

SUD Medical Directors COVID-19 WebEx

Thursday, June 11, 2020 | 1-2pm

Executive Summary

Dr. Nicole Esposito, County Behavioral Health Services Department (BHS) Assistant Clinical Director, convenes DMC-ODS Medical Directors (MDs) on a bi-weekly basis via WebEx to provide updates regarding the County's COVID-19 response efforts as well as to dialog on issues faced by MDs during the COVID-19 emergency. The group reconvened on Thursday, June 11th at 1pm.

The MDs shared how their programs have been affected by the recent events i.e., ways they have facilitated safe spaces for their patient when sharing/discussing racism and police brutality, either in group setting or through one-on-one consults. The MDs dialogued on a variety of other topics, including the disparity in the volume of incoming referrals and programmatic approaches to required face-masking, temperature checks, and symptom management for residents and staff.

The County shared: 1) the latest available BHS dashboard during COVID-19 (copy attached separately); 2) the latest [CAHAN](#) alert released on June 11th on E-cigarette, or Vaping, Product Use-Associated Lung Injury (EVALI); 3) an announcement that SUD Residential Providers will be receiving a survey from County EOC's T3 Team regarding on-site COVID testing needs; 4) that County BHS is currently exploring the potential for programs to pivot back to more in-person services including the safeguards that would have to be in place to keep patients and staff safe; and 5) that County BHS will be inviting a representative from Public Health Services to a future meeting to provide pertinent COVID-related updates and to answer any medical/public health questions.