Integrated Approach

Indigenous Centered Praxis

• Integrate tribe’s language into signs and resources in the facility, and train staff on the basics of local language.

• Incorporate pictures of the traditional tribal lands in the facility to connect patients and staff to the history of the site.

• Incorporate tribal elders or other valued community members into the facility, such as in the lobby to greet patients, in order to ensure comfort for anyone entering the facility.

• Include spirituality, holistic healing, and community and family traditional practices alongside MAT and other Western medicine approaches.

Relationships

• Create a “clinical team” for each patient - a team that consists of all of the staff and providers that are supporting the patient. Ensure this team meets regularly (ex. two times a week) to coordinate and support the patient’s recovery plan.

• Establish a partnership with another SUD treatment center to provide care to each other’s patients in the event of an emergency.

• Educate community members on the Integrated health care approach, and foster relationships with community groups to increase acceptance of this effort in the community.

Capacity Development

• Provide all services in one facility building. Eliminate referrals to other locations.

• Ensure services provide both the clinical support - psychiatrists, therapists, social workers, and SUD counselors - and the social support - support with insurance, housing, food, and community building.

• Bring together people with diverse community perspectives or training (ex. medical staff, mental health staff, and prosecutors) into a task force that collaborates on their approach to provide seamless integrated care to patients.

• Incorporate all programs into the same EHR system to provide a centralized data system to review patient and facility-wide progress.

• Provide extensive and consistent training, and provide these training to all staff, even if the training subject is not directly related to their role.

• Coordinate or provide transportation to and from the facility, and child care while the patient is at the facility.