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Mental Health, Addiction Grants Seek to Alleviate Strain on Criminal Justice

YOUNGSTOWN – Ohio is taking action to reduce the number of criminal offenders with untreated mental illness and/or substance use disorders who continually cycle through county jails. Today, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) announced \$3 million in grant awards to connect offenders with treatment in an effort to improve outcomes, reduce recidivism and relieve jail overcrowding.

As part of its SFY 2016 “Criminal Justice-Behavioral Health Linkages” grant initiative, OhioMHAS outlined plans to provide funding to support 23 projects benefitting 38 counties during a kickoff event at the Mahoning County Minimum Security Jail in Youngstown.

“Too many Ohioans with serious mental illness and substance use disorders are lingering in our jails – not getting the help they need,” said OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck. “Through this initiative, we are helping to place individuals on a path to wellness and recovery as we work to reduce recidivism, promote the efficient use of funding and improve public safety.”

About two million people enter U.S. jails each year with serious mental illnesses like schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression, according to the CSG Justice Center. Of that total, many are also dealing with substance abuse issues from attempts at self-medication. Once incarcerated, persons with untreated mental illnesses and substance use disorders tend to stay longer in jail and are at higher risk of re-arrest than individuals without these illnesses.

Mahoning County, which hosted the kickoff, was awarded \$150,000 to enhance services for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders currently incarcerated in the Mahoning County Jail as well as Mahoning County Community Corrections Association. Project partners include: the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board, Mahoning County Sheriff’s Department, Community Corrections Association, Meridian Community Care, Mahoning County Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC), Turning Point Counseling, Catholic Charities Regional Agency and Flying High, Inc.

“This grant, coupled with our ongoing partnership with the courts (Mental Health, Drug and Veterans), will strengthen our relationship with justice systems. We are looking forward to an even stronger partnership,” said Duane Piccirilli, executive director of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board.

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A handful of grantees, including Mahoning County, will be utilizing free training and technical assistance resources available through the national Stepping Up initiative – a collaboration between the CSG Justice Center, the National Association of Counties and the American Psychiatric Foundation. Stepping Up urges county leaders to convene teams of agency decision makers and diverse stakeholders to develop a six-step action plan to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

Participating counties receive expert guidance, a toolkit of resources, and other assistance to facilitate planning and implementation. With support from the Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and direction from other national organizations, the initiative offers practical guidance and support to counties, including expert direction on collaborative planning and evidence-based practices.

In recognition of Ohio’s efforts to prioritize the needs of justice-involved consumers, OhioMHAS Director Plouck was recently appointed to the Justice Center Board of Directors.

See the attached documents for a map of grantees and project descriptions.

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SFY 2016 Criminal Justice-Behavioral Health Linkages

Project Overviews

Athens/Hocking/Vinton

Award Amount: \$136,493

Collaborative Partners include:

1. TASC of Southeast Ohio
2. Southeast Regional Jail (SEORJ)
3. Clem House
4. Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board Serving Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties (317 Board)

Project Summary:

The Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties (AHV) Linkages Project has two key elements: timely and seamless transition from referral to treatment, and close collaboration between behavioral health and criminal justice. The project addresses the local opiate epidemic and has the potential to assist criminal defendants in making permanent life changes through recovery, leading to reduced recidivism and safer communities.

Project Outcomes:

- Number of persons assessed by location and disposition.
- Timeliness of engagement: length of time for each step (referral, assessment, first shot, release, Medicaid eligibility, and length of time in treatment).
- Number clean from opiates at various time intervals, including post-program completion.
- Number of persons who obtain or maintain sober/stable housing.
- Number of persons who obtain or maintain employment.

Gallia/Jackson/Meigs

Award Amount: \$150,000

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Gallia-Jackson-Meigs Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services
2. Gallipolis Municipal Court
3. Family Addiction Community Treatment Services, Inc.
4. Spectrum Outreach Services, Inc.
5. TASC of Southeast Ohio
6. Woodland Centers, Inc.
7. Health Recovery Services, Inc.

Project summary:

This project strengthens onsite services in jails and provides linkages to post-release aftercare in an effort to reduce recidivism, while providing the clients with the best resources available in the community to achieve recovery.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 90% of inmates in the Jackson Co. Correctional Facility requesting services or referrals for services by jails will receive a diagnostic assessment within 48 hours of request/referral.
- 90% of inmates in the Jackson Co. Correctional Facility who participated in services in jail will be linked to services prior to release.

