

Opioid Treatment Networks (OTN)

Overview

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) 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 (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 opioid treatment networks

The Opioid Treatment Networks (OTNs) are second-generation Hub & Spoke treatment sites that serve individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD). OTNs are positioned to provide low barrier Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in non-traditional treatment settings. There are currently 13 OTN sites located in Washington State: 6 medical facilities; 4 jails; 3 community facilities. OTNs have increased access to MOUD across the state.

The initiation sites are the contract holders. They 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 most at-risk for overdose and death.

Each OTN is responsible for providing individuals with their initial induction onto MOUD, referrals to local treatment provider and community-based harm reduction. Each OTN is staffed with a medical provider, nurse care manager, care navigator and data collector. The staffing model seeks to reduce barriers for individuals seeking services at their site.

Additional services provided

SOR II and III require additional services, including providing viral Hepatitis and HIV screening, referrals, and/or treatment. Starting with SOR II, OTN sites are allowed to use funding to treat stimulant use disorder in addition to OUD. SOR III provided funds to expand harm reduction supplies and services including naloxone kits, drug test kits,

safer sex kits including condoms, sharps disposals and medication lock boxes, and wound care supplies.

Eligibility

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

Authority

This program is funded under SAMHSA's State Opioid Response III; grant number 5H79TI085727-02 and supports the grant's Treatment initiatives.

Budget

The SOR grant is in its third iteration and runs from September 30, 2022, to September 29, 2024.

- Year 1 allocated for 13 OTN sites: \$6,023,242
- Year 2 allocated for 13 OTN sites: \$6,765,439

People served

Individuals served SOR I (years 1 and 2)

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

Individuals served SOR II (years 1 and 2)

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

Individuals served SOR III (year 1)

514 individuals were still active at the end of SOR II and were enrolled automatically at the start of SOR III. Total individuals served for were 3,561 and of those 635 agreed to enroll in the SOR III and completed at least one treatment encounter following the initial induction.

Key partners

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 training will be provided by Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NWATTC) and the Opioid Resource Network (ORN).

More information

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