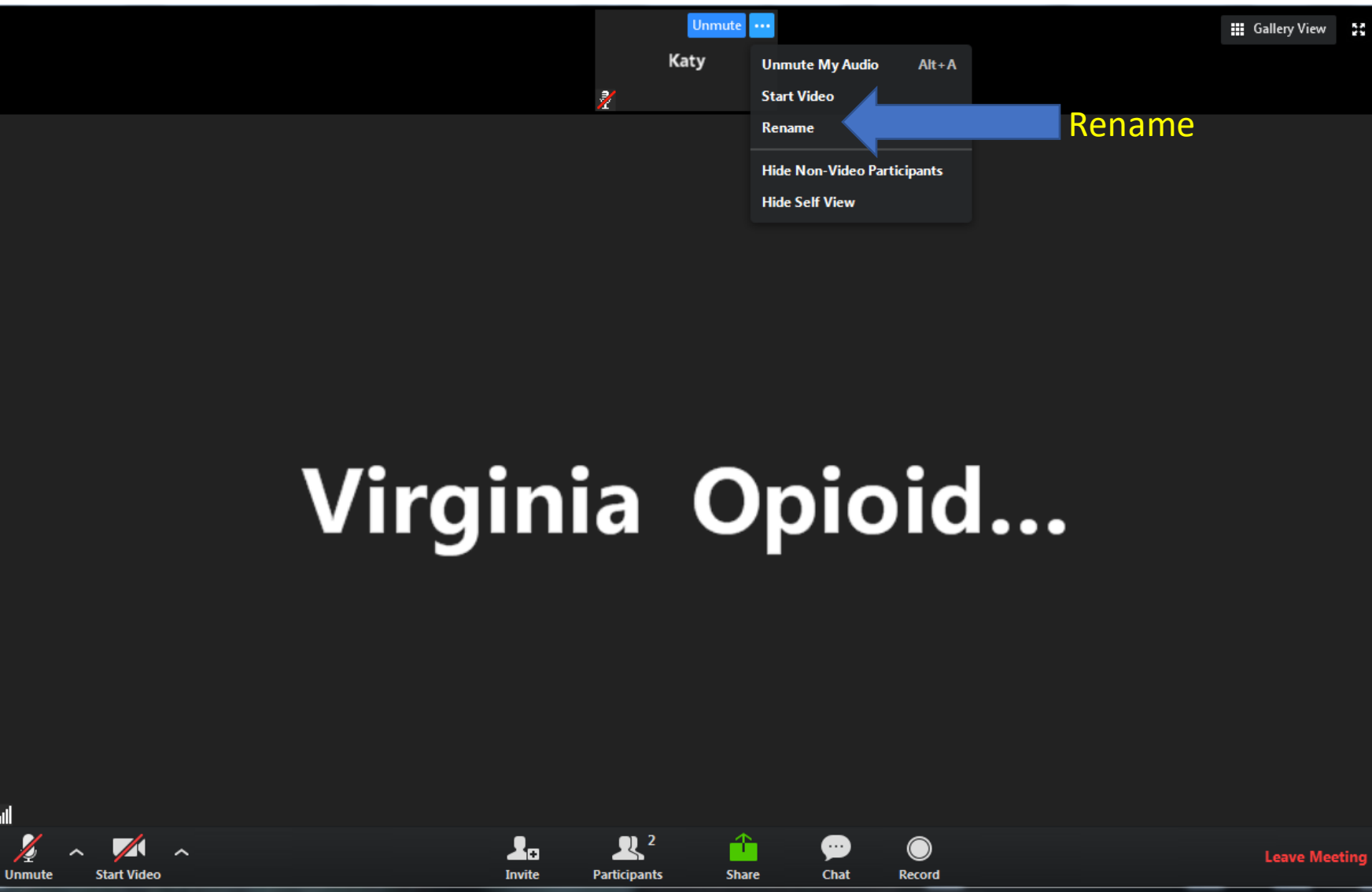


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