

Implementing Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Orange County Jail

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

I, Chun Chiang, have nothing to disclose, and I will not be discussing “off label” use of drugs or devices in this presentation.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

After attending this presentation, participants will be able to:

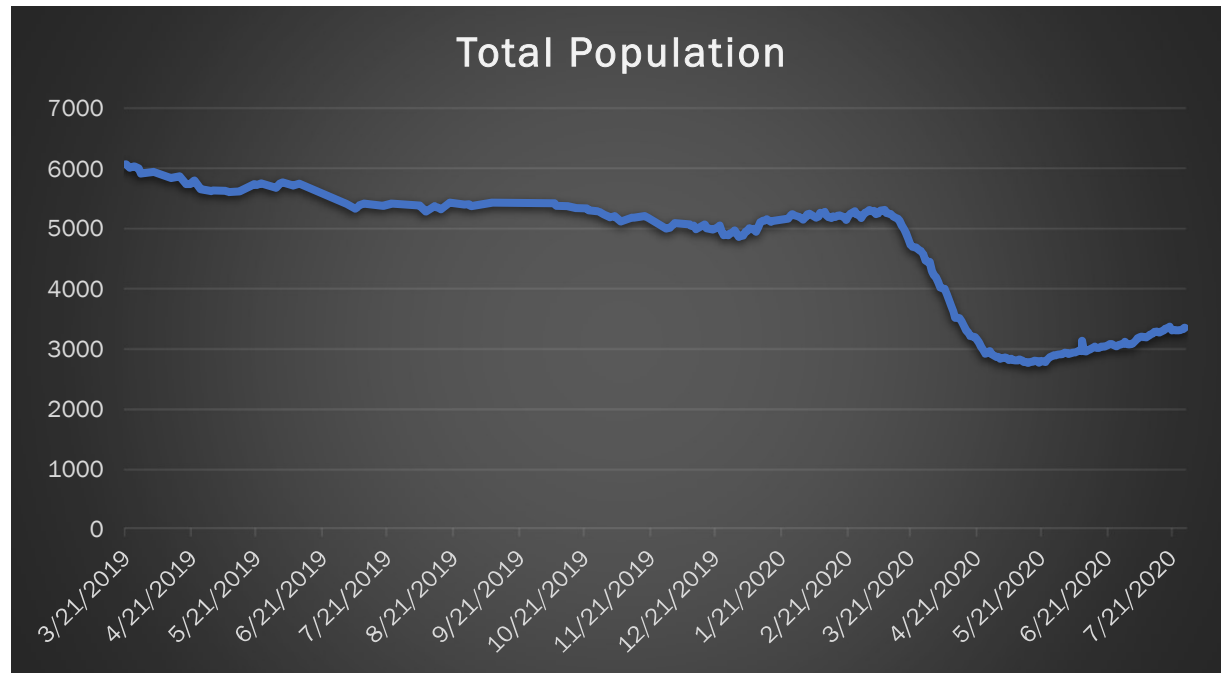
1. Discuss the implementation of a medication first approach to the treatment of opioid use disorder in the Orange County Correctional Health system
2. Describe the barriers and facilitators to system-wide adoption of a medication first approach to medications for opioid use disorder
3. Explain the outcomes of offering medications for opioid use disorder in the OC correctional health setting

Orange County Jail

- Five total jail facilities
 - *~5600 Avg Daily Population in 2019*
 - *~150 Daily booking*
 - *9th Largest Jail in the US*

Orange County Jail

Jail population over time



Orange County Jail

History on MAT

- Encouraged all physicians to become waived ~2015
- Began inducing pregnant women on Buprenorphine ~2016
- Encouraged all NP's to become waived in late 2016

Orange County Jail Approach

- Mid 2019 decision to use low-threshold approach with these assumptions:
 1. *High-threshold incentivizes diversion due to high “street value”*
 2. *High-threshold leads to more behavioral issues for providers to manage. Eg. manipulation*
- Began re-designing existing opioid withdrawal protocol with these objectives:
 1. *Induce Buprenorphine during initial withdrawal period*
 2. *If appropriate Bup is continued, otherwise tapered*

Orange County Jail Approach

Mid 2019 (continued)

- Maintained patients verified on Methadone or Buprenorphine
- MTD maintenance through County contract with OTP

