PARDON OUR DUST: REMODELING PRIMARY CARE TO ADDRESS ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE DISORDERS

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Oregon’s transformation of the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) authorized 16 regional Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) to integrate medical, behavioral and dental care using patient-centered primary care homes and a global budget. Analyses of Medicaid utilization data suggest slow but steady uptake of screening and brief interventions for alcohol and drug use disorders but the rates of diagnosing alcohol and drug use disorders remain low. Few patients receive pharmacotherapy to support recovery from alcohol use disorders and the use of medication to support recovery from opioid use disorders has declined. Treatment initiation and engagement rates remain disappointing.

Dennis McCarty, PhD, a Professor in the School of Public Health at Oregon Health & Science University, works at the intersection of policy, research and practice assessing the organization, financing, and quality of prevention and treatment services for alcohol and drug disorders. He serves as the Director of the Education Core for the Methamphetamine Abuse Research Center (P50 DA018165), the co-Principal Investigator for the Western States Node of the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (U10 DA015815), and the Principal Investigator for an evaluation of the impacts of Oregon’s Coordinated Care Organizations on prevention and treatment for alcohol and drug use disorders (R33 DA035640). Dr. McCarty is the Academic Director for the University of Amsterdam’s Summer Institute on Alcohol, Drugs and Addiction. Currently, he serves on the Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission and the Oregon Public Health Department’s Retail Marijuana Scientific Advisory Committee. He received a doctorate in social psychology from the University of Kentucky.

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