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Opiate Use Disorder (OUD)
Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
Opiate Treatment Program (OTP)

Objectives

- Introduce Opiate Use Disorder (OUD)
- Effects of OUD nationally and in Utah
- MAT in the carceral setting
- Benefits of Opiate Treatment Program (OTP)
 - Disrupting the deadly cycle of addiction
 - Reducing recidivism
 - Improving our community



Opiate Use Disorder (OUD)

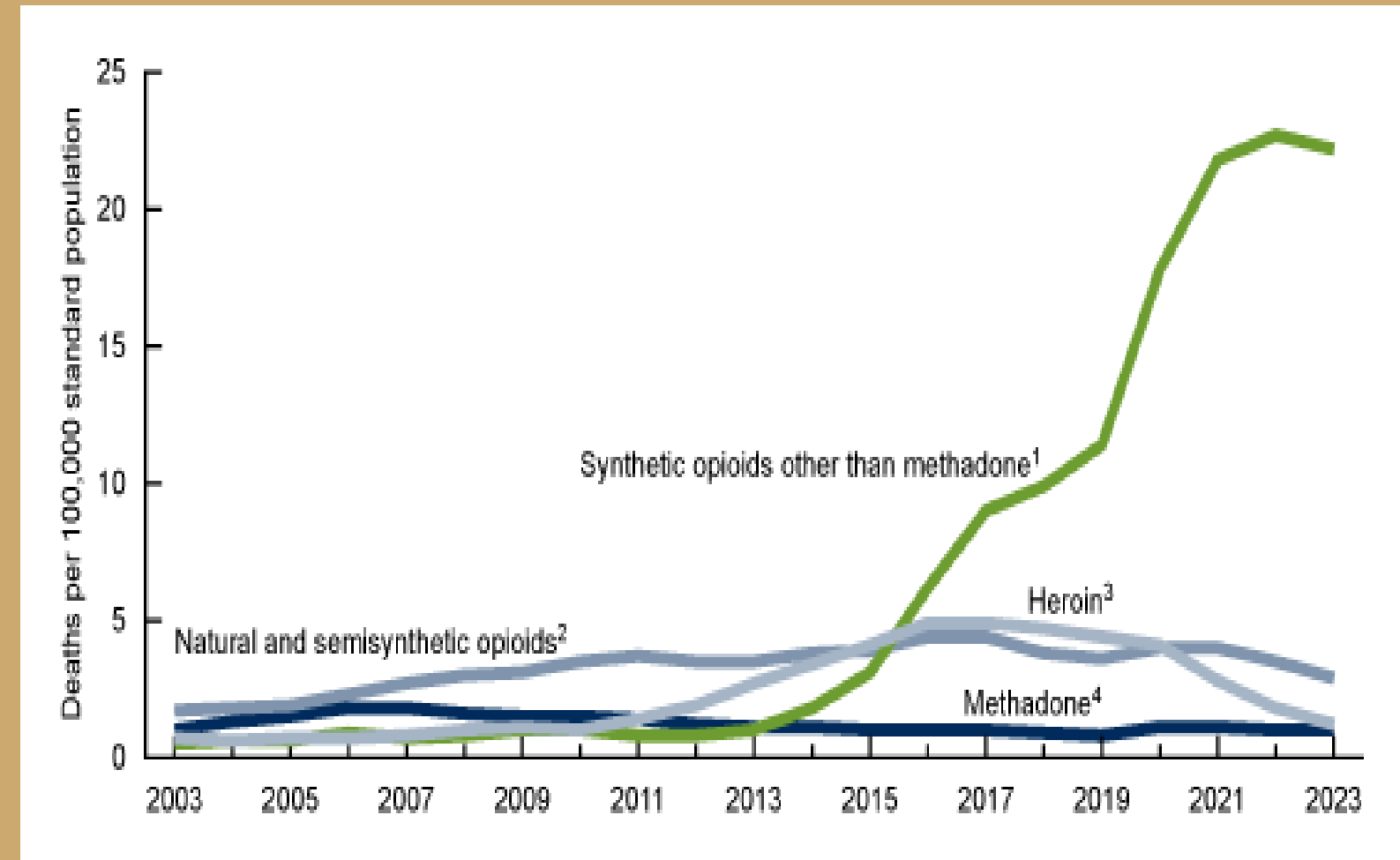
- Complex illness characterized by compulsive use of opioid drugs even when the person wants to stop.
- Illicit use or misuse of opiates negatively affect a person's physical and emotional well-being.
- Opiate dependency does not discriminate and can impact all ages, genders, and socioeconomic levels.



