

"Of the foregoing appropriation item 335504, Community Innovations, \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2014 shall be used to support the pilot program established under the section of this act entitled "ADDICTION TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM." Of the \$5,000,000 allocated for the pilot program, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall receive an amount of not more than five per cent for an administrative fee."

Section 327.120 ADDICTION TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM

(A) As used in this section: (1) "Certified drug court program" means a session of any of the following that holds initial or final certification from the Supreme Court of Ohio as a specialized docket program for drugs: a common pleas court, municipal court, or county court or a division of any of those courts. (2) "Prescriber" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall conduct a pilot program to provide addiction treatment, including medication-assisted treatment, to persons who are offenders within the criminal justice system, eligible to participate in a certified drug court program, and selected under this section to be participants in the pilot program because of their dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both.

(2) The Department shall conduct the pilot program in the courts of Crawford, Franklin, Hardin, Mercer, and Scioto counties that are conducting certified drug court programs. If in any these counties there is no court conducting a certified drug court program, the Department shall conduct the pilot program in a court that is conducting a certified drug court program in another county.

(3) In addition to courts of the counties listed in division (B)(2) of this section, the Department may conduct the pilot program in any court that is conducting a certified drug court program.

(C) In conducting the pilot program, the Department shall collaborate with the Supreme Court, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and any other state agency that it determines may be of assistance in accomplishing the objectives of the pilot program. In addition, the Department may collaborate with the boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serve the counties in which the courts participating in the pilot program are located.

(D) Not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section, the Department shall select a nationally recognized criminal justice research institute with extensive experience in the evaluation of criminal justice and substance abuse projects to develop an evaluation plan for the pilot program. The evaluation plan shall include performance measures that reflect the purpose of the pilot program, which is to assist participants in addressing their dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both, by maintaining abstinence from the use of those substances and reducing recidivism.

(E) Before any person may be enrolled as a participant in the pilot program, the evaluation plan developed by the research institute shall be put into place with each of the certified drug court programs included in the pilot program and the addiction services providers that will provide treatment to the participants.

Once the evaluation plan has been put into place, the certified drug court programs shall select persons who are offenders within the criminal justice system to be participants in the pilot program. To be selected, a person must meet the legal and clinical eligibility criteria for the certified drug court program and be an active participant in the program. The total number of persons participating in the pilot program at any one time shall not exceed five hundred, except that the Department may authorize the maximum number to be exceeded in circumstances that the Department considers appropriate. After being enrolled in the pilot program, a participant shall comply with all requirements of the certified drug court program.

(F) Treatment may be provided under the pilot program only by a community addiction services provider that is certified under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code. In serving as a treatment provider, a community addiction services provider shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide treatment based on an integrated service delivery model that consists of the coordination of care between a prescriber and the addiction services provider;

(2) Conduct professional, comprehensive substance abuse and mental health diagnostic assessments of persons under consideration for selection as pilot program participants to determine whether they would benefit from substance abuse treatment and monitoring;

(3) Determine, based on the assessments described in division (F) (2) of this section, the treatment needs of the participants served by the treatment provider;

(4) Develop, for the participants served by the treatment provider, individualized goals and objectives;

(5) Provide access to the long-acting antagonist therapies, partial agonist therapies, or both that are included in the pilot program's medication-assisted treatment;

(6) Provide other types of therapies, including psychosocial therapies, for both substance abuse and any disorders that are considered by the treatment provider to be co-occurring disorders;

(7) Monitor pilot program compliance through the use of regular drug testing, including urinalysis, of the participants being served by the treatment provider.

(G) In the case of the medication-assisted treatment provided under the pilot program, all of the following conditions apply: (1) A drug may be used only if it has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in treating dependence on opioids, alcohol, or both or for preventing relapse into the use of opioids, alcohol, or both.

(2) One or more drugs may be used, but each drug that is used must constitute long-acting antagonist therapy or partial agonist therapy.

(3) If a drug constituting partial agonist therapy is used, the pilot program shall provide safeguards to minimize abuse and diversion of the drug, including such safeguards as routine drug testing of the pilot program participants.

(H) The research institute selected by the Department under division (D) of this section shall prepare a report of the findings obtained from the pilot program. The report shall include data derived from the drug testing and performance measures used in the pilot program. In preparing the report, the research institute shall obtain assistance from the Department.

Not later than six months after the conclusion of the pilot program, the research institute shall complete its report. On completion, the research institute shall submit the report to the Governor; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; President of the Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Department of Rehabilitation and Correction; and any other state agency the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services collaborates with in conducting the pilot program."