

Clinica Msr. Oscar A. Romero

Marengo Clinic Site



Our ATSH Team

Our Core MAT Team:

- Dr. Rodney Samaan, Medical Director
- Deisy Hernandez, Medical Assistant
- Elaine Desimone, Substance Use Disorder Director
- Alejandra Murillo, SUD Counselor
- Melanie Medina, SUD Integration Specialist
- Guisela Juarez, Compliance & Risk Director

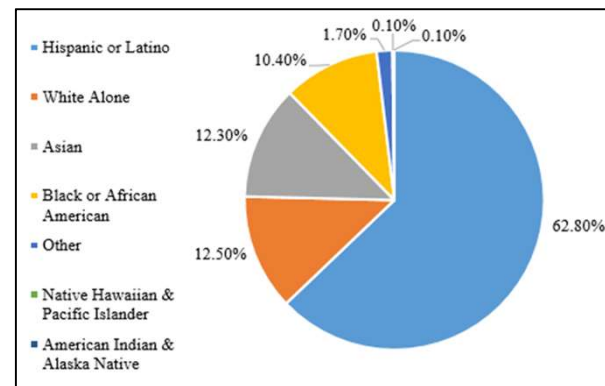
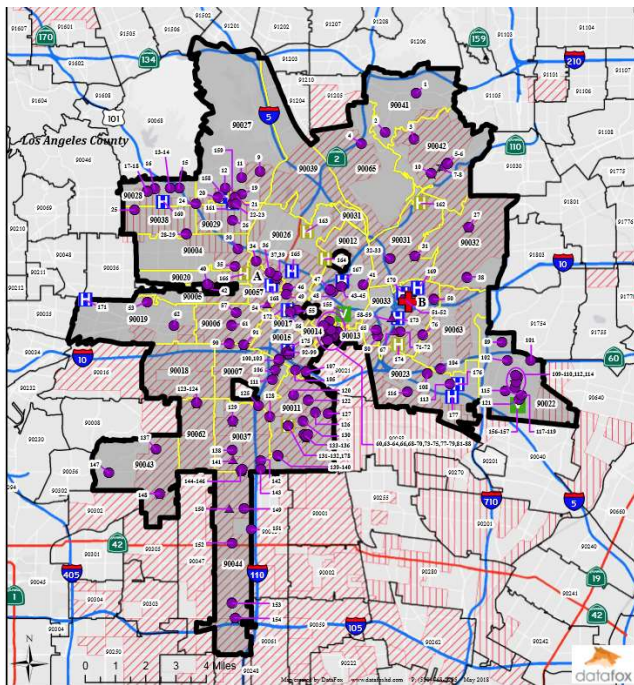
Our Site's MAT Team by Function and FTE:

- MAT Prescribers: 1.2 FTE
 - Medical Assistant: 1.0 FTE
 - SUD/Behavioral Health: 3.0 FTE
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Current State

Our community:

Boyle Heights
2032 Marengo St.
Los Angeles, CA 90033



Target Population: LA County Service Planning Area 4

- 24% Lack insurance coverage
- 56% Living in poverty
- 10% Unemployment
- 32% Never completed High School
- Over 15,000 homeless individuals living in SPA 4

Current State

Current state:

- **Short description of our MAT program:** Clinica Romero's current infrastructure for identifying opioid or alcohol dependence is mostly handled by our SUD department. Clients are referred (usually court ordered, but can also be referred by community groups, family members, and/or self-referred) to our SUD department. The SUD department intakes clients and determines a plan of action for each patient, including whether a referral to Dr. Samaan for MAT services is appropriate.
- **Capacity:** 1.2 FTE
- **Patient population:** 8 patients in the last 6 months
- **Goals for ATSH participation:**
 - 1. increase the number of X waived physicians by at least 1.0 FTE physician or eligible NP/PA
 - 2. create a formalized process for screening, diagnosing and treating substance abuse in our primary care practice
 - 3. increasing the number of patients (# TBD) undergoing MAT treatment services at our Marengo clinic

Capability & Current State Assessment:

- Clinica Romero joined ATSH on April 1, 2019
- Full Capability Assessment is forthcoming and will include input from
 - Staff
 - Patients
- Areas for development:
 - Clinic Culture
 - Patient Identification
 - Increased number of MAT patients served
 - Increased number of X-waivered physicians
 - Care Coordination

Our Team Has Been Wondering . .

Our questions to other teams:

- What are some examples of effective workflows to best serve MAT patients?
- How do you advertise your MAT services? Throughout clinic? Online?
- What are some best practices for primary care/SUD/MH care coordination?

Our questions for faculty:

- What does the latest research tell us about treatment for dual diagnoses patients?
 - Substance Abuse, Depression, PTSD

We need support to accomplish:

- Improved workflows
 - Care coordination across departments
 - Culture shift at the organizational level
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