OOD Nationally

(2023) National drug overdose deaths involving opioids (Fentanyl and Heroin) in the United States 81,083, indicating a 17% decrease from 2022.

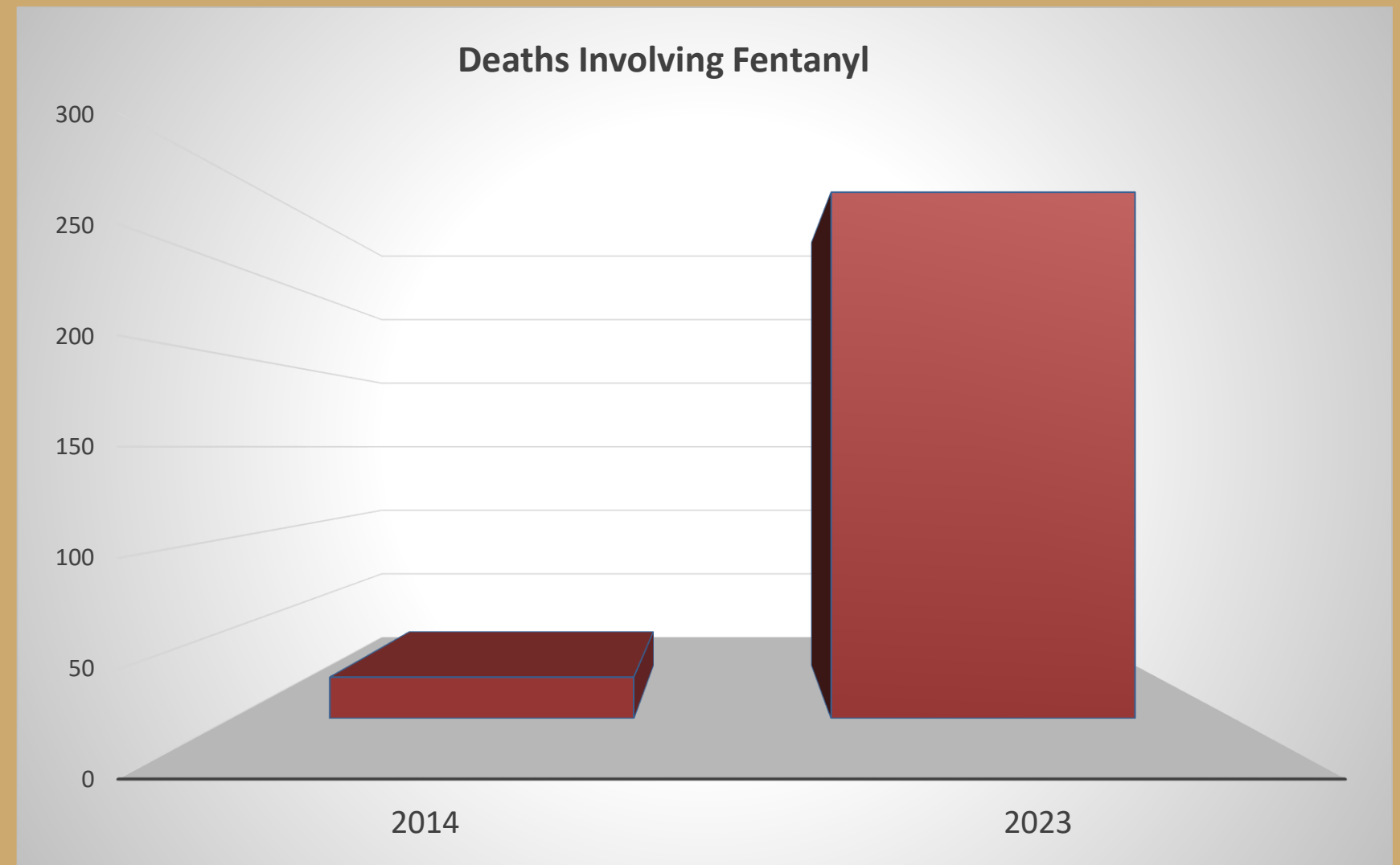
(CDC, 2024)



Opiate Use Disorder in Utah

- Utah experienced an 1,160.9% increase in Fentanyl related deaths from 2014 to 2023.
- In 2023 there were 290 deaths involving Fentanyl compared to 23 deaths in 2014.

