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**To:** Members of the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response

**From:** Sergeant Marie Gainer, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office  
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

**Date:** December 4, 2023

**Re:** Testimony regarding the Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) program at the Lincoln County Jail

**Co-Chairs Lieber and Kropf, and members of the committee,**

For the record, my name is Marie Gainer, I serve as a Corrections Sergeant at the Lincoln County Jail and I oversee our Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. I am here today on behalf of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony today.

Medication-assisted treatment is the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

We partner (contract) with New Life Wellness to provide our patients with counseling, behavioral therapies, and as a prescriber while they are in jail and out of jail.

Patients are identified by their medical condition upon intake (detox status), self-reported drug use as well as by request. We utilize drug testing upon intake when medically indicated. When a patient requests MOUD or is identified as a good candidate for MOUD, we schedule an appointment with our provider. The provider, Randall Kelly PAC, DMSc, meets with patients virtually on an iPad in booking or a jail housing unit.

If the patient is accepted into the program, Randall orders labs to be completed. Our nurses in the jail draw the labs and take them to the local hospital for processing. The results are sent to Randall for review. Then Randall will prescribe a week of Suboxone (films) followed by the once-a-month injection Sublocade. We test for medication compliance using a buprenorphine test prior to injection.

The cost associated with this process would be the two-drug test, lab tests, Suboxone, Sublocade and virtual visits.

New Life Wellness utilizes an OHP charging schedule which keeps the costs very reasonable.

We have signed up for MMCAP Infuse with the assistance of the medication vendor Indivior to receive a discounted price on Sublocade through a medical vendor called Henry Schein. This provides us with an approximately \$300 discount on each Sublocade injection.

New medications are being used and may be utilized in the future such as Brixadi which may be a cost savings as a replacement to Sublocade.

Sublocade \$1574 - \$1886 per month

Drug Testing \$6.20 and \$1.25

Suboxone 8-2mg \$23.73

Lab Testing between \$627 - \$1000

Patient Coordination Staff Hours: 8 hours per week

Patient Medical Care Staff Hours: 2 hours per week

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions.