

Using Telehealth to Deliver Substance Use Treatment Services – Guidance for Clinicians During the COVID-19 State of Emergency

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) understands the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 State of Emergency and its effect on the way substance use treatment services are offered to Medicaid members. To support behavioral health and medical providers adjusting to telehealth service delivery, a changing policy landscape, and the heightened anxiety experienced by members and providers during this time, DMAS is offering several web-based learning opportunities conducted by expert consultants.

Each webinar will be offered live during two separate sessions. Please see below for dates, times, and webinar links. Registration is not necessary: please save events on your calendar and click the links below to join the webinar. Webinars will also be recorded and archived.

Please note that these webinars are intended to provide clinical guidelines. For assistance with billing and reimbursement, please contact the Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) team at: SUD@dmass.virginia.gov

Tele-Behavioral Health in the Time of COVID-19

with Paul Brasler, MA, MSW, LCSW, Behavioral Health Addiction Specialist

[Thursday, April 2nd 11:00am – 12:00pm](#)

Meeting ID: 614 149 372

[Friday, April 3rd 1:00pm – 2:00pm](#)

Meeting ID: 617 820 844

Prescribing Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) via Telehealth During the COVID-19 Pandemic

with Mishka Terplan, MD, MPH, FACOG, DFASAM, Addiction Medicine Specialist

[Thursday, April 2nd 9:30am – 10:30am](#)

Meeting ID: 618 183 330

[Friday, April 3rd 3:00pm – 4:00pm](#)

Meeting ID: 614 093 561

Paul Brasler, MA, MSW, LCSW Behavioral Health Addiction Specialist, DMAS



Paul Brasler became fascinated about substances of misuse while in graduate school when he completed an internship at a residential substance use treatment center for adult women. Since then, he has worked as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in a variety of settings including seven years as a Senior Clinician at the Chesterfield County Juvenile Drug Court, eight years conducting psychiatric and SUD assessments in area Emergency Departments, and two and a half years as head of behavioral health for Daily Planet Health Services, a Federally Qualified Health Center, which he developed into a leading Office-Based Opioid Treatment program (OBOT.) Paul served as an adjunct professor for the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work where he developed a popular graduate course on substance use treatment. Paul has been a PESI presenter since 2016, and he has presented classes on Mental Health Emergencies and High-Risk Clients across the county. His first book, *High-Risk Clients: Evidence-Based Assessment & Clinical Tools to Recognize and Effectively Respond to Mental Health Crises*, PESI publishing, was published in August 2019. Paul is married to Claire, a Licensed Professional Counselor and Pediatric Nurse, and they are busy raising three boys: 13, 11 and 7; along with a lazy dog and a fearless bunny. Claire, Paul and their boys are proud residents of Richmond, Virginia.

Mishka Terplan, MD, MPH, FACOG, DFASAM Addiction Medicine Specialist



Mishka Terplan is board certified in both obstetrics and gynecology and in addiction medicine. His primary clinical, research and advocacy interests lie along the intersections of reproductive and behavioral health. He is Senior Physician Research Scientist at Friends Research Institute and adjunct faculty at the University of California, San Francisco where he is a Substance Use Warmline clinician for the Clinical Consultation Center. He is also the Addiction Medicine Consultant for Virginia Medicaid and a consultant for the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. Dr. Terplan has active grant funding and has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles with emphasis on health disparities, stigma, and access to treatment. He has spoken at local high schools and before the United States Congress and has participated in expert panels at CDC, SAMHSA, ONDCP, OWH, FDA and NIH primarily on issues related to gender and addiction.