Licking/Knox

Award Amount: \$150,000

Collaborative Partners include:

1. The Licking County Community Corrections Planning Board
2. Licking County Reentry Taskforce
3. Knox Substance Abuse Action Team
4. Mt. Vernon Municipal Drug Court Workgroup Knox County Crisis Intervention Team

Project Summary:

This project will increase in-jail mental health and alcohol and other drug assessment and treatment services, and reentry planning/community linkage bridge services.

Project Outcomes:

- Number of participants served: Licking County will serve 340; Knox County will serve 200.
- 75% of the participants assessed in the jail and referred to AOD and/or MH services as part of re-entry planning will engage in these services upon release from incarceration.
- 90% of participants engaged in services upon release will decrease or have no new involvement with the criminal justice system.
- 70% of participants engaged in services following release will demonstrate improved overall functioning after six months of community services.

Hancock

Award Amount: \$150,000

Collaborative Partners include:

1. The Crisis Intervention Team
2. National Council
3. ADAMHS Board and Century Health Inc.
4. Hancock County Sheriff's Office and Justice Center
5. Hancock County Common Pleas Court
6. Findlay Municipal Court, Police Department

Project summary:

The Hancock County ADAMHS Board along with their collaborating partners (Hancock County Justice Center, County Common Pleas Court and Adult Probation) are proposing to use funds to continue and expand implementation of the Shared Framework for Reducing Recidivism and promoting recovery.

Proposed outcomes:

- Staff from the Hancock County Justice Center and the Criminal Justice Division of Century Health will implement the Shared Framework for Reducing Recidivism and Promoting Recovery models as directed on the Linkages Diagram.
- Data and outcomes, as determined by the criminal justice CCoE, will be collected by linkages staff to analyze by the CCoE. Recidivism rates will be tracked and reported by group and services provided and reviewed against the analyzed data. The CQI Committee will work closely with CCoE to make necessary staffing, programming, etc. change to receive the best results.
- Peer support services will be bolstered through connections with Focus on Friends recovery center.
- A CBI-SA group will be offered in the jail for those who assess low on criminogenic risk by high on substance use. This group will also be offered to the community for those that are released from jail but waiting for access to treatment, residential, etc.

Lake

Award Amount \$150,000

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Beacon Health
2. The Lake County Sherriff's Jail Treatment Program
3. Lake-Geauga Recovery Center
4. Lake County Probation
5. Lake County Adult Probation
6. Lake Health Urgent Care

Project summary:

The Lake County Opiate Recovery Program - Phase 2 (Misdemeanor-level) will expand upon the existing program to include individuals with misdemeanor-level offenses. Upon release, individuals will receive a combination of Medicated-Assisted Treatment (Vivitrol Injections) and evidence based treatment. The goal of the program is to reduce the incidents of recidivism involving individuals with misdemeanor-level offenses and improve the ability of those involved in the program to maintain recovery and return to productivity in the community. The Lake County ADAMHS Board intends to contract with Lake- Geauga Recovery Center for the provision of these services.

Proposed outcomes:

- 60% of the Opiate Recovery Program clients will complete their treatment plan goals including compliance with treatment assignments, self-help meetings, medication assisted treatment and being drug-free.
- 50% of Opiate Recovery Program clients will report being drug-free and incurring no new legal offenses one year post treatment.
- 30% reduction in jail recidivism of Opiate Recovery Program clients.

Butler

Award Amount: \$150,000

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Butler County Court of Common Pleas
2. Butler County Substance Abuse and Mental Illness (SAMI) program
3. Assertive Community Treatment
4. Community Behavioral Health
5. Transitional Living Corp.

Project Summary:

The proposed program expansion includes a new dually-certified, full-time Jail Program Coordinator to better assess clients for alcohol and other drug use and mental illness, as well as to coordinate treatment services and linkages with the community upon release. The current jail addictions treatment program serves about 30 inmates per month in a jail population that can reach 1000.

Project Outcomes:

- Tracking of individuals served in the program will be done incorporating the local courts, probation and law enforcement.
- A quality improvement/implementation committee will provide oversight and management of the project to ensure fidelity to the model described and ensure compliance with outcome measure tracking.
- Track program census numbers, rates of recidivism, rates of re-offense and obtainment of stable income, employment and stable housing.

Portage

Award Amount: \$149,537

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Coleman Professional Services
2. Townhall II
3. Summa Center for Traumatic Stress

Project Summary:

This project will decrease recidivism and reduce correction costs by enhancing a system of care to assess and treat trauma, assess and treat substance use disorders and encourage social learning. It will serve 50 participants during incarceration and provide brief treatment in the community.