(Utah DHHS, 2025)



Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the Carceral Setting

- The jail is controlled and safe environment, offering a unique opportunity to initiate treatment for opiate use disorder.
 - Reduce overdoses
 - Improve health outcomes
 - Reduce recidivism
 - Save lives



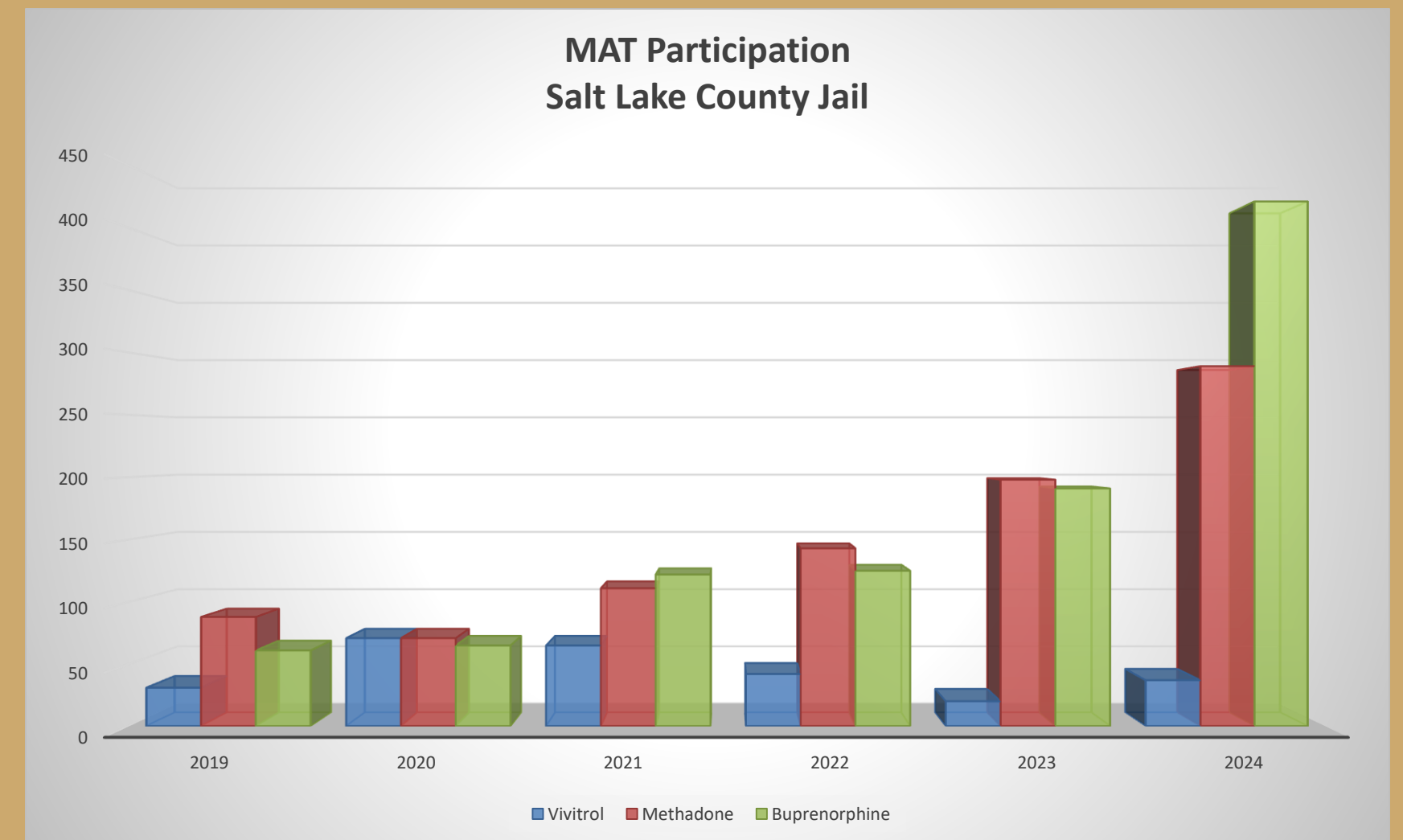
MAT - Salt Lake County Jail

- Established June 2019
- Community partnerships
- 1,767 individuals participated
- FDA approved meds (Buprenorphine, Methadone, Vivitrol)
- Behavioral therapy / Psychosocial support
- Warm hand-off to community partners upon release



