A LEGAL AND ETHICAL PERSPECTIVE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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PERSPECTIVE: A POINT OF VIEW, AN OUTLOOK, AN OVERVIEW
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER-DSM-5

• Mild, Moderate or Severe
• Level of severity determined by diagnostic criteria
• Disorder occurs when recurrent use of drugs or alcohol causes clinical and functional significant impairment, such as health problems and failure to meet major responsibilities
• Diagnosis is based on evidence of impaired control, social impairment, risky use, and pharmacological criteria
YOU ARE FIRED
IOM AND NIH CONCLUSIONS ABOUT MMT IN 2000

• OPIATE ADDICTION IS A MEDICAL DISORDER
• METHADONE MAINTENANCE WITH RELEVANT ADDITIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES MOST EFFECTIVE TREATMENT FOR OPIATE ADDICTION
• TREATMENT PROGRAMS MUST BE EXPANDED
• NEW MODELS OF TREATMENT IMPORTANT
CONCLUSIONS, CONTINUED

• EFFECTIVE MEDICAL AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP VITAL TO REDUCE SOCIAL STIGMA SURROUNDING ADDICTION AND METHADONE TREATMENT

PERSPECTIVE # 1

IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO REPORT A COLLEAGUE WHO IS SUSPECTED OF HAVING A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
PERSPECTIVE # 2

NURSES AND OTHERS HAVE A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THOSE WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
PERSPECTIVE # 3

THERE IS MUCH SHAME EXPERIENCED BY THE NURSE WHO HAS A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
PERSPECTIVE # 4

LAWS HAVE BEEN PASSED OR AMENDED TO HELP REDUCE SHAME AND MANAGE IT MORE EFFECTIVELY

TWO IMPORTANT ONES ARE STATE “FIRST OFFENDER” PROGRAMS AND AMENDED STATE NURSE PRACTICE ACTS
QUALITY TREATMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT AND MONITORING OPTIONS, ARE NECESSARY TO HELP THE NURSE WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TO RECOVER AND REMAIN “CLEAN AND SOBER”
PERSPECTIVE # 6

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORKPLACE IS OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR THE NURSE AFTER SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT
PERSPECTIVE # 7

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND PERSONAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE THAT COVERS PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
CURRENT COVERAGE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

• MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT
• STATE LAWS
• AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
EXAMPLES OF BENEFITS AND SERVICES THAT MUST BE COVERED EQUALLY

• IN-PATIENT IN-NETWORK AND OUT-OF-NETWORK
• INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT SERVICES
• RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT
• EMERGENCY CARE
• CO-PAYS
• FACILITY TYPE
• CLINICAL CRITERIA USED TO APPROVE OR DENY CARE
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURERS PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DEFENSE COVERAGE

• CPH AND ASSOCIATES
• NURSES SERVICE ORGANIZATION
• PROLIABILITY
• HEALTH PROVIDERS SERVICE ORGANIZATION
PERSPECTIVE # 8

• DRUG TESTING FOR SUBSTANCE USE MAY NOT INDICATE USE
COMMON SUBSTANCES OR CONDITIONS THAT CAN CAUSE FALSE POSITIVES ON URINE SCREENS

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EDUCATION OF STUDENT NURSES, PRACTICING NURSES, AND OTHERS ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER IN NURSING IS FUNDAMENTAL
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
THE END

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