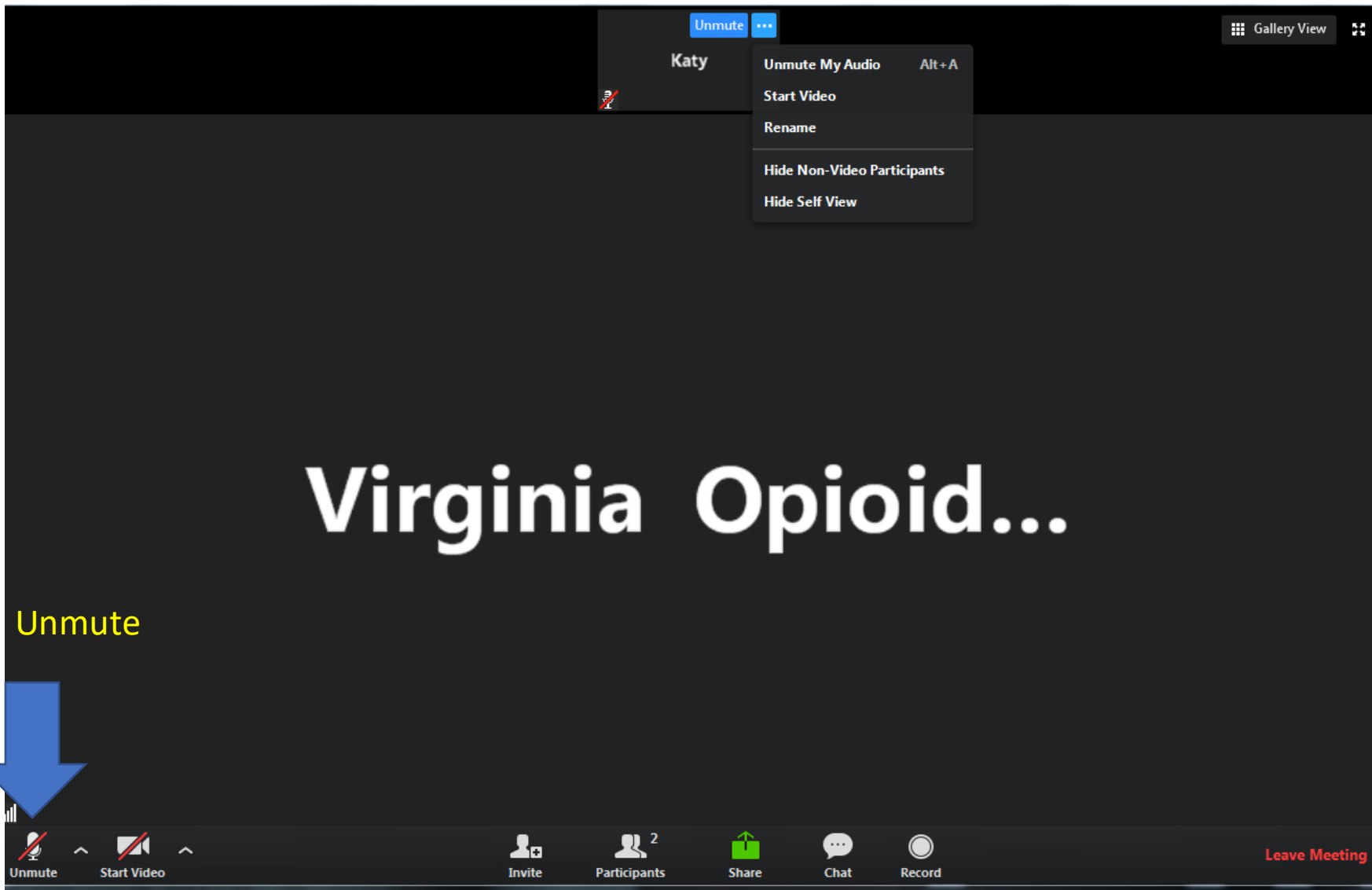
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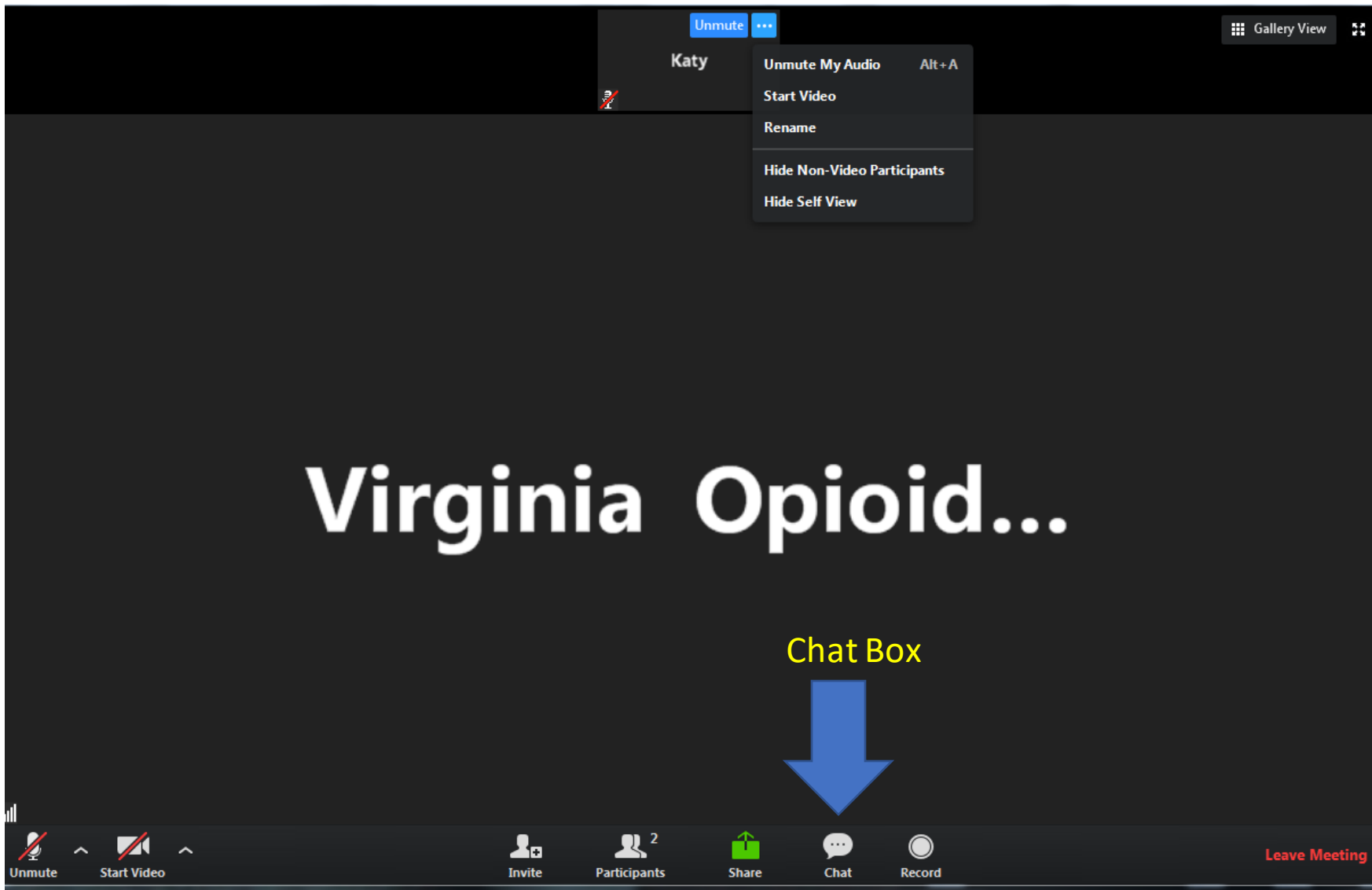
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# VCU Opioid Addiction ECHO Clinics