Project Outcomes:

- 100% of people receiving Vivitrol will attend the first community psychiatry appointment.
- All 64 participants will be connected to needed services.
- 40 participants will not be re-incarcerated for one year post-release.

Columbiana

Award Amount: \$110,055

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Columbiana County
2. Family Recovery Center
3. The Counseling Center
4. East Liverpool Municipal Court
5. Columbiana County Municipal Court
6. The Columbiana County Court of Common Pleas Probation Departments
7. The Adult Parole Authority
8. Community Action Agency Rural Transportation Service

Project summary:

This project strengthens linkages between criminal justice and behavioral health services through increased communication between these systems. The project supports implementation of a cognitive behavioral, evidence-informed, manualized approach that is based on gender and criminogenic risk level. Supported Employment and housing assistance will also be available to participants.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 52% of offenders will successfully complete probation.
- 60% of persons referred for addiction treatment will successfully complete treatment.
- 40% of offenders who are unemployed will secure stable employment prior to the completion of probation.

Hamilton

Award Amount: \$150,000

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Addictions Services Council
2. Center for Addiction Treatment
3. Central Community Health Board
4. Crossroads
5. First Step Home
6. Talbert House

Project summary:

This project will fund outpatient treatment and MAT for clients who are deemed treatment ready, post release.

Proposed outcomes:

- Improved program commendations, program matching, and access to appropriate treatment.
- Ability to share information with identified partners to improve coordination between corrections and community partners.
- Number of people receiving MAT.
- Increased abstinence among persons in outpatient treatment.
- Client Engagement the ability to track client engagement/connection to outpatient services.

Richland

Award Amount: \$148,042

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Richland County Jail
2. Common Pleas Court
3. Ohio Health Hospital
4. Heartland Behavioral Health

Project Summary:

This project will increase access and address acute concerns and increase retention in behavioral health care for those individuals involved in the criminal justice system. The project will expand on the current cooperative agreement between the Richland Board, Catalyst Life Services and Richland County Sheriff's Office. The project will also increase the amount of assessments, crisis intervention, pharmacologic management, individual counseling and educational programming currently being provided at the jail.

Project Outcomes:

- Target number one will be retention in services for those initially engaged in the county jail.
- Target number two will be to decrease recidivism rate for those engaged in the county jail.
- Target three will be to decrease hospital transfers for behavioral health purposes.
- All targets will be tracked on quarterly basis. A report will be produced by the Board.

Ashland

Award Amount: \$150,000

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Ashland County
2. Ashland County Jail
3. Community Correction Act Program
4. Ashland County Probation
5. Municipal Court

Project Summary:

This project will increase the jail community linkage program from 1 FTE to 1.5 FTE with the addition of a .5 FTE peer recovery coach. Peer supporters are growing in Ohio and across the nation as their value is made more evident. The recovery coach will work directly with the jail-community linkage counselor to serve inmates both in the jail and upon their release to the community. Ashland plans to open its first recovery home in SFY 16 and the recovery coach will be integral to the home by providing onsite supportive services, transportation assistance to self-help groups, employment and other needed services.

Project Outcomes:

- Number of inmates assessed
- Number of participants that have successfully engaged in treatment services upon releases back into the community
- Number of participants stably housed
- Number of participants with no new asset
- Number of participants stable on prescribed medications
- Number of participants employed and/or enrolled in a vocational program

Logan/Champaign

Award Amount: \$88,639

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Logan County and Champaign County Common Pleas Court
2. Bellefontaine and Champaign Municipal Court
3. Logan County Family Court
4. Logan County Sheriff's Office
5. Champaign County Domestic Relations Court
6. Champaign County Sheriff's Office
7. Tri-County Jail
8. Consolidated Care, Inc.
9. Wellspring
10. Local ODRC Probation & Parole Staff
11. Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board of Logan and Champaign Counties

Project Summary:

This project will support a licensed mental health manager position to provide screening and assessments at the Logan County Jail three days/week as well as linkage, local service coordinator and recovery supports through reentry to the community for any Logan or Champaign County inmates from either facility. Inmates will receive a behavioral health screening unless they are already active in treatment. Those with a positive screening will be referred for a complete diagnostic assessment and then appropriate treatment services as indicated.

Project Outcomes:

- An increase in the number of people assessed and receiving mental health and addiction treatment while incarcerated.
- An increase in the number of people connected to community services following release.
- An increase in the number of opioid-dependent individuals started on Vivitrol the day of release.
- A decrease in the unsuccessful discharges due to unmet MH needs.
- A decrease in the number of admission denials due to H+MH concerns.

