# Program Goals & Objectives Medication-Assisted Treatment

## **Policy and Procedure**

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**Purpose:** This document outlines the program goals and objectives.

### **Program Goals & Objectives:**

The Bright Heart Health Opioid Use Disorder Objectives emphasize dealing with behaviors, urges, triggers, and dealing with feelings and emotions in recovery.

All patients entering the program are required to have:

- Medical History and Substance Abuse History
- Psychiatric Evaluation
- Clinical Assessment
- Drug screens conducting at random based on clinical appropriateness: upon entry and monthly at a minimum.

Our program typically spans 1 year or more. Patients will be prescribed buprenorphine and group and individual therapy with the first 6 months requiring 2 therapy sessions per week and the next 6 months requiring 1 session per week.

Patients completing the therapy program should have stabilized in their recovery practices; understand and are able to manage the triggers and emotions related to their addiction; and no longer require ongoing therapy support, but may still require buprenorphine to manage cravings.

Additionally, patients will have a set of tools to help them with anger, depression, anxiety, emotions, social interactions, and other aspects to help them in their daily life.

#### Short-Term Objectives:

- 1) Commit to an action plan directed toward termination of substance use and opioid use.
- 2) Cooperate with an evaluation by a physician for buprenorphine medication and psychotropic medication.

- 3) Learn and implement communication and problem-solving skills toward achieving goals as evidenced by Weekly Dialectical Behavior Therapy Diary Card scores improving.
- 4) Attend Support Groups (i.e. Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Recovery groups) at least 1 times per week to support recovery.
- 5) Participate in behavioral significant others' therapy designed to increase the non-substanceusing peoples' reinforcement of sobriety and to reduce relationship conflict at least 1 time per month.
- 6) Implement at least 3 relapse prevention strategies for managing possible future situations with high-risk for relapse as evidenced by the written relapse prevention plan weekly evaluation.

### Long-Term Goals:

- 1) Patient will accept the fact of chemical dependency and actively participate in a recovery program.
- 2) Patient will acquire the necessary behavioral and cognitive coping skills to maintain long-term sobriety from mood-altering substances of abuse.
- 3) Patient will establish a sustained recovery program that is free from the use of all moodaltering substances unless prescribed and monitored by the physician.