- Bi-Weekly 1.5 hour tele-ECHO Clinics
- Every tele-ECHO clinic includes a 30 minute didactic presentation followed by case discussions
- Didactic presentations are developed and delivered by inter-professional experts
- Website Link: [www.vcuhealth.org/echo](http://www.vcuhealth.org/echo)

# Hub and Participant Introductions



## VCU Team

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Clinical Director                           | Gerard Moeller, MD   |
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| IT Support                                  | Vladimir Lavrentyev, MBA   |

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# What to Expect

- I. Didactic Presentation
  - I. Courtney Holmes, PhD**
- II. Case presentations
  - I. Case 1
    - I. Case summary
    - II. Clarifying questions
    - III. Recommendations
  - II. Case 2
    - I. Case summary
    - II. Clarifying questions
    - III. Recommendations
- III. Closing and questions



**Lets get started!**

Didactic Presentation



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# Grief in Substance Use and Recovery



# Learning Objectives

- Participants will
  - Learn various definitions of grief
  - Understand how grief is paramount to substance misuse and the recovery process
  - Learn how to incorporate loss and grief in work with patients/clients

# Loss

- “the real or perceived deprivation of something that is deemed meaningful”
- *Primary loss*: initial loss, comes first (e.g., I lost my job)
- *Secondary loss*: losses that come as a result of the initial loss (e.g., financial security, insurance, daily routine, coworkers, identity as a worker, etc.)
- Primary or secondary losses are not more or less impactful than the other

# Loss

- Grief and loss associated with substance abuse have been connected to::
  - early life losses
  - losses that occurred while abusing substances
  - and losses encountered upon entering recovery
- Losses can be CONCRETE: people, possessions, places
- Losses can be ABSTRACT: self-esteem, self-worth, self-respect, hopes/dreams/wishes, feeling of safety, identity

# Nonfinite Losses

- A loss that doesn't end (Bates-Maves, 2020)
- Hallmarks of nonfinite losses (Bruce & Shultz, 2001)
  - Ongoing uncertainty about what will happen next
  - Feeling disconnected from the larger world and what is considered “normal.”
  - The size and impact of the loss is often unacknowledged by others— it's overlooked or ignored.
  - An enduring sense of powerlessness and hopelessness connected to the loss.
  - Chronic despair and dread as people try to reckon with pre/post loss. Basically, what we thought the world was.... we now question that: that is, *“I thought I was safe, and I now realize that no one is truly safe. What do I do with that?”*
  - <https://hbr.org/2020/03/that-discomfort-youre-feeling-is-grief>

# Trauma

- We cannot really understand grief without understanding trauma
- SAMHSA (2018a) defines trauma as resulting
  - *from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being.*
- Experiencing trauma puts us at higher risk for substance misuse and mental illness