Union

Award Amount: \$68,254

Collaborative Partners include:

1. West Central Community Correctional facility
2. Union County Family Drug Treatment Court
3. Union County Juvenile Court
4. Union County Adult Drug Court
5. Union County Common Pleas Court

Project summary:

This project is designed to address both the static factors and dynamic factors (criminogenic needs) of persons involved with the criminal justice system who are associated with disproportionate risk for behavioral health issues. Static factors will be addressed through extensive staff training in trauma informed care, and the dynamic or criminogenic needs will be addressed through intensive linkage and the development of a “one stop” program where people can have first step engagement services necessary to prevent recidivism.

Proposed outcomes:

- Develop a community-wide trauma transformation plan.
- Conduct pre-assessment and readiness/capacity assessment of organizations involved in the transformation plan.
- Train staff in evidence based practices related to trauma informed care.
- Provide trauma screening for people involved with the criminal justice system.

Putnam

Award Amount: \$82,123

Collaborative Partners include:

1. The Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Board of Putnam County
2. Putnam County Municipal Court
3. Putnam County Common Pleas Court
4. Putnam County Parole
5. Putnam County Probation
6. Putnam County Sheriff's Office

Project summary:

This project will provide both group and individual counseling sessions at the Putnam County Jail and at Pathways Counseling Center. Following release from incarceration, some clients will be directed to continue their treatment at Pathways. Outpatient counseling and case management will also be used for those on parole and probation. Pathways Counseling Center will also provide local law enforcement personnel with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) refresher courses.

Proposed outcomes:

- Self-Improvement: Using a pretest/posttest outcomes measure, 60% of participants will record higher scores on the posttest measure in areas such as health, anxiety, emotional stability, and outlook on future.
- Sustaining Achieved Goals: 60% of participants will continue receiving services after release from incarceration and will remain out of custody for at least 6 months.
- Employment: of those who qualify to meet with an OOD coordinator 40% will find employment within 6 months of receiving services.

Clark/Greene/Madison

Award Amount: \$129,300

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Clark County Jail
2. West Central Community Correctional Facility
3. McKinley Hall
4. Clark County Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Coalition

Project summary:

This project will allow for diagnostic assessment and case management services to be provided to inmates prior to being released and increases engagement and access to resources post-release. The SFY 2016 Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Linkage

funding will also allow for improved specialized criminal justice treatment services within the behavioral health organization. The grant will be used to fund a therapist, case manager, psychotropic medication (pre- and post-release) and transportation.

Proposed outcomes:

- Number of persons assessed by location and disposition.
- Timeliness of engagement; length of time for each step (referral, assessment, first shot, release, Medicaid eligibility, and length of time in treatment).
- Number clean from opiates at various time intervals, including post program completion.
- Number who obtain or maintain sober/stable housing.
- Number who obtain or maintain employment.
- Number regain custody of children or who don't return to ABH, if applicable.

Medina

Award Amount: \$143,368

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Alternative Paths
2. Medina County Jail
3. Medina County Common Pleas Court

Project summary:

This project will address identified gaps within the Medina County adult and juvenile criminal justice systems associated with successful re-entry to the community for those experiencing issues with mental health or addiction needs. The proposed linkage services would further support continuity of care and enhance outcomes for incarcerated consumers.

Proposed outcomes:

- Allows for two specially trained CPST staff to work with inmates following assessment.
- Link individuals with community supports, and follow the inmate post-release to assure that the appropriate linkages have been made and that additional needs are addressed.
- As part of the linkage process, providers will assist inmates in completing all required applications for Medicaid.

Miami/Darke/Shelby

Award Amount: \$102,093

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Tri-County Jail
2. Behavioral Health Services of Shelby County
3. Shelby County Counseling Center
4. Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley

Project summary:

The project will identify and address treatment and recovery support needs, provide problem-solving assistance and monitor outcomes. The project will reduce recidivism rates; facilitate seamless transfer of behavioral health treatment between county jails and local behavioral health providers; increase in-house treatment services at jails; increase recovery supports in the community and reduce the number of persons incarcerated due to a mental illness and/or substance abuse disorder.

Proposed outcomes:

- Jail in-reach included face-face meetings.
- People will be offered pharmacological appointments within 10 days of release from jail.
- People will remain in treatment at least 180 days post release.

- People will be offered benefits assessments.
- People will have no new arrests at completion of treatment by engaging in social supports.
- People will not require mental health inpatient stays.

