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## **YADAC Announcement Warm Hand-Off**

YADAC would like to remind providers about the importance and necessity of the Warm-Hand Off program in York and Adams counties. As a reminder, YADAC has partnered with the RASE Project to ensure expedient and appropriate care for overdose survivors by providing a smooth transition from emergency intervention to substance abuse treatment. Warm-Hand Off staff will also maintain continuous engagement and support until such substance abuse treatment can be accessed. RASE shall provide respective Warm Hand-Off services in accordance with YADAC policy, T-14, "Overdose Requirement."

YADAC is pleased to announce that the SCA Warm Hand-Off Project was launched December 12, 2016. Currently the project is being piloted at York Hospital for Narcan revivals only. Services shall be expanded to all overdose survivors in the near future along with full roll out to remaining York/Adams hospitals. RASE staff shall work toward securing appropriate treatment (including detox) and shall continue to engage individuals until appropriate treatment is secured.

Provider partnership is vital to ensure success of the Warm Hand-Off project. As such, YADAC would like to remind providers of the following in an effort to mitigate barriers to this invaluable project:

1. RASE Warm Hand-Off referrals and bed coordination may take place after normal business hours. Further, RASE may have availability to offer immediate transportation if a bed is available in order to ensure seamless entry to treatment from the emergency department. Even so, YADAC has found that providers may deny admission to treatment until next day business hours. While recognizing that providers have internal protocol regarding admissions, providers are encouraged to review their after hour protocol for detox admission as forcing a client to return home to wait until next day business hours may place the client at greater risk for a subsequent overdose.
2. Funding shall never be a barrier. On several occasions that have been brought to YADAC's attention, providers denied York/Adams clients admission due to funding. As a reminder, no limitations or restrictions exist regarding YADAC treatment funding. Further, no prior approval is required for detox insurance exceptions. In the event a client has insurance funding that poses a barrier to treatment access for any level of care other than detox, YADAC may make exceptions on individual circumstances.

We are grateful for your partnership in ensuring the success of our Warm Hand-Off program. Please share this pertinent information with all appropriate staff.