

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 model. This was known as SOR I (year 1&2). SOR II began on September 30, 2020.

SOR Opioid Treatment Networks (OTNs)

The Opioid Treatment Networks (OTNs) are second-generation Hub & Spoke treatment sites that serve patients with opioid use disorder (OUD). OTNs are positioned to provide medication for opioid use disorder in non-traditional treatment settings. There are 15 OTNs sites located in Washington State. They are located at: 7 emergency departments; 5 jails; a syringe exchange; a shelter; and a fire department. OTNs have increased access to medications for opioid use disorder across the state.

The initiation sites are the contract holders and receive funding from DBHR – distribution of funding to OTNs was prioritized based on data of highest need and 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 Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD). Each OTN is staffed with a medical provider, nurse care manager, care navigator and data collector in order to reduce barriers for individuals seeking services at their site.

SOR II requires additional services, including providing Viral Hepatitis and HIV screening and referrals. In SOR II, OTN sites are allowed to use funding to treat stimulant use disorder in addition to OUD. Sites are encouraged to refer or use Contingency Management in order to assist in the treatment of 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 (and stimulant use disorder) and meet state and federal eligibility requirements for admission.

SOR II budget 2020/2021

The total budget for the OTNs over the course of one year for SOR II is \$7,098,765. The federal SOR II grant runs from September 30, 2020 to September 29, 2021.

Numbers served SOR I (year 1 & 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.

Projected number served for SOR II (year 3 & 4)

Projected number of individuals served in SOR II is 5,544.

Technical support provided

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

For additional information

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