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USE OF STR/SOR GRANT FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID CRISIS

Background on opioid-specific grants to States

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) administers the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (STR) and State Opioid Response (SOR) grant programs. These grants aim to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD) in the States. States received a total of \$500 million for each of FY 2017 and FY 2018 through STR. Additionally, in FY 2018, States received an additional \$1 billion in new funding through the SOR grants. In FY 2019, States received \$1.5 billion through SOR. Eligible applicants for both STR and SOR are the State alcohol and drug agencies.

Allocations for Indiana

Indiana received \$10.9 million through STR for each of FY 2017 and 2018, and \$18.1 million through SOR in FY 2018. In FY 2019, Indiana received a total of \$27.6 million through SOR.

Overview of Indiana's efforts to address the opioid crisis

The State of Indiana used STR and SOR funds to address the opioid crisis in Indiana. The State sorely needed the funds to build the infrastructure for addiction treatment in Indiana. STR funds were used to add 197 residential beds in 2018 and to partner with a software platform to refer patients to open residential treatment beds. STR funds have also been used to further this access to residential treatment by setting up a voucher system that allows select facilities to offer and be reimbursed for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment for people without Medicaid or other third-party payer source. Another major initiative has been education and stigma reduction. Massive resources have been used to build a grassroots campaign to set the facts straight about OUD and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) among the general public in Indiana. Progress on combating the opioid crisis is dependent on all parties and stakeholders overcoming stigma and treating this as a public health issue. STR/SOR funds have been used to increase the size and clinical capacity of Indiana's addiction workforce by paying for training and certifications for Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) waived prescribers, recovery coaches, and even assisting students in internships for addiction professions.

Primary prevention: stopping opioid misuse before it starts

STR funds have been used to fund school-based prevention efforts, including Botvin, Too Good for Drugs, Project Alert, and others. Approximately 15 school systems across rural Indiana are implementing these programs to further prevention efforts in the State. SBIRT trainings are also being implemented on college campuses across the State to address student needs.

Increasing access to treatment

- Indiana has connected the Open Beds platform to Indiana 211 to connect and refer people who call 211 to medication-assisted treatment (MAT)
- STR funds are being used to support DATA waiver trainings
- Indiana is in the process of implementing 3 pilot sites to induce MAT in emergency departments using STR funds
- The State implemented Project ECHO at Indiana University for OUD with cohorts for prescribers

Special Populations

- STR funds are used to pay for residential OUD treatment with MAT for those who are not eligible for Medicaid and do not have third party insurance
- SOR funds are being used to increase access to MAT for county jail inmates, including methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone. Similar efforts are being used to increase access to MAT at local Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) for those cannot afford treatment

Overdose reversal efforts: saving lives

STR funds have been used to purchase naloxone kits by the State Health Department, Indiana State Police, Excise Police, and the Department of Natural Resources. To date, over \$800,000 worth of naloxone has been purchased and between May and November of 2018, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) purchased 3,615 kits that were distributed statewide at no cost to end user.

Supporting recovery

Using STR funds, at least 10 different hospitals have implemented peer recovery coaches in their emergency departments. As of November 2018, 381 patients were engaged by a peer recovery coach in the emergency department with great anecdotal evidence of the saliency of this service. SOR funds have been used to open 11 of a projected 42 Oxford House recovery residences across Indiana.

Collaborating with local entities

- The State alcohol and drug agency contracted with Department of Education to award 15 school systems with funds to implement evidence-based prevention programs using STR funds.
- STR funds supported 7 quick response teams across Indiana, utilizing local resources to address opioid overdoses in local communities.
- SOR funds are being used to fund Sequential Intercept Models in each of the 92 counties across Indiana.
- STR funds have been used for trainings on Trauma-Informed Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care for over 450 local stakeholders.
- STR funds were used to implement 2 Mobile Response teams in SE Indiana. These teams formed partnerships with local police departments and governments to connect their referrals to appropriate care.
- SOR funds are being used to provide MAT to over a dozen community mental health centers in Indiana. These funds will pay for MAT for those who cannot afford it.
- SOR funds are also being used to offer MAT in 4 county jails in Indiana.
- SOR funds are being used to implement a marketing campaign for the State's educational and stigma reduction campaign. This particular strategy pays for partnerships with rural high schools to promote and adopt the campaign at high school sporting events.
- The Department of Corrections is placing one peer recovery coach in each of the 10 liaison districts throughout the State and building a peer coach training for those incarcerated to become certified peers before leaving incarceration. This is with the utilization of SOR funds.

Additional positive outcomes

- 55,506 students are projected to be reached with the school-based prevention programs paid for by the STR grant.
- As of 1/5/2019, 184 total (unduplicated) participants of OUD ECHO across all cohorts
- As of 4/8/2019, STR funds used to reimburse 5 prescribers to become DATA waived and 3 prescribers to see their first patients.
- As of 4/7/2019, 283 patients have received residential treatment, with MAT, utilizing STR funds.

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