TABLE 1

**Percentage of Participants Who Experienced Situation at Each Time Frame and Post Hoc Comparisons Between Time Frames**

| Experience  | T1   | T2   | T3   | T1 × T2 | T1 × T3 | T2 × T3 |
|---|------|------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. Divorce/separation of parents                    | 38.2 | 23.9 | 10.6 | .041    | .000*   | .021    |
| 2. Physical abuse                                   | 23.5 | 20.9 | 6.2  | .791    | .013*   | .013*   |
| 3. Sexual abuse                                     | 10.3 | 10.6 | 3.1  | 1.00    | .239    | .180    |
| 4. Verbal abuse                                     | 39.7 | 49.3 | 23.1 | .189    | .093    | .002*   |
| 5. Witnessed violence                               | 64.2 | 74.2 | 38.5 | .065    | .000*   | .000*   |
| 6. Damage to self-esteem                            | 53.0 | 59.7 | 31.8 | .227    | .007*   | .001*   |
| 7. Death of someone special                         | 72.1 | 77.6 | 31.8 | .424    | .000*   | .000*   |
| 8. Loss of support from others                      | 45.5 | 61.2 | 28.8 | .021    | .027    | .000*   |
| 9. Loss of child(ren) through divorce or separation | 12.3 | 19.7 | 9.1  | .289    | .727    | .016*   |
| 10. Death of child                                  | 4.5  | 3.0  | 3.0  | 1.00    | 1.00    | 1.00    |
| 11. Personal divorce                                | 16.2 | 24.2 | 12.1 | .180    | .754    | .021    |
| 12. Loss of romantic relationship                   | 50.0 | 66.2 | 30.3 | .027    | .017*   | .000*   |
| 13. Loss of friendship(s)                           | 41.8 | 52.2 | 35.4 | .210    | .648    | .093    |
| 14. Loss of independence                            | 35.3 | 47.1 | 25.8 | .096    | .327    | .015*   |
| 15. Decline in social life                          | 44.8 | 60.3 | 30.3 | .041    | .137    | .000*   |
| 16. Loss of job                                     | 42.6 | 67.6 | 21.5 | .000*   | .012*   | .000*   |
| 17. Loss of material possessions                    | 41.2 | 66.2 | 27.7 | .000*   | .167    | .000*   |
| 18. Decrease in status                              | 31.8 | 48.5 | 24.2 | .017*   | .648    | .000*   |
| 19. Serious health problems                         | 27.3 | 44.8 | 26.2 | .004*   | 1.00    | .007*   |
| 20. Loss of goal/dream                              | 51.5 | 64.2 | 22.7 | .022    | .003*   | .000*   |
| 21. Financial problems                              | 57.4 | 76.5 | 53.8 | .011*   | .850    | .001*   |
| 22. Poor academic performance                       | 39.7 | 47.8 | 13.8 | .383    | .000*   | .000*   |
| 23. Homelessness                                    | 28.4 | 35.8 | 15.4 | .146    | .092    | .002*   |
| 24. Memory problems                                 |      | 64.7 | 33.8 |         |         | .000*   |
| 25. Loss of ability to think clearly and logically  |      | 73.5 | 32.3 |         |         | .000*   |
| 26. Revocation of driver's license                  |      | 54.4 | 34.8 |         |         | .008*   |
| 27. Loss of/damage to spiritual connections         |      | 57.4 | 19.7 |         |         | .000*   |
| 28. Loss of meaning in life                         |      | 41.2 | 10.6 |         |         | .000*   |
| 29. Victimized by crime                             |      | 47.1 | 12.1 |         |         | .000*   |
| 30. Committed crime                                 |      | 70.6 | 15.2 |         |         | .000*   |
| 31. Diagnosed with HIV                              |      | 5.9  | 3.0  |         |         | 1.00    |
| 32. Loss of substance use                           |      |      | 75.8 |         |         |         |
| 33. Loss of way of life                             |      |      | 50.0 |         |         |         |
| 34. Loss of friendship(s) with those who use        |      |      | 57.6 |         |         |         |
| 35. Loss of places where once used                  |      |      | 50.8 |         |         |         |
| 36. Loss of escape from feelings through using      |      |      | 62.1 |         |         |         |

Note.  $N = 68$ . T1 = time prior to abusing; T2 = time while abusing; T3 = time during recovery; T1 × T2 = Time 1 compared to Time 2; T1 × T3 = Time 1 compared to Time 3; T2 × T3 = Time 2 compared to Time 3.

\* $p \leq .017$ .

68 participants involved in outpatient, aftercare, residential or intensive outpatient substance use tx. (Furr et al., 2014)

A person who is actively using substances is involved in a perpetual state of grief—

a response to the many losses that are experienced over the years of uncontrolled use (Friedman, 1984) –

as well as a response to manage the grief of the many losses experienced prior to use

# What is Grief

- *“Grief, of course, is a profound and often complex response for that which has been lost.”*
  - Pain accompanies the realization that we cannot bring back what has been lost
- Four types of whole body responses (Rando, 1993; Worden, 2009)
  - *Emotional/psychological/cognitive*
  - *Physical*
  - *Social*
  - *Behavioral*
- NO right or wrong way to experience grief (grief is a reaction to a loss, *not* just a sad one) (Bates-Maves, 2020)



# Complicated Grief (CG)

- *“Similar to inflammation following a physical wound, complications interfere with healing and tend to intensify and prolong pain”* Shear et al. (2011)
- A deviation from the normal (in cultural and societal terms) grief experience in either time course, intensity, or both, entailing a chronic and more intense emotional experience, which either lacks the usual symptoms or in which the onset of symptoms is delayed (Stroebe et al., 2007).

# Disenfranchised Grief

- Disenfranchised grief is grief that is not acknowledged or valued by society
  - Loss is undervalued or seen as less worth of grief
  - Stigmatized relationships
  - Method of death is stigmatized
  - Individual experiencing grief isn't recognized as deserving
  - How someone grieves is judged as unacceptable

# Models of Grief

- Kubler-Ross model (5 stages: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance)
- Two-track model of bereavement
- Dual process model of coping
- Four tasks of mourning
- Four stages of grief
- Six “R” processes of mourning
- Loss and adaptation model

(Bates-Maves, 2020)