Orange County Jail Challenges

- Prescribers
- Nursing
- Deputies

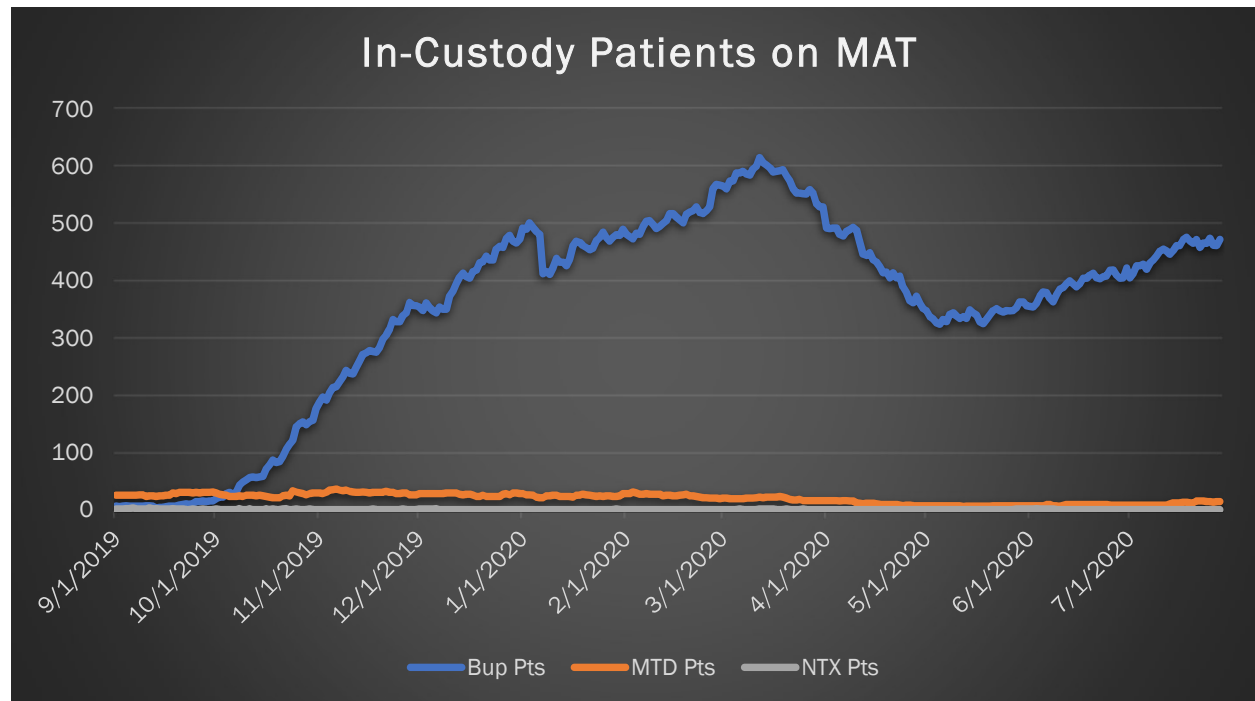
Orange County Jail Challenges

Reasons for opposing:

- Not trained – Prescribers, Nursing, MH clinicians
- Pts have nowhere to go to continue Bup after release
- High professional liability eg. Risk of OD
- Pts abusing/getting high from this medication
- Not enough staff to handle the high volume of OUD patients
- CARA interpretation NP supervision

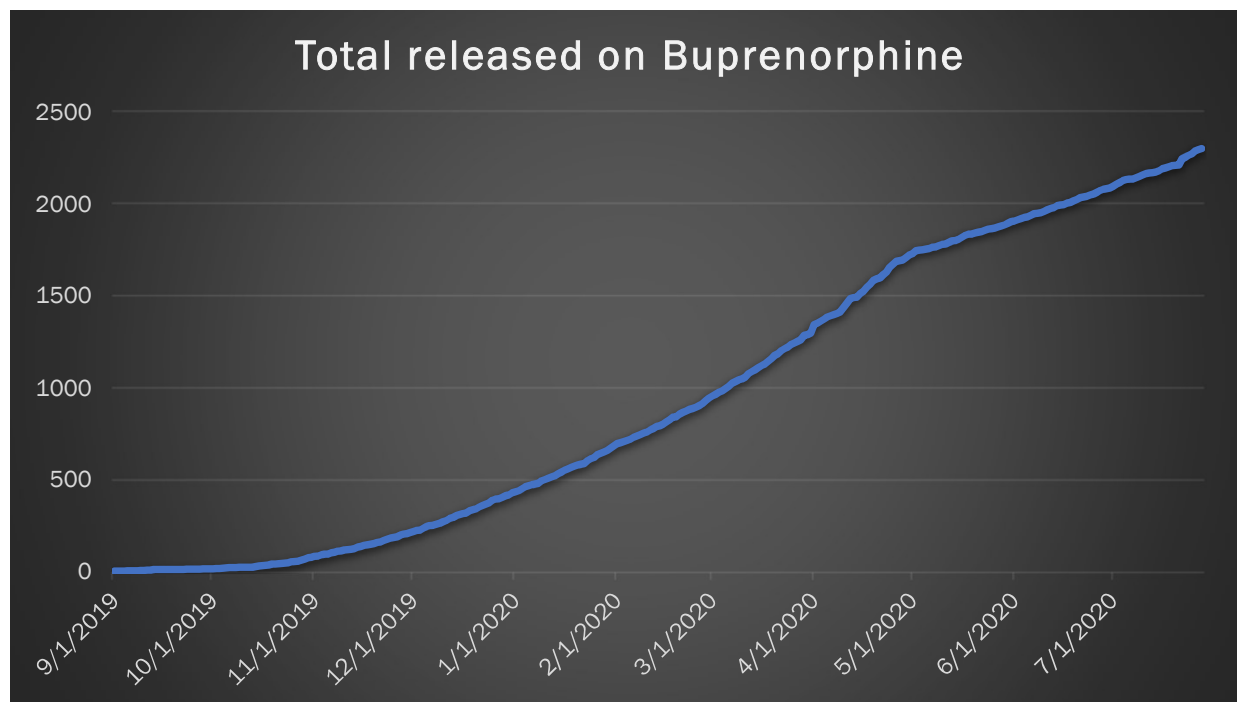
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Patients on MAT over time



