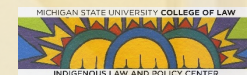


Beyond Settlement: Planning and next steps

National Tribal Opioid Litigation Panel

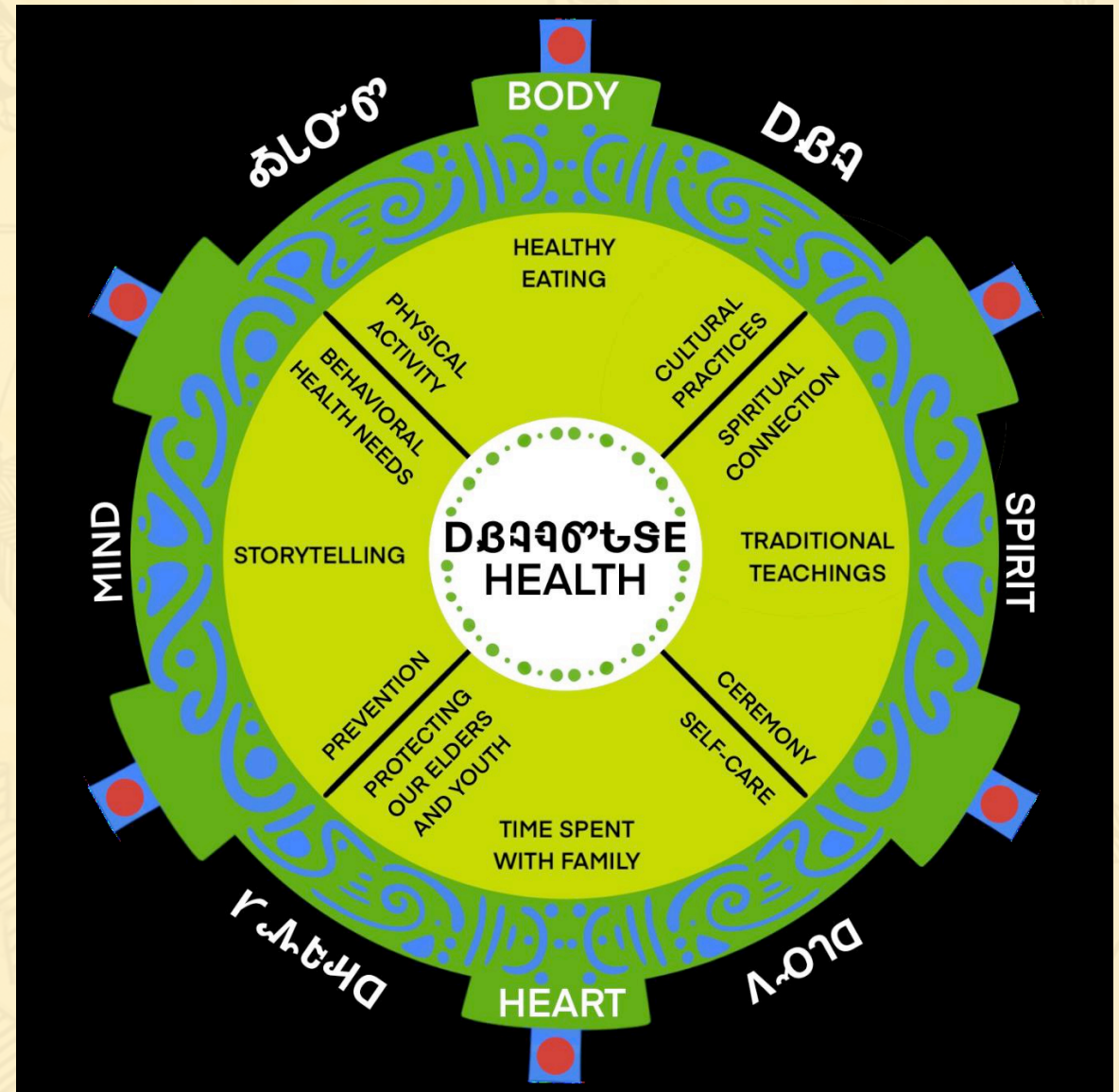
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Why file lawsuits against opioid industry?