# Substance use/Recovery/Grief Data

- Link between intense grief and worsening of substance use (Prigerson et al., 1997)
- Parents who lost a child were found to be at significantly higher risk for hospitalization for substance abuse than parents who had not lost a child (Li, Laurson, Precht, Olsen, & Mortensen, 2005)
  - Particularly for bereaved mothers, whose relative risk of hospitalization was more than double that of mothers who were not bereaved.
- High rate of complicated grief among patients in a methadone maintenance program (Shear et al., 2005)

# Coping

- Behavioral, emotional, and cognitive strategies used to manage stress
- When we experience a crisis (which can include a loss) it taxes our coping skills that we rely on.
- Could be healthy (adaptive) and/or unhealthy (maladaptive)
  - Substance use
  - Withdrawing from friends
  - Exercise
  - Prayer or finding religious support
  - Listening to music
  - Journaling

# Coping and SUD

- People with SUD, generally have already taxed coping mechanisms
- Experiencing and managing painful and intense feelings is difficult
- Levels of maladaptive coping and disengagement strategies are higher
  - Self-criticism
  - Social isolation
  - Emotional avoidance



# What can we do?

- Keep the importance of grief in your worldview (this includes a trauma informed lens - relates to MI)
- Assess for the presence of grief in your patients (talk about loss and model conversations about hard topics)
- Educate about grief
  - Provide some common experiences of people who are grieving (physical, emotional, etc.)
  - Provide information around disenfranchised grief and ambiguous loss
  - Normalize grieving around loss associated with recovery
- Discuss coping skills and opportunities for resilience and growth
  - What is the patient/client doing to cope or manage painful feelings? What are some alternatives? Help them brainstorm.

# Case Study

- You have been working with a patient for several months, they keep making their appointments but you still feel as if they have some resistance to fully engaging in their recovery. One day they make a comment regarding how they are angry they can't do something they used to do when they were using
- At this time, perhaps you use this as an opening to engage in dialogue around that anger.
  - Help frame that anger as a normal response to grief
  - Provide brief definition of grief and the three points in time that may feel relevant for a person in recover (pre use, during use, entering recovery)
  - Discuss potential coping skills to use when anger (disguised grief) comes up





# Questions?



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# Case Presentation #1

## Faisal Mohsin, MD

- 12:35-12:55 [20 min]
  - 5 min: Presentation
  - 2 min: Clarifying questions- Spokes
  - 2 min: Clarifying questions – Hub
  - 2 min: Recommendations – Spokes
  - 2 min: Recommendations – Hub
  - 5 min: Summary - Hub



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# Main Question

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Please state your main question(s) or what feedback/suggestions you would like from the group today?

How should we address this issue with the Drug Court ..... insistence on Sublocade injection vs. sublingual Suboxone?

## Demographic Information

30 yr. Married Caucasian female with a history of OUD in remission is currently in Phase IV of Drug Court (DC). There is a past history of heavy alcohol use but unknown whether she has actually been diagnosed with Alcohol Use Disorder.

## Background Information

A couple of weeks ago, during random testing, she was found to be positive for Bupg and Et G (alcohol metabolite). This constituted a violation of the Drug Court policy and she was awarded a sanction. I was asked to see the patient on an emergency basis and met with her last week.

UDS=Bupg+

She reports she has been getting Suboxone from a friend for the past 3 months after she started experiencing sudden and severe cravings for heroin. In order to avoid a full blown relapse she resorted to taking Suboxone but fearing sanctions and other legal repercussions, chose not to disclose this to her Drug Court counselor.

She is currently getting a 4/1mg strip daily. Some days more, depending upon her finances at the time.

## Previous Interventions

The Judge passed on the message that he would prefer the patient be considered for Sublocade injections and monitored frequently.

She did not feel the 4/1 mg strip was adequately suppressing her cravings for opiates. I communicated to the DC counselor that the simplest and most practical approach to treating this patient would be getting her off illegally procured Suboxone onto legally prescribed Suboxone.

Started on Suboxone 8/1mg 1/2 BID.

## Plan for Future Treatment

What is your plan for future treatment? What are the patient's goals for treatment?

The following week, the patient turned her self in after she was sanctioned by Drug Court and is serving a 10 day sentence. The jail in that particular jurisdiction is NOT allowing her to take the prescribed Suboxone.