Lucas

Award Amount: \$122,355

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Zepf Center
2. Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program of Toledo
3. Renewed Minds
4. Lucas County Job and Family Services
5. Lucas County Sheriff's Office

Project summary:

This project aims to improve the early identification of individuals who are likely in need of behavioral health services, and allow for more efficient and effective pre-lease planning and post-release treatment engagement using the principles of risk, need and responsivity. Through implementation of this process, the number of individuals who are mentally ill and/or addicted -- who cycle through the criminal justice system -- will be reduced.

Proposed outcomes:

- Number of individuals receiving a GAIN Short Screener (SS) assessment.
- Number of individuals screened as needing additional assessment services.
- Number of individuals who received a GAIN SS and were released from Lucas County Corrections Center with bond requirements to attend TASC and/or treatment services.
- Number individuals who engage in post-release TASC/treatment services.
- Number of individuals who maintain compliance with bond requirements throughout the period of their pretrial experience.
- Number of individuals who are not re-incarcerated during their participation and 6 months post participation.

Williams/Defiance/Fulton/Henry

Award Amount: \$102,093

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio
2. Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio
3. Comprehensive Crisis Care

Project summary:

This project will allow for the Board and its partners to expand the use of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) while individuals are incarcerated. It will provide intervention and transition services to the community setting post release.

Proposed outcomes:

- Number of Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) scores will be monitored.
- Trauma History Questionnaire (THQ) scores and daily observed medication administration.
- Weekly drug testing.
- Program attendance and participation.
- Reduced recidivism.

Montgomery

Award of Amount \$125,000

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Lighthouse Youth Services
2. Montgomery County Juvenile Court
3. Ohio Department of Youth Services

Project summary:

This expanded project will provide evidence-based treatment programming, in-home family support and therapy, case management, Community Prevention and Supportive Treatment (CPST) services, life skills training, workforce development and educational services. Lighthouse's program will mitigate barriers to services by bringing case management to the participant, focusing on linking intervention and supportive services and facilitating self-sufficiency skills for transition-aged youth.

Proposed outcomes:

- Number of youth served.
- Engagement in prerelease and community-based services.
- Reduced recidivism.
- Employment engagement.
- Educational advancement.

Ashtabula

Award of Amount \$91,060

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Ashtabula County Jail
2. Signature Health
3. Help Hotline
4. Lake Area Recovery Center
5. Community Counseling Center

Project summary:

The project will serve persons in the County Jail identified as having behavioral health needs and at moderate to high criminogenic risk. Community Counseling Center will provide direct care staff including .75FTE BH Therapist proficient in mental health/substance use assessment and treatment; .50 FTE Dual Diagnosis CM/CPST workers and a Psychiatrist who will provide 1.5 hours every other week.

Proposed outcomes:

- Number of person assessed.
- Number receiving jail-based treatment.
- Number served with reentry plans.
- Number linked to services with seven days of release.

Mahoning

Award of Amount \$150,000

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board
2. The Mahoning County Sheriff's Department
3. Community Corrections Association
4. Meridian Community Care

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5. Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC)
6. Turning Point Counseling
7. Catholic Charities Regional Agency
8. Flying HIGH, Inc.

Project Summary:

This project plans to work with community agency partners to provide enhanced services for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders currently incarcerated in the Mahoning County Jail/Mahoning County Community Corrections Association. The funding will allow the board to provide new services to help persons upon their return to the community as well. Re-entry coordination and services will begin while an individual is incarcerated and continue as the person is released from the Mahoning County Jail or Community Corrections Association.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Number client participating in recommended treatment while an inmate at the MCH or CCA?
- Number of clients released pre-trial
- Number of clients released post-conviction
- Number of clients completing re-entry planning
- Number of clients introduced to a peer support
- Number of clients with treatment plan
- Number of clients follow treatment plan
- Number of clients attending treatment appointments
- Number of clients participating in treatment
- Number of clients follow medication plan
- Number of who client re-offend within 3 months to 1 year

Seneca/Sandusky/Wyandot

Award of Amount \$148,514

Collaborative Partners include:

1. Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties
2. Sandusky County Sheriff's Office
3. Seneca County Sheriff's Office
4. Wyandot County Sheriff's Office
5. Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services
6. Sandusky County Reentry Task Force

Project summary:

Project goals include: screening of inmates for mental health, addiction, trauma and criminogenic risk factor; utilization of screening outcomes to inform criminal justice system decision making; increased treatment services during incarceration; and improved pre-release planning.

Proposed outcomes:

- 250 individuals will be screened in GY1.
- 50 individuals will receive behavioral health services.
- 500 individuals will be screened in GY2.
- 100 individuals will receive behavioral health services.