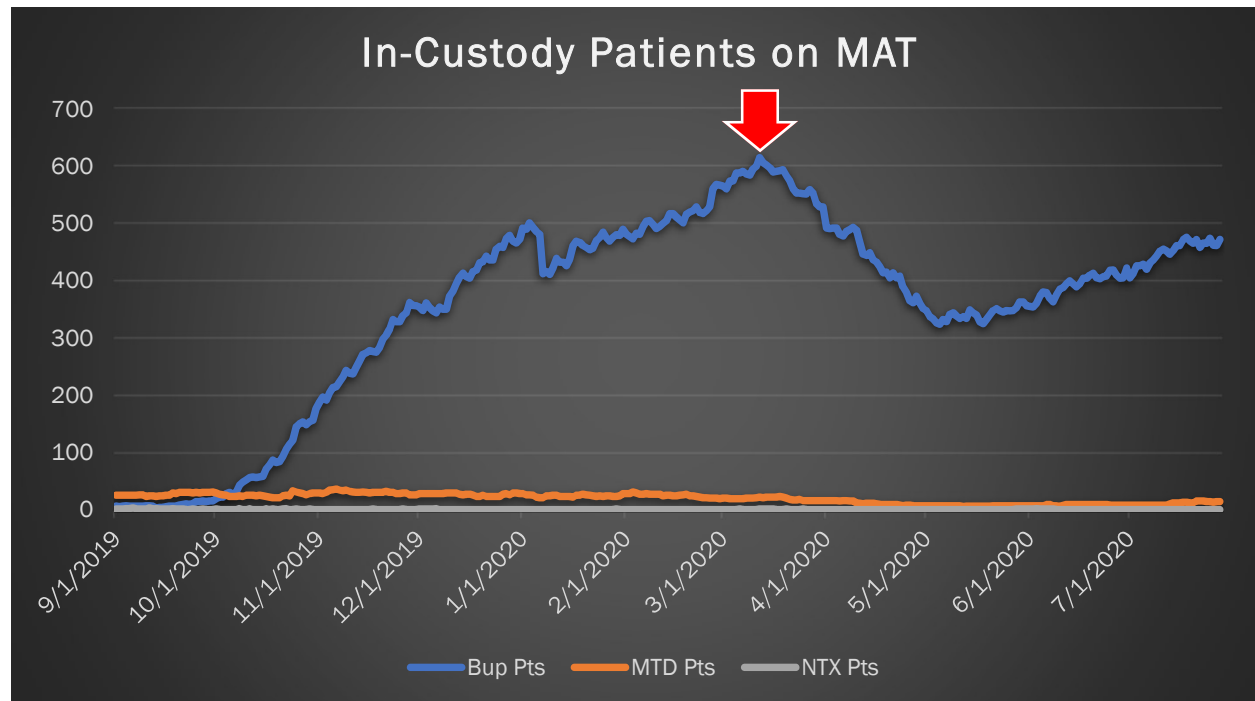
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Patients Released on MAT over time