The DC official informs me that this is one of the reasons why the Judge wants the Sublocade prescribed instead of the strips. The Judge wants the enrollees receiving partial agonist bases MAT to be on Sublocade injections to prevent diversion of the strips and should the enrollee receive a sanction, he or she would not require the jail to prescribe sublingual Suboxone during incarceration.

## Other Relevant Information

one injection Sublocade=\$1500 approx.

Not easy to get. Requires lots of paperwork to get approval from the manufacturer and insurance.

Manufacturer's requirement = pt. must be on sublingual Suboxone for at least 2 weeks prior to switching to Sublocade.

Starting Sublocade injections as primary treatment of OUD is not evidence based treatment.

Sublocade is not a "magic treatment". Does not work for everybody!

## Reminder: Main Question

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# Case Presentation #2

## Michelle Tanner, LPC



- 12:55pm-1:25pm [20 min]
  - 5 min: Presentation
  - 2 min: Clarifying questions- Spokes (participants)
  - 2 min: Clarifying questions – Hub
  - 2 min: Recommendations – Spokes (participants)
  - 2 min: Recommendations – Hub
  - 5 min: Summary - Hub

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# Main Question



Recommendation on engagement with psychiatry, residential treatment, and counseling.

## Demographic Information

26 yr old, AA female, divorced, high school education, unstable employment at a restaurant/door dash, unstable housing due to financial issues, some support from parents, client identifies as bi-sexual

## Background Information

- 6/20/20 client entered treatment reported seeking counseling related to managing past trauma and court ordered MH eval related to custody case
- Reported daily use of marijuana
- Past diagnosis of bi-polar, childhood trauma, physically abusive relationships, family history of alcohol issues, psychiatrically hospitalized 3x as adolescent and 2x as adult in 2018 and 12/2020
  - Diagnosis changed to PTSD chronic 7/2020 as MH symptoms appeared to be linked to trauma and personality DX to rule out
- Medical issues reported- HPV, Herpes simplex 1, with poor follow up for physicals, presents with pressured speech, tangential, and labile mood
- Past outpatient counseling services- not engaged since 2012
- Declined SA treatment, reported only using marijuana
- Voluntarily gave up custody, allowed visitation, struggling with on/off relationship she identified as toxic
- Was working on emotional management, coping skills and life stability with counselor
- She appeared to need higher level of care and PHP recommended but declined, patient did not want to commit

## Background Information Continued

- Linked to internal psychiatry services, assessed to meet DX for PTSD, MDD, and rule out Narcissistic Personality disorder
- Past substance abuse revealed during eval to include during high school- Adderall (reports it was prescribed but she abused), mucinex, alcohol, weed, crack (2 days), opiates at one time
  - Cocaine use in attempt to overdose a couple of months prior
  - Current use of hallucinogens and marijuana
- Past history of opiate/heroin use by mother who used her to go to hospitals and fake injuries for pain killers
  - Removed from mother's home but returned a year later with her father
  - Mom continued to use throughout childhood and then she began to use in high school
- No medication was prescribed by psychiatrist at the time and client not interested in medication
- Client focused on past trauma, continued to have mood regulation issues becoming more severe
- Began having interpersonal issues at work, eating and sleeping were disturbed, increased anxiety, denial of other substance use besides marijuana, sporadic engagement with services
- Discharge summary revealed cocaine use for past 8 months, DX of bipolar I from hospital, medication was tried but discontinued due to not liking how it made her feel, she left AMA after TDO was released
- Engaged with therapist and denying need for SA treatment
- She wanted to work on trauma counseling but client is not stable enough for this work
- Clinician made several recommendations and referrals to SA inpatient and outpatient facilities with no follow up by client
- Currently client's phone is off and cannot be reached. Attempt to contact mother without success

## Previous Interventions

Outpatient counseling- MI, CBT, DBT skills

Psychiatric

Inpatient Hospital

Referred/Recommended to:

PHP at Parham

Inpatient SA TX:

Galax

Bethany Hall

Outpatient SA TX:

MCAM

Pinnacle

## Plan for future treatment

Re-engage client

## Reminder: Main Question

Recommendation on engagement with psychiatry, residential treatment, and counseling.

