**Interview of Stakeholders at [County Jail]**

**INTERVIEW DETAILS**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *(MM/DD/YYYY)*

**Interviewer’s initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Participant ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study. This interview is completely voluntary, so please feel free to skip any question or stop the interview at any time. Please also feel free to ask questions at any time if anything is unclear. **Today, we will talk to you about medication for addiction treatment or “MAT”. By MAT, I mean treatment for opioid dependence that includes methadone, buprenorphine (Suboxone), or naltrexone (Vivitrol). We are interested in understanding what you think about MAT, the RIDOC MAT program, and a few other topics.** **The interview will last about an hour. Do you have any questions before we start?**

**ELIGIBILITY SCREENER**

1. **Are you currently employed by the [County Detention Center] or a sub-contracted organization?**
   * **Yes**
   * **No**
2. **Are you involved in the implementation, oversight, or provision of MAT (MEDICATION) at [County Jail]?**
   * **Yes**
   * **No**

**Does participant meet the eligibility criteria for this study?**

* + **Yes**
  + **No**

**Did participant sign consent?**

* + **Yes**
  + **No**

**INTERVIEW PROTOCOL**

**Domain 1: Organizational Characteristics**

**SCRIPT: To begin, I have a few questions about your organization.**

1. What are the priorities and goals of your organization?
2. Do you believe the goals of your organization are being met? Why or why not?
3. Are staff in your organization supportive of new and innovative programs and practices?

*Prompt:* Do staff support innovation and change? If so, how do staff share belief that innovations in treatment (such as MAT) are effective and valuable for treating opioid use disorder in jail or prison? Why or why not?

1. Are members of leadership in your organization supportive of new or innovative programs? Why or why not?

**Domain 2: Knowledge and Attitudes about MAT**

**SCRIPT: Next, I have a few questions about your thoughts and perspectives on MAT in general.**

1. Based on your knowledge, what is MAT?
2. Do you believe the priorities and goals of MAT programs in the communities are being met?
3. What are your feelings about MAT?

*Prompt*: What kind of impact do you think MAT has on people who use it? What kind of impact do you think MAT has on communities?

1. In your opinion, what are the beliefs and drawbacks of MAT according to the staff in your agency?

*Prompt*: Are the staff in your agency supportive/not supportive of MAT? What about the leadership?

1. What aids in the success of MAT?

*Prompt*: Do you feel as though MAT programs need to change? What changes would you suggest are in need of consideration? Has MAT improved/gotten worse over time? Do you think MAT will continue and develop (why/why not)?

1. What are barriers that impact the growth of MAT in the community?

*Prompt*: Are there any political barriers? Or issues with funding?

1. What have you heard from anyone who is currently or was enrolled in MAT about MAT in the communities?

*Prompt*: Did you learn something new in speaking with a program participant? If so, what did you learn? Did speaking with someone change your opinion about the MAT programs in communities? If so, how?

**Domain 3: Knowledge and Attitudes about the Current [County Jail] MAT Program**

**SCRIPT: For this next section, I’m going to ask you a few questions about the new MAT program that was started in [YEAR]. We are looking for your perspectives on it.**

1. Can you describe the current MAT program at the [County Jail]?
2. What are the priorities and goals of the current MAT program?

*Prompt:* Do you believe the priorities and goals of the MAT program are being met?

Have the priorities change since the program was started in [YEAR]? If yes, why and how have they changed?

1. What are your feelings about the current MAT program?

*Prompt:* Do you believe the program has a positive impact on patients? Why or why not?

Do you believe the program has a positive impact at the [County Jail]? Why or why not?

Do you believe the program has a positive impact on the community? Why or why not?

1. How do you think **patients in the [County Jail’s] MAT program** feel about the program?

Prompt: Do you think that patients are supportive of the program? Why do you think they are/are not supportive?

1. How do you think **other** **inmates** feel about the [County Jail’s] MAT program?

Prompt: Do you think that other inmates are supportive of the [County Jail’s] MAT program? Why do you think they are/are not supportive?

1. How do you think [County Jail’s] **nurses** feel about the [County Jail’s] MAT program?

Prompt: Do you think that RIDOC nurses are supportive of the [County Jail’s] MAT program? What about the leadership?

Why do you think they are/are not supportive?

1. How do you think **correctional officers** feel about the [County Jail’s] MAT program?

Prompt: Do you think that correctional officers are supportive of the [County Jail’s] MAT program? What about the leadership?

Why do you think they are/are not supportive?

1. How do you think **other** [County Jail] **staff** feel about the [County Jail’s] MAT program?

Prompt: Do you think that other [County Jail] staff are supportive of the [County Jail’s] MAT program? What about the leadership?

Why do you think they are/are not supportive?

1. How do you think [**healthcare provider] staff** feel about the [County Jail’s] MAT program?

*Prompt*: Do you think that [healthcare provider] staff are supportive of the [County Jail’s] MAT program? What about the leadership?

Why do you think they are/are not supportive?

1. How can the [County Jail] MAT program be most successful?

*Prompt*: Do you feel as though the program needs a change? What changes would you suggest? Has the program improved or gotten worse over time? Do you think the program will continue and develop (why/why not)?

1. What barriers within the [County Jail] could impact the growth or continuation of the program?

*Prompt*: Are there any political barriers? Or issues with funding?

1. What barriers outside of the [County Jail] that could impact the growth or continuation of the program?

*Prompt*: Are there any political barriers? Or issues with funding?

1. What have you heard from patients in the [County Jail] MAT program about the program?

*Prompt*: Did you learn something new in speaking with a program participant? If so, what did you learn?

Did speaking with someone change your opinion about the [County Jail] MAT program? If so, how?

1. Have you or anyone close to you been impacted by the **opioid epidemic**? If so, how? Has this experience informed your opinion about MAT? If so, how?
2. Have you or anyone close to you been impacted by **overdose**? If so, how? Has this experience informed your opinion about MAT? If so, how?

**SCRIPT**: Again, thank you for your time today. Before wrapping up this interview, do you have any other thoughts on the MAT program you’d like to share?

*Prompt*: Do you have any additional thoughts on ways the program can improve?

**SCRIPT:** To end, I have a few background questions.

**1. What is your age?** *[PPTAGE]*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [minimum value = 18]

**2. What is your gender?***[GEN]*

Male

Female

Nonbinary

Transgender

Something else: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [OTH]

Don’t know/Refused

**3. Are you of Hispanic or Latino decent?***[ETHNIC]*

Yes

No

Don’t know/Refused

**4. How would you describe your racial background?** *(Check only one). [RACE]*

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black, African, or African-American

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

White

Mixed, bi-racial, or multi-racial

Something else: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[OTH]*

Don’t know/Refused

**5. What is the highest level of education that you have received?** *(Check only one).* *[EDUC]*

Elementary or grade school

Some high school

Finished high school or GED

Some college

Trade or technical school

College or university degree

Don’t know/Refused

**6. How many years have you been with your current employer?** *\_\_\_\_* *[EXP]*

**7. Which of the following best describe your position and role?**

Nurse

Physician

Correctional officer

Administrator

Counselor

Staff

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_