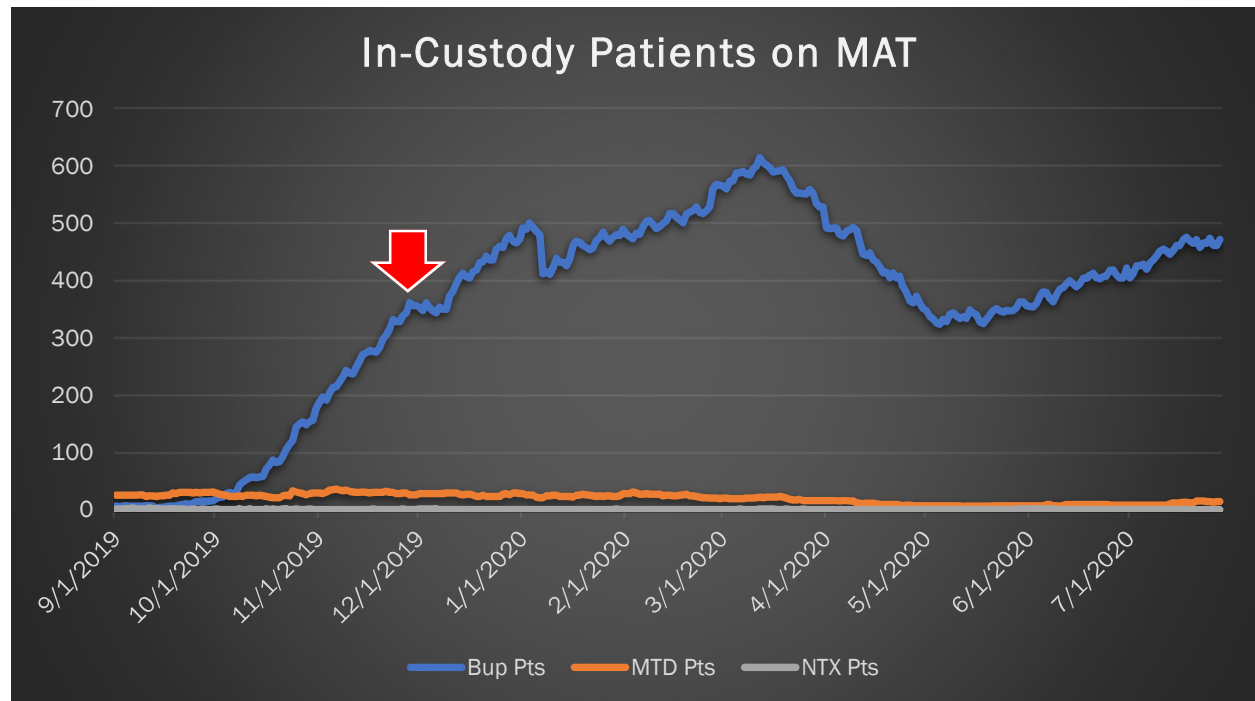
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Effect of COVID-19



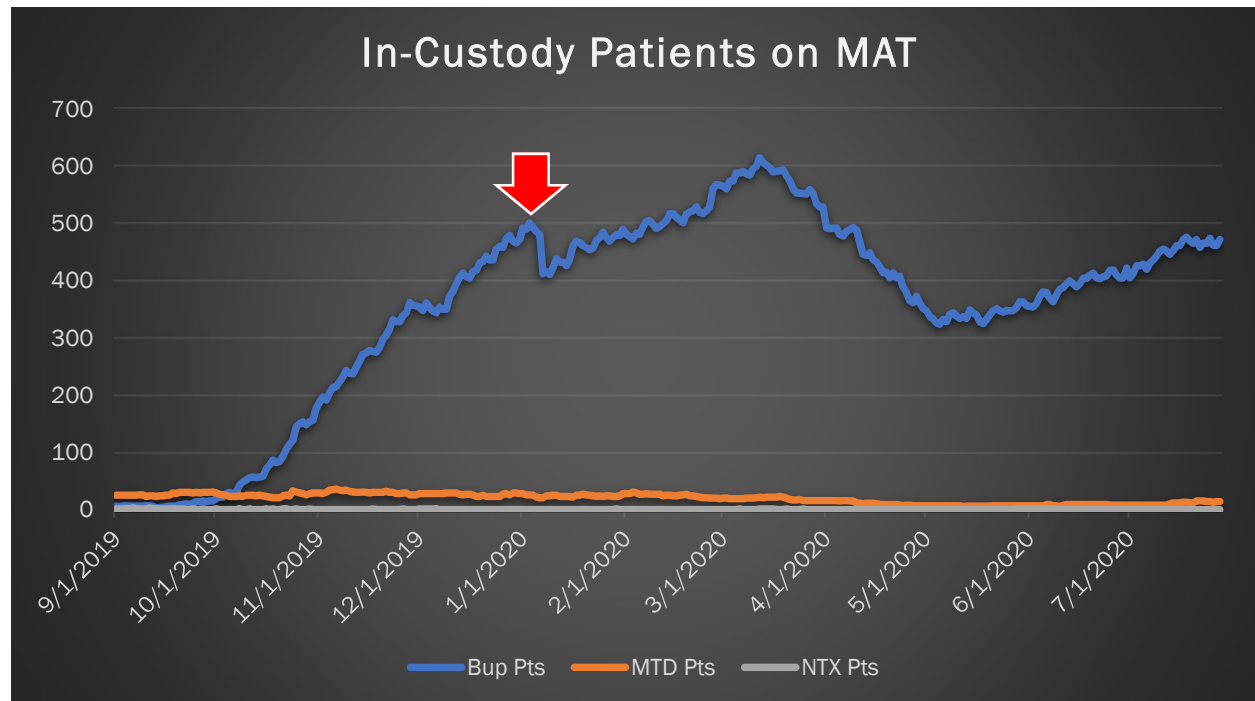
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Distributor Challenges:



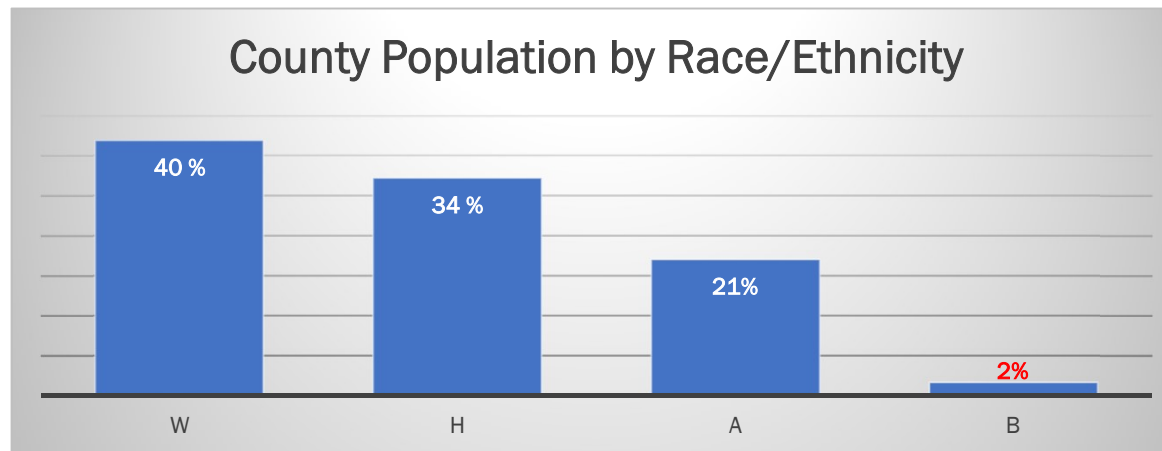
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Cartel Issues:



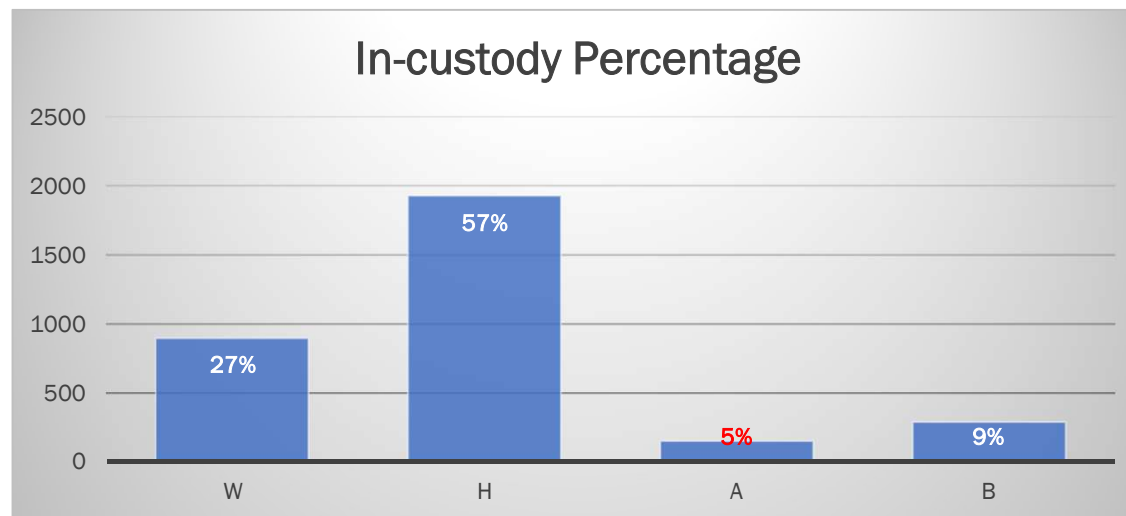
Orange County, California

- County population 3.18 million
 - 40.1% *White alone (not Hispanic)*
 - 34.2% *Hispanic*
 - 21.4% *Asian*
 - 2.1% *Black alone*



