FREE-C Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Care Compact

Between FREE-C Project Staff and Medical Providers

Program Name: FREE-C (Faulkner Recovery and Empowerment Expansion for Community)

Date of Agreement: _____

Purpose of this Compact

This Care Compact establishes a collaborative agreement between the FREE-C project team and the medical providers responsible for delivering Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) to participants in the program. The goal is to ensure safe, coordinated, and person-centered care to support participants in achieving sustained recovery.

FREE-C Project Staff Commit to:

- Collaborating with medical staff to coordinate care plans that reflect participant goals and clinical needs.
- Providing comprehensive support services including case management, counseling, peer recovery support, and care navigation.
- Maintaining open, timely communication with medical providers regarding participants' progress, concerns, or barriers to treatment.
- Respecting clinical decisions while advocating for a holistic and trauma-informed approach to participant care.

- Assisting participants in attending medical appointments and adhering to prescribed treatment regimens.
- Upholding participant confidentiality and data sharing protocols in accordance with HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2.

Medical Providers Commit to:

- Providing evidence-based MAT in alignment with current clinical guidelines and best practices.
- Communicating clearly with FREE-C staff regarding medication regimens, treatment adherence, and any significant changes or concerns.
- Participating in case coordination as appropriate, while maintaining clinical autonomy and confidentiality boundaries.
- Respecting the role of FREE-C staff as partners in the recovery process and valuing non-clinical insights into participant well-being.
- Being responsive to participant needs and feedback, and adapting care when medically appropriate.
- Supporting harm reduction principles and recognizing the complex social and behavioral factors influencing recovery.

Together, We Agree To:

- Work in partnership to deliver integrated, respectful, and recovery-oriented care.
- Address challenges collaboratively, with the shared goal of improving participant outcomes.
- Promote a culture of transparency, mutual respect, and accountability.
- Continuously evaluate and refine our collaboration to best serve the needs of participants.

FREE-C Project Director:

Name: _____ | Title: _____

Signature: _____ | Date: _____

Medical Provider Representative:
Name: _____ | Title: _____
Signature: _____ | Date: _____

Roles in Crisis Response

FREE-C staff and medical providers recognize that participants may experience behavioral health or substance use crises that require timely and coordinated intervention. To ensure participant safety and continuity of care, we agree to the following roles:

FREE-C Project Staff Will:

- Serve as the **first point of contact** for non-medical crises (e.g., housing instability, interpersonal conflict, legal issues, or emotional distress not requiring medical attention).
- Immediately **notify medical providers** if a participant exhibits behavior that may impact medication safety or suggests a medical emergency.
- Coordinate with emergency services or crisis response teams as needed, and follow up with participants post-crisis to re-engage in care.
- Provide emotional support, safety planning, and connection to community-based crisis stabilization services.

Medical Providers Will:

- Respond promptly to notifications from FREE-C staff regarding **medical or psychiatric crises**, including suspected overdose, withdrawal complications, or medication interactions.
- Determine the need for urgent medical evaluation or adjustment in MAT protocol in collaboration with the participant and FREE-C staff.
- Communicate critical health updates or safety concerns that may affect participant engagement or eligibility for ongoing treatment (within legal limits of confidentiality).
- Support post-crisis medical care and coordinate transitions to higher levels of care when necessary.

Joint Responsibilities:

- Maintain a **shared crisis protocol** that includes emergency contacts, communication pathways, and participant-specific safety planning (where appropriate).
- Debrief following any major crisis event to identify lessons learned and improve future response.
- Prioritize participant dignity, autonomy, and recovery goals in all crisis-related actions.