

State Targeted Response (STR) Opioid Crisis Grant Program Overview

Project time period: 05/01/2017 – 04/30/2019

Purpose: Nebraska’s State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant program aims to substantially reduce the incidence of abuse of prescription and illicit opioid drugs through ongoing collaboration between practitioners, experts, and leaders across the continuum of care. The program will also work to mitigate the effects of opioid use disorders (OUD), including both prescription opioids and illicit drugs such as heroin, by identifying statewide needs, increasing access to treatment, including medication assisted treatment, and reducing prescription drug overdose deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities.

While the misuse of prescription opioids and the use of heroin have reached epidemic proportions in other areas of the United States, Nebraska is not experiencing the same crisis that other states are with these drugs. This places Nebraska in a position to focus on prevention and workforce capacity to safeguard against a significant increase in opioid use disorders, opioid overdoses, and opioid-related deaths.

Goals:

Overall	Complete a statewide needs assessment by July 31, 2017
Overall	Develop a comprehensive strategic plan by August 30, 2017
Prevention	Promotion of prescribing guidelines
Prevention	Promotion of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
Prevention	Promotion of the Dose of Reality awareness media campaign
Prevention	Increase in safe drug disposal initiatives
Prevention	Fund community coalitions to provide OUD prevention best practices in communities of need
Prevention	Provide naloxone to at-risk populations and providers
Treatment	Create an addiction medicine fellowship
Treatment	Train providers in the ECHO model
Treatment	Purchase buprenorphine
Treatment	Increase utilization of medication assisted treatment
Recovery	Identify an opioid-specific training for individuals providing peer support
Recovery	Enhance recovery support services
Recovery	Train treatment providers who serve consumers transitioning from criminal justice settings or other rehabilitative settings

Target population: Nebraska intends to serve the entire population of the state through training and prevention initiatives, while targeting high burden areas of the state for outreach, training and technical assistance.

Intended reach: Increase the number of clients served by the DHHS Division of Behavioral Health in the opioid replacement therapy service by 5% each year. Supply 1,000 naloxone kits to high-risk clients each year, resulting in 2,000 Nebraskans having access to this life-saving drug. Serve approximately 340 individuals receiving assistance with treatment and in support of their path to recovery by providing funding for medication assisted treatment through the use of buprenorphine.

Proposed Year One Budget:

Budget Activity	Year 1
Personnel, data collection and evaluation	\$ 100,000.00
Prevention initiatives	\$ 380,000.00
Treatment initiatives	\$ 1,280,000.00
Recovery initiatives	\$ 240,000.00
Total Award	\$ 2,000,000.00

DHHS Division of Behavioral Health Grant Staff:

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Key Partners: This grant is designed to embed funded activities into existing structures as a way to sustain system enhancements after the grant cycle expires.

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| Department of Health and Human Services Divisions | Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center |
| Missouri Telehealth Network Project ECHO Hub | Nebraska Coalition to Prevent Opioid Abuse |
| University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) | Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII) |
| Nebraska Office of the Attorney General | Regional Behavioral Health Authorities |
| Nebraska Broadcasters Association | Nebraska Pharmacists Association/MEDS Coalition |
| Nebraska Medical Association | Local prevention coalitions |

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