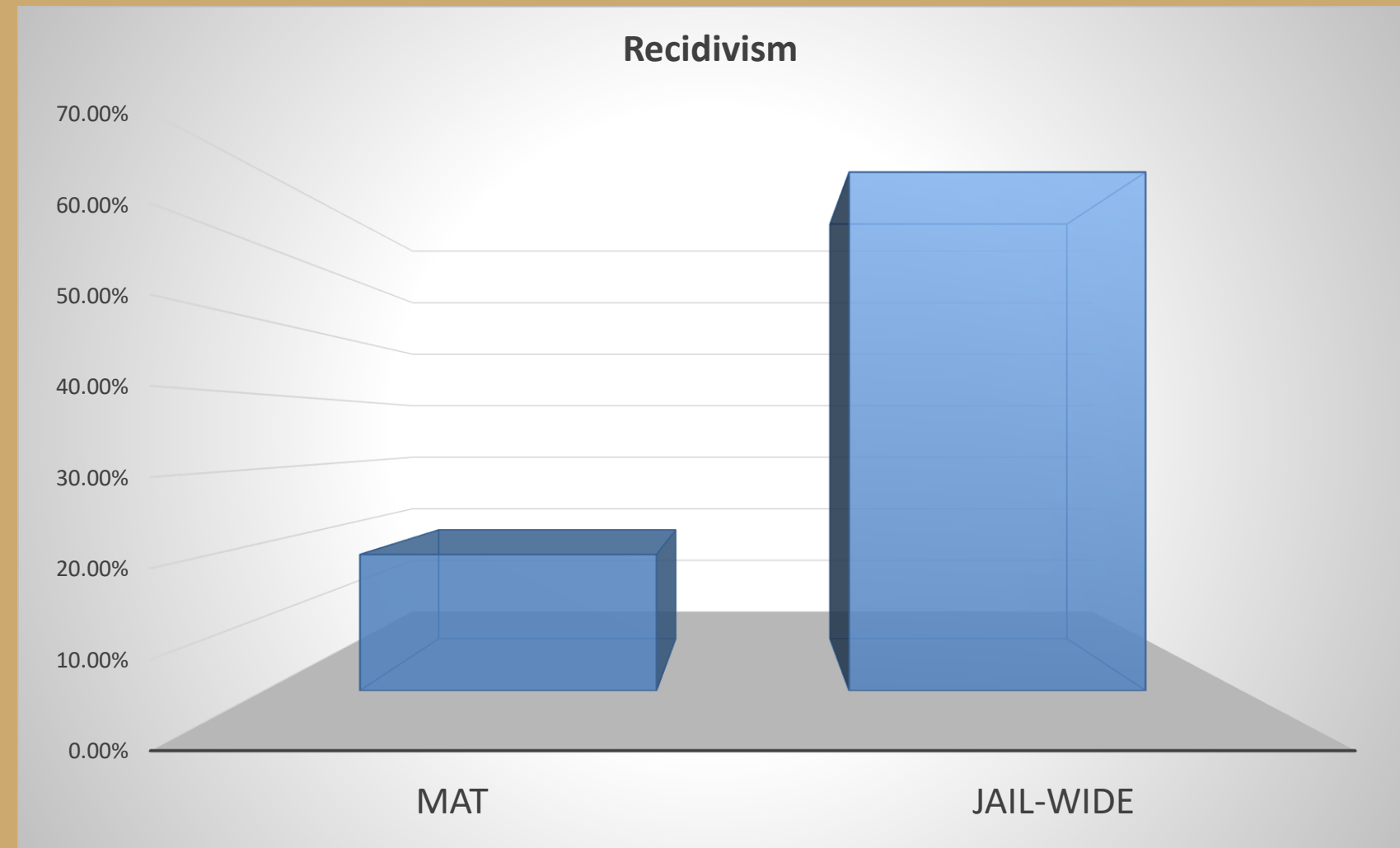
MAT Participation Salt Lake County

- 315 % increase in MAT participation since 2019
- Nearly 7-fold increase in Buprenorphine prescriptions
- Just beginning to explore the potential benefits of MAT program