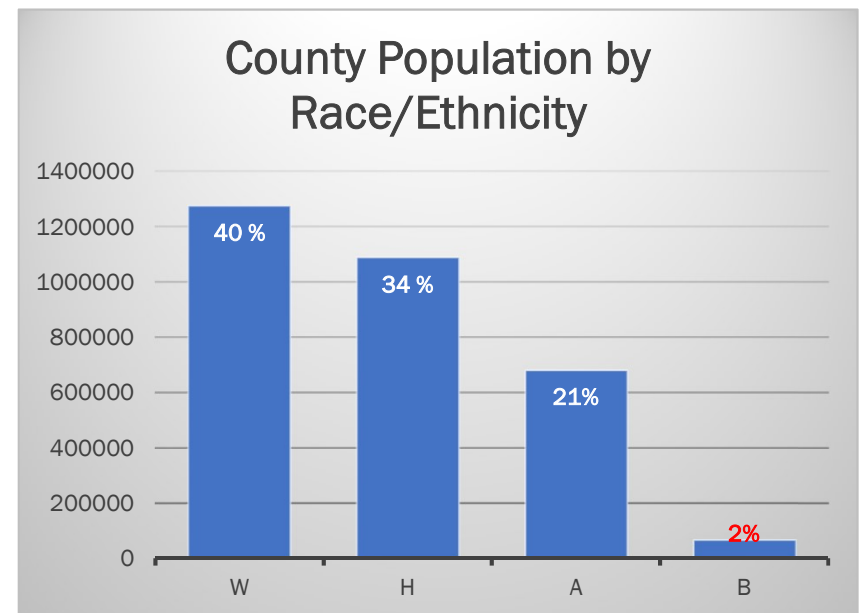
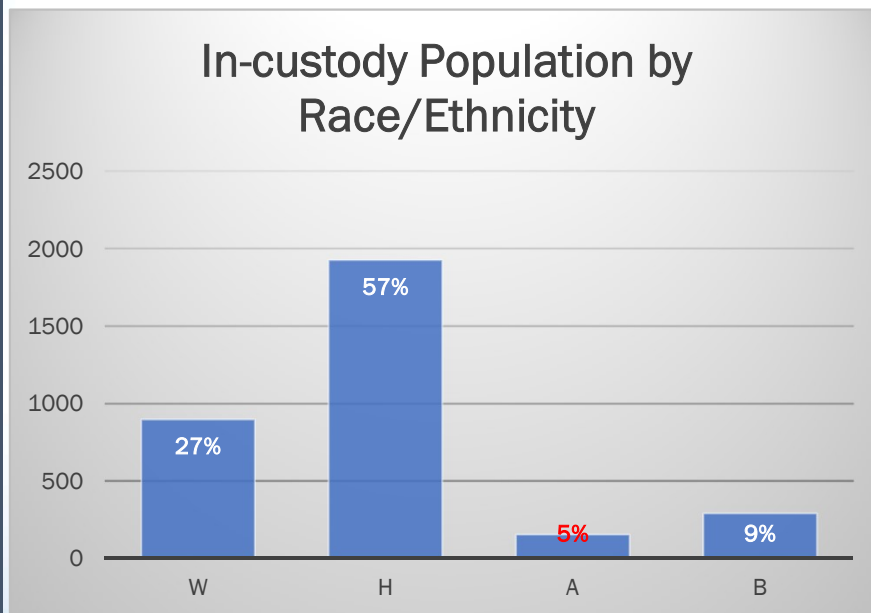
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- Jail population on 7/29/2020: 3355
 - 27% *White*
 - 57% *Hispanic*
 - 5% *Asian*
 - 9% *Black*



