Proposal HM9 MAT Recommendations

DOH:
Make MAT part of DOH strategic plan
Require all DOH MDs in PHD Regions and Bureaus to support DEA waiver prescribing for Suboxone; be available for induction process on regular schedule
Require each Region to dedicate existing staff (NP, RN, SW/Clerk) to support center of collaboration for ORT in at least one site
With additional funding, each Region will have community care team like in Vermont to expand and enhance scope and scale of addiction services throughout state
Require existing contract of $1.6M with UNMHSC for Project ECHO with hepatitis C to support MAT more robustfully
Require FQHC recipients of DOH RPHCA funding to have providers for ORT and to accept patients for this service
Ensure that BEHR (Billing Electronic Health Record) captures data related to ORT/OTP

Consumers/Patients:
Have formal discharge planning for all person exiting county jails and state prisons concerning substance use disorders
Support Hepatitis C toll free hotline to include ORT with Suboxone
Have more English-Spanish bilingual audiovisual materials available for awareness campaigns

Providers:
Offer many diverse opportunities for continuing education; local workshops, online asynchronous learning, preceptorships or mini-sabbaticals, consultation helpline
Strengthen referral networks to/from public health for target population as is done with TB

Organizations:
Offer financial incentive to nonprofit clinics/programs to provide MAT in their service menu for mental health and substance abuse disorders
Have DOH involved in oversight of county detention center health services like in NC Jail Medical Plan (Model) in conjunction with NM Association of Counties
Provide education and training to NMCD Probation/Parole Offices to refer persons in community custody for ORT/OTP

System (Environment & Policy):
Provide strong national advocacy so that NP/CNS/PAs may qualify for DEA waiver to prescribe Suboxone
Have SCI application process expedite approval for persons with substance abuse; have carve out or set aside for this population
Require OptumHealth to have competitive RFPs for special projects or initiatives related to ORT/OTP
Require OH to have ATR cover ORT/OTP
Require OH to have SBIRT participate in PHD Region’s centers of collaboration for ORT/PTP
Require NM Medicaid cover recipients for ORT/OTP on demand
Provide clarifying and enforcing rules/regulations for Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act
Have all NM Salud programs have similar preauthorization processes for Suboxone

Communities:
Connect more places in all area of NM with broadband videoconferencing telemedicine capacity to participate in Project ECHO; have direct service mental health counseling for person in MAT from UNMHSC and in Regions
Work to have addiction services on priority list for all county health councils funded by DOH
Support formation of NASA like NAMI to be advocacy/activity mechanism for addiction services