

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 New Hampshire

New Hampshire received \$3.1 million through STR for each of FY 2017 and 2018, and \$22.8 million through SOR in FY 2018. In FY 2019, New Hampshire received a total of \$34.9 million through SOR.

Overview of New Hampshire's efforts to address the opioid crisis

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is utilizing STR funds to implement a comprehensive approach to address the opioid use disorder crisis. The target populations include pregnant women, parents in recovery, children and families involved with the child welfare agency due to substance use, and incarcerated women and men scheduled to re-enter the community. NH is providing selected specialized prevention, treatment, and peer recovery support services, utilizing evidence-based practices (EBP) designed for the focus populations and delivered through our system of community-based providers. There is an emphasis on strong collaboration between a multitude of State agencies, all experiencing the challenges of the opioid crisis.

Primary prevention: stopping opioid misuse before it starts

NH is making a significant investment in the expansion and dissemination of a public messaging campaign around the risk of opioids, safe medication storage, and accessing help for those affected by OUD. The campaign will target specific prevention messaging for

children and adults related to OUD risks. Work with local coalitions includes contracts with community-based organizations, providing accessible, integrated prevention and early intervention services to reduce and mitigate childhood trauma that results from substance use in the family.

Increasing access to treatment

A large portion of NH's SOR funds are being used to restructure the treatment access system through the implementation of a Hub and Spoke model (called the Doorway Program) for improved access and delivery of OUD services. The 9 Doorways receive referrals through the 2-1-1 call center and through existing referral networks. The Doorways provide regional access points (in-person and via telephone) for rapid evaluations, referrals to services, and continuous recovery monitoring.

Funding is also being used to address the pregnant and postpartum population by expanding the provision of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in integrated care settings (substance use services, obstetrics, pediatric, and primary care). SOR funds will be used to expand training opportunities for older adults that are caring for a minor child using the Parenting a Second Time Around curriculum.

Overdose reversal efforts: saving lives

NH utilized STR/SOR funds to purchase and provide naloxone kits to community-based providers for distribution to at-risk individuals. The State also provided funds to the Department of Corrections to provide education and naloxone kits to individuals transitioning back into the community.

Supporting recovery

- Through recovery community organizations, NH has provided peer recovery support services to pregnant women and parents with substance use disorders (SUD) and to children up to age 10 in families affected by SUD.
- Funding re-entry care coordinator positions for women and men with SUD who are transitioning from corrections back into the community
- Providing recovery residence services and supports for certain individuals with OUD, including for females only; for individuals who have complex criminal backgrounds that limit access to other publicly funded housing; and for the general population in need of housing in a supported, safe, recovery environment.

Collaborating with local entities

Prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts have all been implemented utilizing community-based organizations and providers (except Department of Corrections activities). The Hubs within the Doorway program are expected to work with their local Regional Public Health Networks and Integrated Delivery Networks (IDN). Additionally, each Doorway is expected to partner with the "spokes" in their region to enhance prevention and service delivery efforts.

Positive outcomes

- 998 individuals received treatment services through April of 2019
- 7,038 individuals received naloxone through April of 2019
- 193 individuals received recovery support services through April of 2019
- 2,002 individuals served by Doorways from January 1st through April 30th, 2019

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