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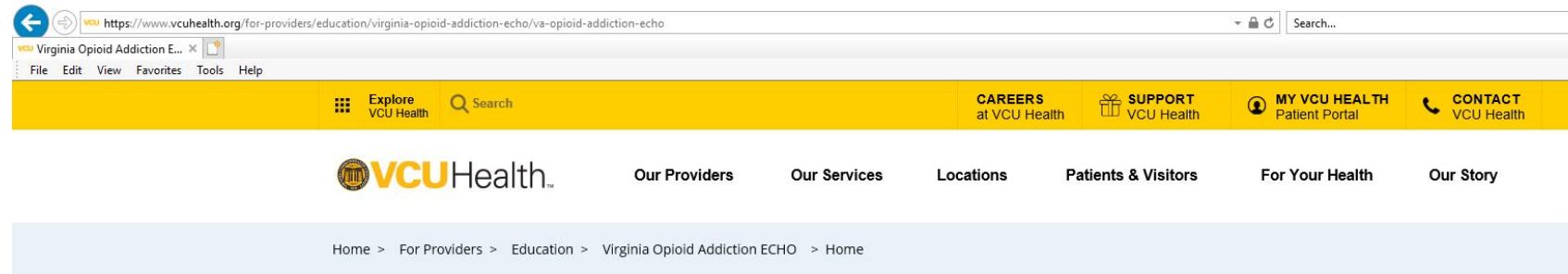
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## Virginia Opioid Addiction ECHO

Welcome to the Virginia Opioid Addiction Extension for Community Health Outcomes or ECHO, a virtual network of health care experts and providers tackling the opioid crisis across Virginia. [Register now for a TeleECHO Clinic!](#)

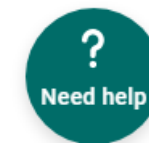


## Network, Participate and Present

- Engage in a collaborative community with your peers.
- Listen, learn, and discuss didactic and case presentations in real-time.
- Take the opportunity to [submit your de-identified study](#) for feedback from a team of addiction specialists. We appreciate [those who have already provided case studies](#) for our clinics.
- Provide [valuable feedback & claim CME credit](#) if you participate in live clinic sessions.

## Benefits

- Improved patient outcomes.
- **Continuing Medical Education Credits:** This activity has been approved for **AMA PRA Category 1**



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## Previous Clinics (2019)

Review topics we covered in previous Virginia Opioid Addiction ECHO clinics. Visit our [Curriculum and Calendar](#) for upcoming clinic topics.

| Topic   | Date     | Resources  |
|---|----------|--|
| <b>Trauma Informed Care and Treating Those Experiencing Opioid Addiction</b><br>Led by Courtney Holmes, PhD   | 01/04/19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Video of Clinic</a></li><li><a href="#">Slide Presentation</a></li></ul>   |
| <u>Learning Objectives:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identify individuals who have experienced trauma.</li><li>2. Understand the impact of trauma on human development particularly related to substance use and misuse.</li><li>3. Learn components of trauma informed care.</li></ol> |          |  |
| <b>Syringe Exchange</b><br>Led by Anna Scialli, MSW, MPH  | 01/18/19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Video of Clinic</a></li><li><a href="#">Slide Presentation</a></li><li><a href="#">Narcan/Naloxone Laws</a></li><li><a href="#">Needle Exchange Program Flyer</a></li><li><a href="#">Bill to Remove Cooperation Law</a></li></ul> |
| <u>Learning Objectives:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Understand current legislative landscape in regards to syringe exchange in VA.</li><li>2. List benefits to clients and community of syringe exchange.</li><li>3. Define harm reduction.</li></ol>                                  |          |  |

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## VCU Virginia Opioid Addiction TeleECHO Clinics

Bi-Weekly Fridays - 12-1:30 pm

### **Mark Your Calendar --- Upcoming Sessions**

Feb. 26: Virginia Drug Court System

Melanie Meadows, Chesterfield Drug Court

March 12:  
Raymond Barnes

COVID and Recovery, Panel Discussion

Thomas Bannard, Omri Morris,

Please refer and register at [vcuhealth.org/echo](https://vcuhealth.org/echo)

THANK YOU!

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