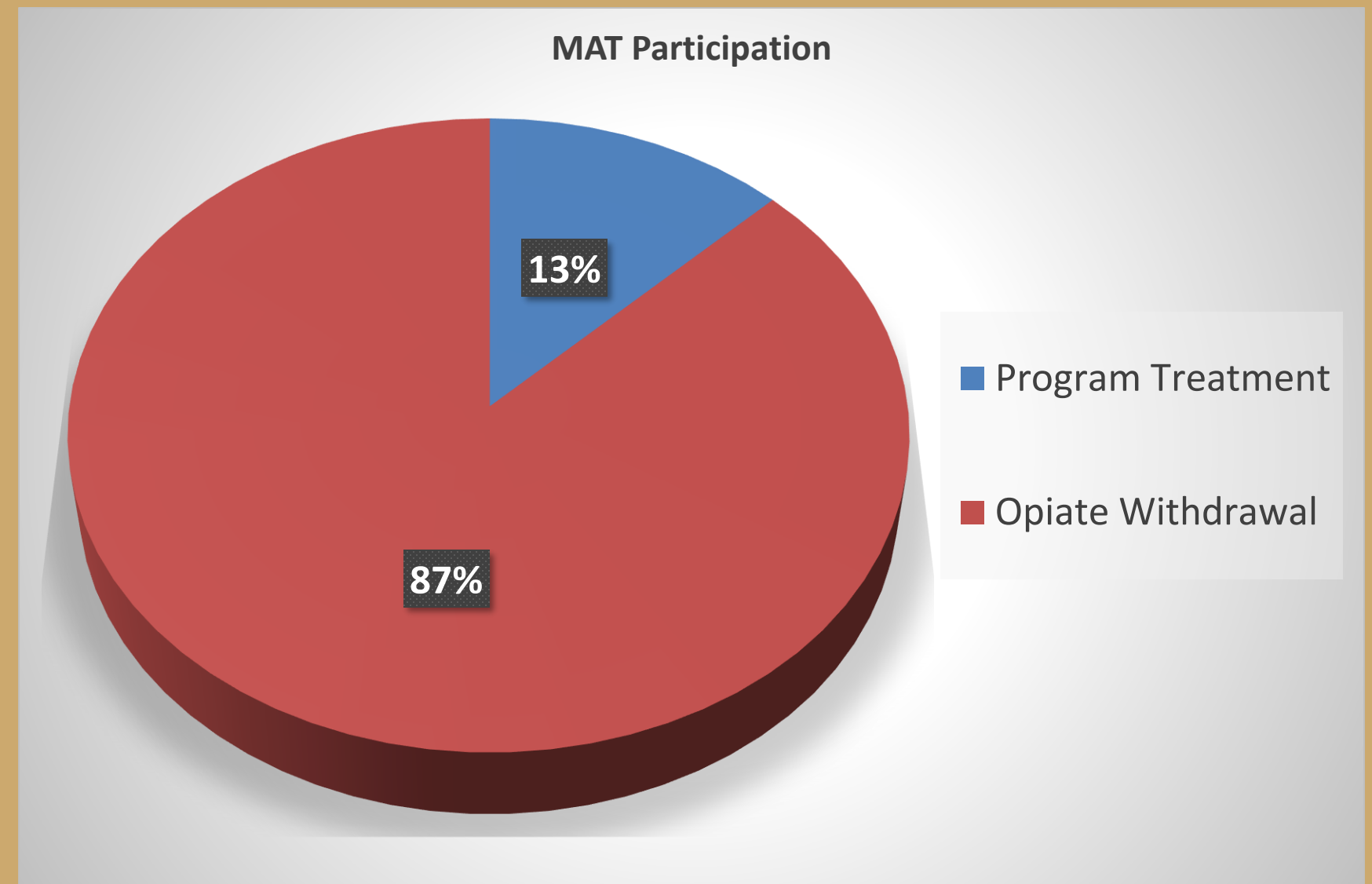
Recidivism Comparison

- Recidivism - Rate at which people reoffend after being released from jail
- Patients in the MAT program experienced a low 18.4% recidivism compared to the jail-wide 70%



Not Maximizing Full Potential

- Of the 1,327 patients evaluated for opiate withdrawal last quarter of 2024, only 193 were enrolled in MAT
- We are serving 13% of people that would otherwise benefit from MAT



Limitations of Salt Lake County Jail MAT Program

- Inability to initiate Methadone
 - Reliance on community partners for prescription and supply
- Limited Buprenorphine use
 - Funding limitations for long-term Buprenorphine use
- Infrastructure and funding for expansion



Opiate Treatment Program (OTP)

- Licensed, accredited, and certified opioid treatment program with integrated medical and behavioral health care clinics that provide MAT.
- Mirrors community-based treatment programs
- Patients in OTP receive medical, counseling, vocational, educational, and other assessment and treatment services.



Benefits of Opiate Treatment Program

- Disrupting the deadly cycle of addiction
- Reducing opioid related death
- Ability to provide treatment to more people
- Improving our community
 - Decreasing costly service utilization
 - Reducing recidivism
 - Healthy reintegration into communities and families
 - Positive contribution to society



Opiate Treatment Programs Work

- OTPs can continue community efforts for treatment.
- Offers the opportunity to initiate treatment for those not yet involved in an established program.
- OTPs are the best practice for treatment and for helping people transition back to their communities and can help people recover from substance use disorders.
- Carceral based treatment programs offer a unique opportunity to improve overall health benefits for individuals and communities.



Thank you



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