

PARTNERS IN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY OD2A GRANT

Year One 2019-20

Beech Brook

Beech Brook will be actively engaged as part of the collaborative team with the Cleveland Law Enforcement to enhance current data collection system by gathering information on non-fatal overdoses. Two social workers will seek consent from individuals involved in a non-fatal event 24 hours after an incident to facilitate linkages to care, and gauge level of motivation to enter into treatment. This data will be essential to fully understanding the reasons behind people not entering treatment, facilitating dialogue with families, and bridging the existing gaps and barriers that lead to continued substance abuse.

Case Western Reserve Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education

The Begun Center staff will work with all initiative partners to implement the proposed strategies, establish clear metrics and corresponding databases, and complete evaluation activities detailed in the Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan, as well as the work plan in collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH). The Begun Center will also administer the Secure Data Environment and work collaboratively with CCBH to ensure needed software is accessible to CCBH, and data transfer access is available to all initiative partners.

Center for Health Affairs

The Center will work with both funded and other partners to implement the proposed strategies and activities of the work plan, to include the following: A project manager will be trained in academic detailing (AD) and then facilitate train-the-trainer AD education to health care providers on maximizing use of the PDMP. An evidence-based peer review model will be developed by MetroHealth Medical Center. The Center will develop and maintain a web-based platform that delivers educational courses accessible to regional health providers and is enhanced with academic detailing methods.

Circle Health Services

Circle Health Services is Northeast Ohio's only Syringe Exchange Program (SEP). Through the SEP, Circle Health seeks to enhance and expand its capacity to provide targeted strategies to support and empower the drug-using community to lead healthier lives. Circle Health will promote better linkages to care for the drug using community through their mobile and fixed site SSP program which has been in operation for 20 years providing 50,000 clean needles per month to clients. CHS will hire a Care Coordinator (nurse or experienced social worker) to lead the SSP team with best practices, training, enhanced referral network and linkages to basic needs, clinical consultation/recommendations and manage a data collection system.

Cleveland Division of Police

The CDP's Narcotics Unit houses the Heroin Involved Death Investigation (HIDI) detectives investigating opioid crimes. Housed at CDP, the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center's (The Fusion Center) mission is to facilitate and enhance the level of inter-agency communications, intelligence analysis, and information sharing among federal, state, and local stakeholders and the public and private sectors to anticipate and counter criminal activity and other hazards in coordination with the Ohio Fusion Center Network and the broader intelligence community

Cleveland State University

Cleveland State University will work towards enhancing an existing web based platform to improve access to drug treatment services, reduce wait times, and better ensure that individuals get the help they need. The app allows substance abuse treatment agencies to log the services they provide and quickly and easily update their

available treatment slots and wait time on a daily basis. The purpose of creating the app is to offer a centralized system for substance use treatment provider agencies to share information on their treatment options that allows anyone to instantaneously identify local treatment facilities that have availability at any given moment in time. This innovative web app attempts to improve efficiency in service delivery within the substance abuse treatment community.

Cuyahoga County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Board

ADAMHS will support better integration of state and local prevention efforts by hiring an OUD specialist to actively participate in enhancing and operationalizing the OFR efforts. The specialist will serve as a resource to OFR Committee members regarding SUDs and their treatment, as well as perform community outreach and awareness in hot spot areas. Staff will expand the scope of existing training for corrections officers, court personnel and others involved in correctional facility admitting to help them recognize and respond to persons with opioid addiction and offer strategies for support.

Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office

Provide data on fatalities on Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and more specifically those related to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). This includes participating in the surveillance discussions on integration of multiple data sets that may include the local emergency departments, EMS, and law enforcement to facilitate a nimble Quick Response Team action in actively responding to this evolving epidemic. Develop and coordinate a robust Opioid Fatality Review (OFR) Committee, modeled after the existing Child Fatality Review Committee, which involves multiple sectors that meet regularly to review the granular data on the disposition of fatalities related to OUD, develop community recommendations and facilitate community action to reduce deaths.

Educational Services Center of Northeast Ohio

The ESCNEO staff will promote and coordinate PAXGBG training to school districts that overlap with drug overdose hot spots. Our proposal for this first year period is to provide assistance to the PAXIS Institute in communicating with local school districts identified to receive the training. The ESCNEO will also provide a location for the training.

Linking patients of MetroHealth’s ED to SUD/OUD treatment, MetroHealth’s Office of Opioid Safety will hire a part-time Substance Use Disorder Case Manager APRN and a full-time Substance Use Disorder Case Manager LISW to identify patients with a substance use disorder in the ED and coordinate care. The MetroHealth ED is uniquely prepared to serve as a regional model for best practices in both pain management and treatment of opioid use disorder. For pain management, their ED has adopted protocols for non-opioid acute pain management with lidocaine and ketamine and non-pharmacologic outpatient analgesic alternatives, naloxone distribution, peer support, case management and ED initiation of MAT

MetroHealth

The MetroHealth system is prepared to serve as the leading institution for the region in expanding informatics upgrades and utilization of the PDMP for peer review purposes. The purpose of this intervention is to utilize both the electronic health record and the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting system (OARRS) to identify providers who are managing high risk patients and provide unsolicited feedback regarding their prescribing patterns. MetroHealth will collaborate with the Center for Health Affairs (CHA) to host on-site training for healthcare providers on the novel academic detailing strategy to educate practicing providers. We will train a core group of program leaders who will develop a “train the trainer” model to educate others local hospital providers.

MetroHealth will hire a full-time staff member for the position of Project DAWN Program Assistant (PDPA) by the PDPA and the Project DAWN Manager will serve as a member of the OFRC. The Project DAWN Manager and the PDPA will also establish a Coordinated Rapid Response Lay Responder Distribution Protocol for Overdose Spikes.

PAXIS

PAXIS Institute personnel will conduct trainings targeted in school districts that overlap with drug overdose hot spots. Our proposal for this first year period is to conduct a total of four (4) trainings aimed at building more capacity in schools that are new to the program and those already implementing the program but require additional training and support. Lakewood, Parma and Euclid City Schools have all had at least one school trained on the program, and all include areas of higher drug overdose incidence.

St. Vincent Charity Health Center

St. Vincent Charity Medical Center will provide Screenings, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) to patients of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center's Health Care Center (primary and specialty care clinic) and all inpatients of the Medical Center. It is anticipated that SBIRT services will be provided to a total of 7,551 patients over a three-year period. Services will be delivered by two (2) full-time SBIRT-trained Licensed Social Workers (LSWs) and supported by one (1) full-time Case Manager.

The Woodrow Project staff will work with both funded and other partners to implement the proposed strategies and activities of 24/7 on-call peer supporters responding within one hour to the Cleveland Clinic Lakewood Emergency Department and Lutheran Hospital. Woodrow will deliver peer support to persons with opioid use disorders who have survived a non-fatal overdose or entered the emergency department with opioid use disorder symptoms during the performance period.

Thrive Behavioral Health Center

Thrive is requesting these funds to supplement to emergency room support at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. Should an individual present in the emergency department with a behavioral health diagnosis (in particular opiate use disorder) a dedicated line would be called alerting the on-call peer coach to arrive in the emergency room within 30 minutes to provide peer recovery support to the patient. The peer recovery supporter would then provide peer recovery support to the individual in the emergency department. This would include providing of resources, assistance with getting into treatment, detox or other recovery programming, sharing of educational information and direct peer to peer recovery support services.

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