

Governor's OR Seminar Series #2: Provider Stigma

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The questions below were asked by audience members during the Seminar and answered by presenters Denise Bouchard, DNP and Silas Walsh, LMSW-CC, CADC. They do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of the Governor's Office or the Department of Health and Human Services.

Will the powerpoint be available after the Seminar?

Yes, the seminar recording, power point, and accompanying documents will be posted on the Governor's 2020 Opioid Response Summit webpage:

<http://www.cvent.com/events/governor-mills-2nd-annual-opioid-response-summit-me-801-880-/event-summary-de9351d6359a4a5d9b7ef298230d14cf.aspx?fqp=true>

Is it also possible to access the power point that was referenced about addiction and the brain?

Addiction Neuroscience 101 with Dr. Corey Waller: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwZcPwLRRcc>

In the future, can we include someone in recovery on the panel?

Yes, this is key

How do we help clients to not refer to themselves as "addicts?"

Clients may refer to themselves however they wish. It is within our power however to share that we see them as people first (i.e. by using person-first language: person with addiction in lieu of addict or alcoholic).

What would happen if we did this workshop process for medical students and NP/PA students?

This would be ideal because today's students are the future of healthcare.

UNE COM has a PCSS-U grant designed to educate early trainees on these issues (and get waived). One of the learners major questions is how to respond to attendings who use stigmatizing language. What do you advise?

Perhaps share emerging literature in the field such as: Ashford, R. D., Brown, A. M., McDaniel, J., & Curtis, B. (2019). Biased labels: An experimental study of language and stigma among individuals in recovery and health professionals. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 54(8), 1376–1384.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2019.1581221>

What do you think of state legislation requiring all people who prescribe opiates to obtain an X waiver (not to necessarily prescribe buprenorphine but to have the education and ability to prescribe)?

The presenters did not feel comfortable answering this question as they did not fully understand what the audience member was asking.