

Opioid Treatment Networks (OTNs)

Overview

The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) received funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 2018 for the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant to develop the Opioid Treatment Network (OTN) model. This was known as SOR I (years 1&2). DBHR was awarded an extension for SOR I to continue through September 29, 2022, specified as SOR II. SOR III was awarded to DBHR through September 29, 2024.

SOR OTNs

The OTNs are second-generation Hub & Spoke treatment sites that serve individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD). OTNs are positioned to provide medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in non-traditional treatment settings. There are currently 13 OTN sites located in Washington State: 7 emergency departments; 4 jails; a syringe exchange; and a shelter for people experiencing homelessness. OTNs have increased access to MOUD across the state.

The initiation sites are the contract holders and receive funding from DBHR – distribution of funding to OTNs was prioritized based on highest need and the location of each project to best reach the populations at most risk for overdose and death. Each OTN is responsible for providing individuals with their initial induction onto MOUD. Each OTN is staffed with a medical provider, nurse care manager, care navigator, and data collector. The staffing model is intended to reduce barriers for individuals seeking services at their site and provide comprehensive services.

SOR II and III require additional services, including providing viral hepatitis and HIV screening, referrals, and/or treatment. SOR II allowed OTN sites to use funding to treat stimulant use disorder in addition to OUD. Sites are encouraged to refer to ancillary services or use contingency management (CM) to treat co-occurring stimulant use disorder.

Eligibility

Individuals participating in the OTNs must meet the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM 5) diagnostic criteria for OUD (or co-occurring OUD and stimulant use disorder) and meet state and federal eligibility requirements for admission.

SOR III budget 2022/2023

The total budget for the OTNs over the course of one year under the SOR III is \$6,023,242. The federal SOR III grant runs from September 30, 2022, to September 29, 2023, for year 1 and September 30, 2023, to September 29, 2024, for year 2.

Contingency management proviso

Each OTN received an additional award under [RCW 71.24.145 \(3\)](#) to increase resources for CM in 2021. Funds were spent for participant incentives and program resources. Training and technical assistance for CM were provided by Washington State University in early 2022. A group of OTNs are expanding this project under separate contracts through 2023.

Numbers served SOR I (year 1 and 2)

The projected number of individuals served in SOR I was set for 5,700. Actual individuals served during SOR I was 7,558 in total.

Number served for SOR II (year 1 and 2)

962 individuals were still active at the end of SOR I and were enrolled automatically at the start of SOR II. Total individuals served for SOR II were 8,505.

Technical support provided

The SOR Treatment Manager has oversight over all OTNs. DBHR contracts with the University of Washington Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute (ADAI) to provide technical assistance to the OTNs. DSHS-Research and Data Analysis (RDA) oversees GPRA and data collection and program evaluation. Additional trainings will be provided by Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NWATTC) and the Opioid Resource Network (ORN).

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