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## The creation of Centers of Excellence (COE) to combat the Opiate crisis in the common wealth of Pennsylvania and in the United States

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Centers of Excellence (COE) help ensure that people with opiate-related substance use disorder stay in treatment to receive follow up care and are supported within their communities. The center is a multi-disciplinary coordinated care model for low-income (Medicaid) individuals at-risk for continued use or relapse into active opiate addiction. The treatment is team-based and whole-person focused with the explicit goal of integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care. This very successful unique model created in Pennsylvania, can be replicated across the U.S. and possibly into other countries. 74% of individuals contacted by the COE end up getting engaged into Medication Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.) for opiate use disorder.

## Speaker Biography

Scott A Cook is a board-certified physician, received his medical degree from Drexel University College of medicine and obtained a Master of Public Health degree in health administration from the University of Pittsburgh. He has worked in various fields of medicine but currently mostly practices addiction medicine and health administration. He is currently Chief Medical Officer of Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services (SPHS) and he holds 6 additional medical directorship appointments. He is Medical Director at the SPHS opiate treatment Center of excellence (COE), Mon Valley primary care, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Freedom healthcare, Positive Recovery Solutions (PRS), and Clear Day inpatient drug treatment center. He was previous shareholder partner at Med Express urgent care which now has over 200 urgent care centers in 20 states. He is owner of the Travel Doctorx, a medical consultancy. He is also affiliated with Mon Valley Hospital and The Washington Hospital.

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