

**Questions related to CURES Workforce Development Manager – Request for Applicants
Number MHA-18-MEDDIR-WorkforceDevelopment-21**

Q: General confusion was offered by several potential applicants about how the three grants (MHA-18-MEDDIR-DEA DATA 2000 WAIVER-19; MHA-18-MEDDIR-DATA2000SmallGroupTrn-20; MHA-18-MEDDIR-WorkforceDevelopment-21) related to one another and the discrepancy in the size of the awards. We will discuss answers to these queries below.

A: The purpose of the Workforce Development grant (MHA-18-MEDDIR-WorkforceDevelopment-21) is to partner with an organization to manage all 21st Century CURES workforce development efforts. This grant concerns itself with project management; the manager will lead grant activities like MHA-18-MEDDIR-DEA DATA 2000 WAIVER-19 and MHA-18-MEDDIR-DATA2000SmallGroupTrn-20, but there will be more RFAs coming out that the workforce development manager will lead. Please see the grant activities for more information on the duties of the workforce development manager.

Expansion of medication assisted treatment is considered of paramount importance to the 21st Century CURES grant. To assist with expansion efforts OhioMHAS has developed a series of workforce development strategies. The biggest strategy is to have 42 live training events (roughly 4-5 per month through RFA MHA-18-MEDDIR-DEA DATA 2000 WAIVER-19). These 42 live trainings are 1.5 days long and will serve 25-30 physicians per training event. For physicians that cannot make the training events, there should be online courses available for up to 2,000 physicians that satisfy the 8-hour requirements to obtain the DEA Data 2000 waiver. No funds may be used to develop these online courses; the awardee should already have them in place.

A secondary grant (MHA-18-MEDDIR-DATA2000SmallGroupTrn-20) will be offered to partner with a DEA DATA waived physician to conduct five trainings of 10-15 physicians per training event. Communities chosen for these trainings will be rural and less likely to have a large physician turnout.

Q: And are these all to be different institutions, the same institution, any combination thereof?

A: Assuming that the applicant has the dedicated workforce to manage all three grants, then one applicant could apply for all RFA opportunities. That said, the workforce development manager associated with grant (MHA-18-MEDDIR-WorkforceDevelopment-21) should be spending a significant amount of time at OhioMHAS to coordinate all activities with the project director, program leads, and other applicable staff.