average of

3 People

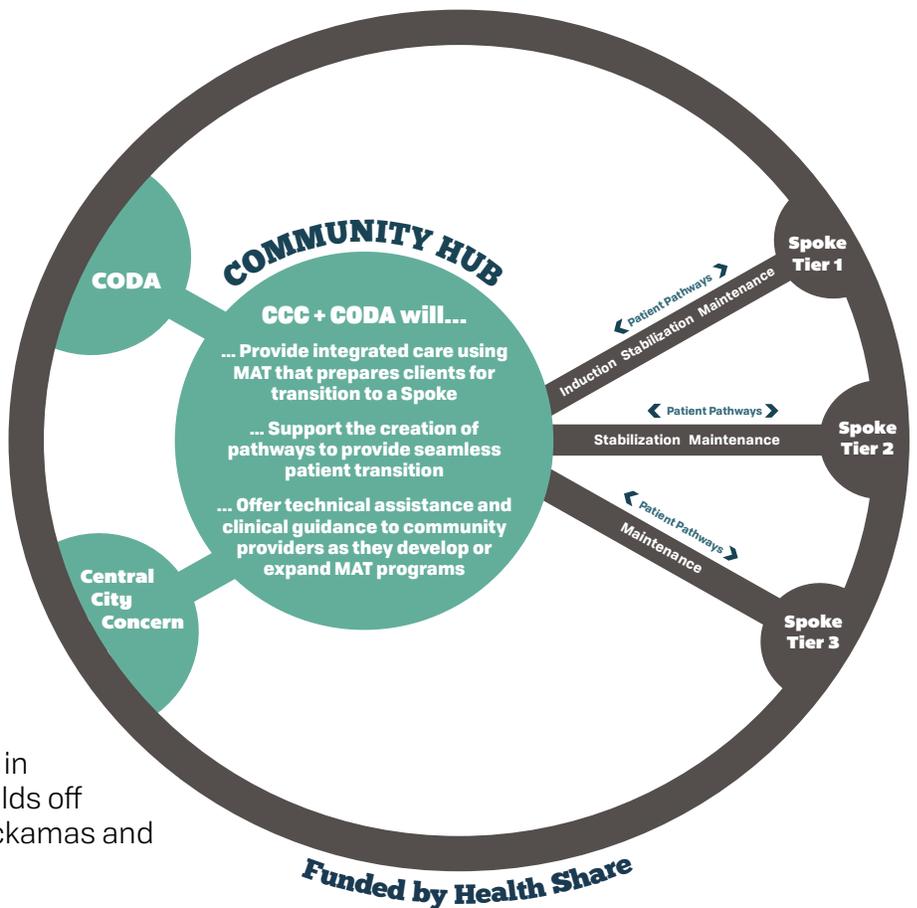
in the Tri-County area every week.

Goal

Develop an enhanced infrastructure and recovery-oriented system of care that not only improves but transforms access to and quality of care for people with substance use disorders in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties.

Wheelhouse: A Hub-and-Spoke Model

- The Wheelhouse project is designed to expand capacity for medication-assisted treatment (MAT) within existing provider networks. It is based on successful programs in Vermont and Maryland, and builds off successful pilot projects in Clackamas and Multnomah Counties.
- The “hub” consists of CODA and Central City Concern (CCC). These two organizations have a range of complementary services and advanced experience with MAT. They will partner to provide the “spoke” organizations with the technical resources and clinical guidance they need in order to create MAT pathways for individuals with substance use disorders—particularly opioid use disorders—across a variety of settings.



Process

- Funding for the spoke organizations will initially target behavioral health organizations to enhance the treatment network and ensure broad choice for members as well as a seamless continuum of care.
- The spoke organizations will work together in advance to determine the best way to integrate MAT into their programs. These agreements will include evaluation of organizational need, capacity and culture.
- The spoke organizations will receive technical and clinical support from the hub as they develop their own MAT capacity.

Health Share of Oregon: Health Share is the state's largest Medicaid coordinated care organization (CCO). Its mission is to partner with communities to achieve ongoing transformation, health equity, and the best possible health for each individual.

CODA: A not-for-profit behavioral health agency that builds health and recovery through compassionate, evidence-based care.

Central City Concern (CCC): A non-profit agency providing health care, housing and employment services to adults and families impacted by homelessness, poverty and addiction.

Primary Partners



Funding

Health Share of Oregon is providing funding for the development of the Wheelhouse project. However, participation in the project will be open to all patients; it is not exclusively for Health Share members. The Tri-County Behavioral Health Providers Association is in support of these efforts to expand treatment options for individuals with opioid use disorders.