- Treat opioid use disorder within our communities;
- Support our citizens in Treatment and Recovery;
- Connect people who need assistance to resources they need;
- Help citizens avoid becoming justice-involved when they suffer with addiction;
- Reconnect incarcerated people with their family, community and Nation;
- Support pregnant citizens and children born special health care needs due to opioid exposure;
- Prevent opioid addiction from gaining further ground in tribal communities.



What are the problems we need to solve?

There is limited access to care for substance use disorders within the Cherokee Nation Reservation. Without an inpatient facility, we must “outsource” the most sensitive levels of care for our citizens.

When that happens, we lose the opportunity to incorporate our cultural healing practices into our system of care. Research supports the development of treatment centers that promote healing and recovery in settings that mirror the community’s values and culture.



Core Component 1: Medical & Social Services Under One Roof

- Each patient offered an individualized treatment plan designed to address their unique medical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs

Core Component 2: Tailored Medical-Assisted Treatment

- Patients receive MAT tailored to their unique needs and will be required to participate in intensive behavioral health and substance use disorder counseling, including cultural activities

Core Component 3: Ensuring Medications Heal Rather Than Harm

- Patients will learn to be accountable with their medications in the MAT program. As they heal, they progress in the program. If they are unable to progress in an outpatient setting, they will be referred to in-patient to help their recovery



Core Component 4: Integrated Services and a Teams-Based Approach

- A multidisciplinary team approach will be at the heart of treatment. Each patient receives care from nursing staff, medical provider, substance use disorder professional, mental health professional and care management.
- Patients will regularly meet with each one of their treatment providers. The treatment team will meet once per day to discuss new enrollees and problem solve challenges and devise solutions to patient's treatment issues, share successes, and provide each other support.

Core Component 5: Removing Barriers to Care

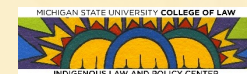
- Care management will be provided as well as other supports such as housing, childcare, transportation, etc.
- Efforts to eliminate stigma

Core Component 6: Taking a Harm Reduction Approach

- Stopping drug use is not possible for most people with a SUD/ODU. Therefore, requiring abstinence in order to receive services is harmful to the health and recovery for people with SUD/ODU
- Harm reduction strategies will be used to help patients in their recovery

Core Component 7: Redirecting Individuals from the Criminal Justice System into Treatment

- Offering treatment as an alternative option prevents many of our community members from being placed in facilities where they may not receive adequate treatment.





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Cherokee Nation Recovery-Oriented System of Care

Prevention & Early Intervention Services Level 0

Prevention and Early intervention services including education and harm reduction services for individuals with more serious substance misuse, intervention in these settings can serve as a mechanism to engage them into treatment.

Locations: Clinics & NEW CENTER



Outpatient Services Level 1

A professionally delivered treatment modality providing daily to weekly attendance at facility, typically requiring 9 hrs of service/week for adults and 6 hrs for adolescents, allowing patient to return home or to other living arrangements during non-clinical hours.

Locations: Clinics & NEW CENTER



Intensive Outpatient & Partial Hospitalization Level 2

A professionally delivered treatment modality providing daily to weekly attendance at facility, typically requiring 9 to 20 hrs or more of service/week, allowing patient to return home or to other living arrangements during non-clinical hours.

Locations: Clinics & NEW CENTER



Clinically Managed Low to High Intensity Residential Services Level 3

A professionally delivered treatment modality providing 24 hr living support and programmatic structure with available trained personnel, clinical and co-occurring disorder services, and stabilization for patients in imminent danger.

Locations: NEW CENTER



Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Services Level 4

A professionally delivered treatment modality providing 24 hr nursing care and medical staff with daily physician care and counseling available for patients suffering from severe instability and imminent danger.

Locations: W.W. Hastings Hospital



What other options are there?

Prevention and Education

- School prevention programs
- Community drug disposal
- Peer recovery specialist

A “Peer recovery specialist” is a source of help from someone who’s been there. One peer recovery specialist can handle a substantial case load.



Many thanks!