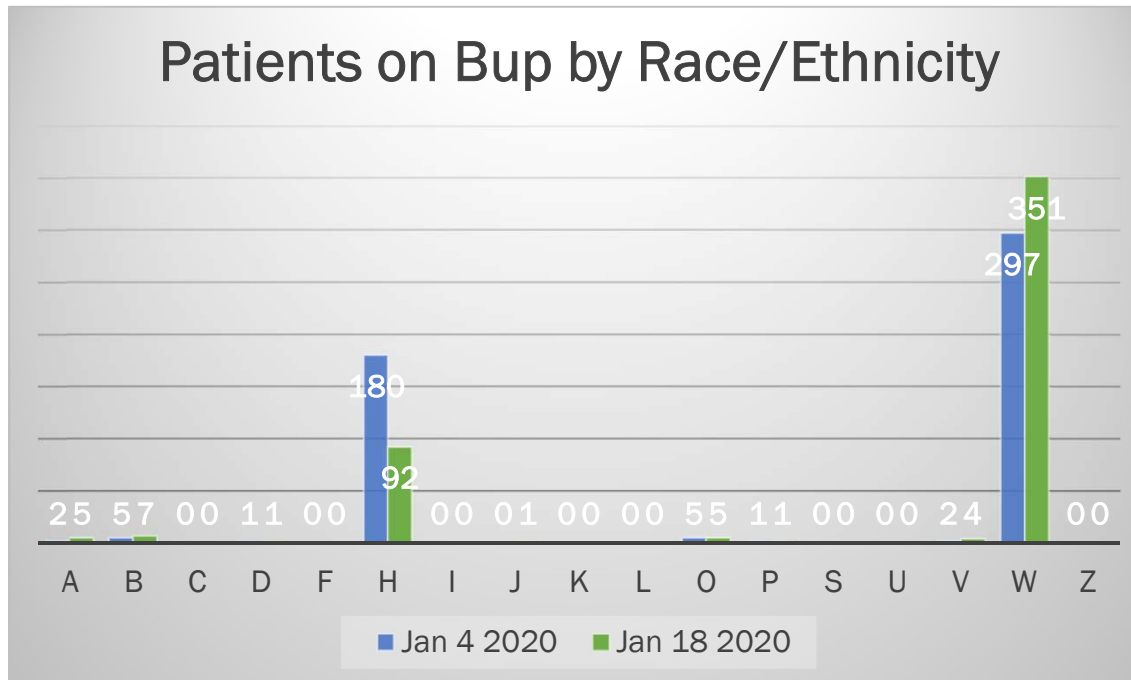
Orange County

Demographics side-by-side



Orange County Jail

Patients on Buprenorphine by Race



- A OTHER ASIAN
- B BLACK
- C CHINESE
- D CAMBODIAN
- F FILIPINO
- G GUAMANIAN
- H MEXICAN-LATIN AMERICAN
- I AMERICAN INDIAN
- J JAPANESE
- K KOREAN
- L LAOTIAN
- O OTHER
- P PACIFIC ISLANDER
- S SAMOAN
- U HAWAIIAN
- V VIETNAMESE
- W WHITE
- X UNKNOWN
- Z ASIAN INDIAN

Small Measures of Success

Reduced demand for drugs

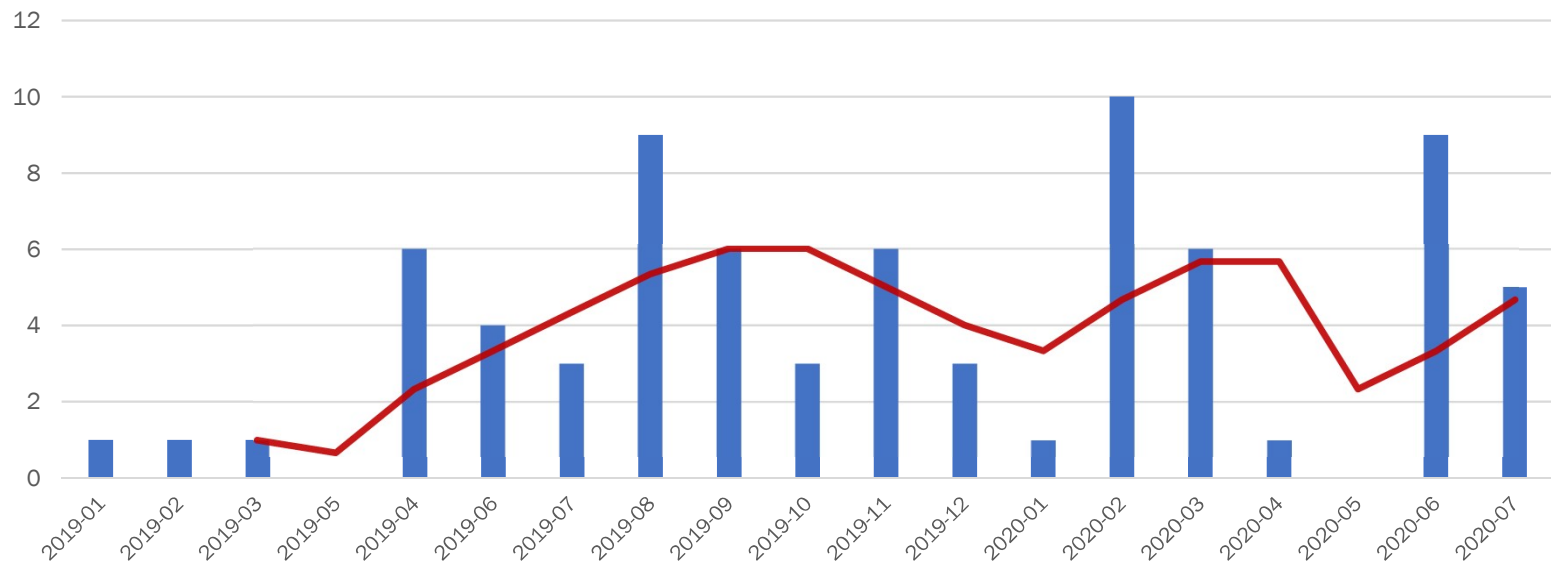
Erosion of cartel profits

Reversal of upward trend in ED send out

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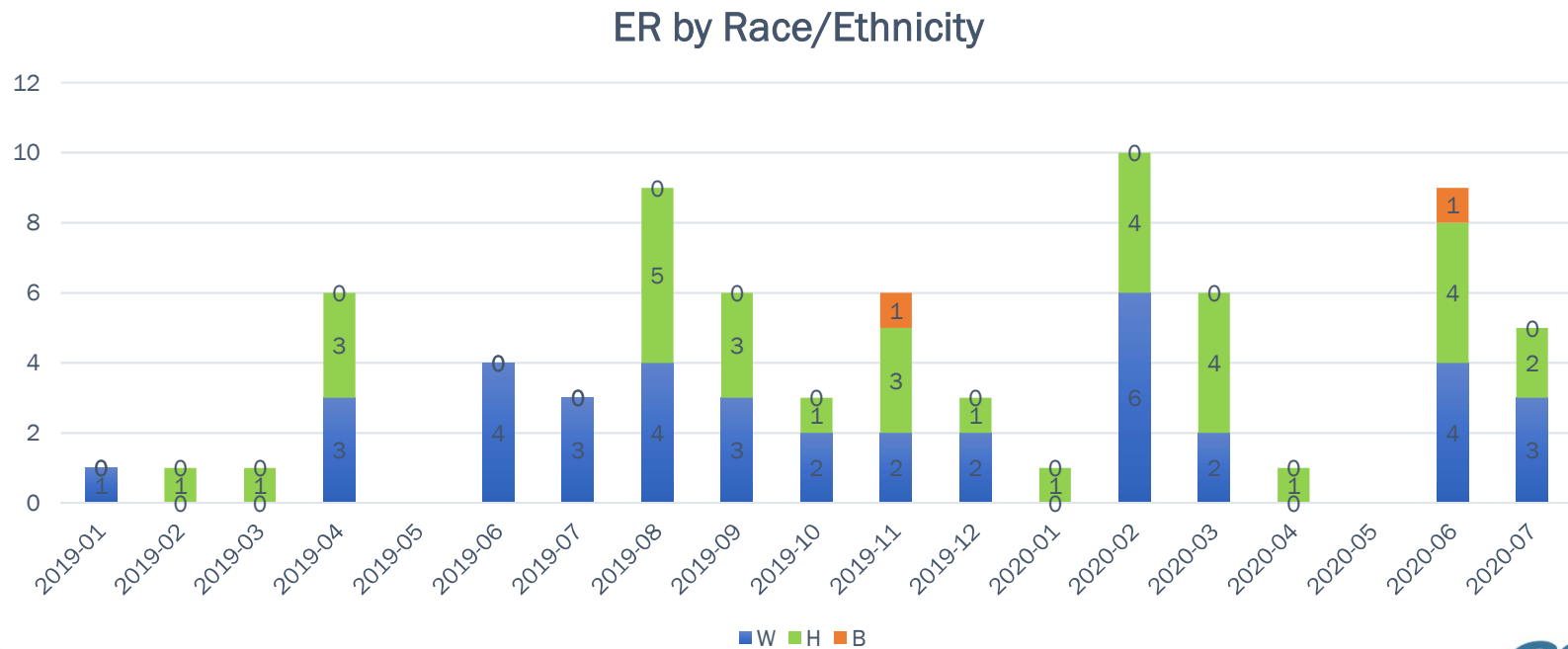
Reversal of upward trend in ED send out

of ER send outs for OD



Small Measures of Success

Reversal of upward trend in ED send out



SUMMARY/TAKEAWAYS

- Address staff concerns early
- Have a plan for large scale Controlled Substance distribution and sign-out procedure
- Work with pharmaceutical supplier in advance to plan for sharply increased usage
- Don't wait for a "Comprehensive Program" to get developed before starting. It will never happen!

SUMMARY/TAKEAWAYS

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ASAM <http://www.asam.org/advocacy/toolkits/treatment-in-correctional-settings>

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