



**Application for Guidelines for Medication Assisted
Treatment (MAT) Transition of Care
MHA-19-MEDDIR-MATGUIDE-55**

Funding period: November 26, 2018 – April 30, 2019

RFA Purpose

The 21st Century Cures Act was passed by Congress and signed into law in late 2016. It is designed to modernize health care through enhanced innovation, research and communication, leading to better patient outcomes. The Act also makes available to states new funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to combat the prescription opioid and heroin crisis. SAMHSA's State Targeted Response (STR) project funding provides over \$970 million to states and territories over FY 2017 and 2018. Ohio received over \$26 million dollars per year in SFY 2018 and SFY 2019.

Ohio's Opioid STR Project goals focus on building a community system of care (prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery support) that emphasizes service integration between physical health care, emergency health care, behavioral health care, criminal justice, and child welfare. Strategies and activities undertaken for this effort build upon Ohio's on-going efforts to address the opioid epidemic and are designed to reduce overdose deaths and enhance the ability of individuals with opioid use disorder to receive treatment using evidence-based approaches. This focus represents a high-impact opportunity to strengthen Ohio's comprehensive response to the state's opioid issues.

OhioMHAS seeks to award funding to one entity to develop inpatient medical setting guidelines for providing services and transitioning care of patients with opioid use disorders (OUD) and/or other substance use disorders (SUD). Induction onto MAT in the emergency department or during a medically necessary inpatient stay in a hospital is a key part of expanding MAT access in the Ohio Opioid STR strategy. Patients who are induced during an inpatient stay are often transferred to a skilled nursing facility or other rehabilitation center after completing the inpatient stay. Lack of MAT access and treatment within skilled nursing facilities and the timely transition of MAT care upon discharge are barriers to induction in the hospital setting. This grant aims to fill that gap through the creation of treatment protocols in inpatient medical settings and establishing best practice guidelines to support implementation of MAT. The guidelines will also establish best practices in transitioning patient care into the community upon discharge from the skilled nursing facility or other rehabilitation setting.

Scope of Work

One awardee will be funded to assist OhioMHAS with implementation of State Targeted Response (STR) Grant activities. The awardee will develop protocol to guide the care of patients with SUD/OUD in inpatient medical settings. This initiative is intended to help address the limited services, training, and resources available to treat and provide a continuum of care for patients with an OUD/SUD within inpatient medical settings. The guidelines will include the development and implementation of physician driven protocol for patients with OUD/SUD, including the use of medication assisted treatment (MAT) and other best practices. Guidelines will also include protocols for the transition of patients from the hospital setting to an acute care setting and the transition from an acute care setting to other service providers. The awardee will develop and implement frontline staff education that focuses upon how to communicate with patients with an OUD/SUD and other behavioral health disorders and provides information regarding treatment, assessment, and continuity of care needs.

The awardee will also develop an evaluation plan to determine the effectiveness of the developed guidelines. The evaluation plan must include the following: Process and outcome measures, a logic

model, and data collection procedures.

Once guidelines and the evaluation plan are developed, the awardee will partner with at least one inpatient medical facility to pilot the guidelines and staff training. If the awardee has an inpatient medical facility, they may implement the protocol at their own agency rather than partnering with another organization. The awardee will utilize their evaluation plan to assess the effectiveness of the protocols and training, identify and address any gaps or barriers within the protocols, and develop a report that will support the implementation of the protocols across Ohio inpatient medical facilities. The awardee will submit protocols, training materials, the evaluation plan, and the pilot program evaluation report to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The awardee will assist in promoting and disseminating these tools to medical inpatient facilities throughout the state of Ohio to encourage facilities to follow the standard set of protocol developed through this grant.

Data Collection and Reporting

As authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 5119.61, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will collect information and data from the awardee. This information and data are outlined in the Reporting Requirements, which will be distributed with the Notice of Award. Failure to comply with reporting requirements shall result in further action by OhioMHAS, which may include cessation of funds.

Reporting Requirements

Awardee will report on the following each month:

- Project timeline (with any updates or changes that occurred).
- Tasks completed that month and overall progress.
- Tasks to be completed the following month.
- Identification of any programmatic barriers or technical assistance needs.
- Submission of guidelines and the evaluation plan (as completed).
- Data collected each month during the pilot phase.

Performance Assessment

Awardee is expected to participate in a performance assessment as needed, including monthly reviews with OhioMHAS staff.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Eligible Applicants

Applications will be accepted from inpatient medical organizations and/or organizations that are able to partner with inpatient medical organizations for the pilot phase of the project. Applicants that plan to partner with an outside organization for the pilot phase must submit a letter of commitment from the organization. Applicants must have the capacity and ability to develop, implement, and evaluate the guidelines by April 30, 2019.

Permissible Use of Funds

Funds may be used for the purchase of program supplies and equipment, staff time, training accommodations, and other needs related to meeting the grant deliverables. Funds may be used to contract with other organizations to fulfill all of the grant deliverables. Funds may not be used for food expenses. OhioMHAS will have ownership over all materials developed with grant funds and intends to disseminate the materials to guide implementation throughout Ohio (i.e. protocol/guidelines, training materials, evaluation plans, the evaluation report, etc).

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application page limit is eight, single-spaced pages in 12 point Times New Roman font. This page limit does NOT include the coversheet, the budget narrative, or the budget expenditure form (Appendices 1 and 2). Applications must include the following:

A. Scope of Work

1. Cover sheet
2. Abstract – Summary identifying how the project will be implemented that includes goal(s), objectives, and total amount of funding requested. (300 words or less)
3. Project Description- Provide a description of the proposed project that includes the following:
 - a. Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant.
 - b. Plan to develop protocol to guide the care of patients with SUD/ODU in inpatient medical settings. Plan should include development of guidelines for transition of care, screening and assessment, and staff education.
 - c. Plan to develop an evaluation plan to determine the effectiveness of the guidelines
 - d. Plan to pilot and evaluate the developed protocol.
 - e. Plan for coordination of collection and reporting of data, including compliance with OhioMHAS monthly reporting requirements.
 - f. Budget Expenditure Form (Appendix 1) and Budget Narrative (Appendix 2) documenting implementation period funds. Proposals must include a budget and budget narrative that identifies all costs to complete the project as described in the proposal, as well as how OhioMHAS funds, and other resources will be used.

B. RFA Questions and Updates

1. The Request for Proposal, accompanying documents and all questions and answers will be posted on the OhioMHAS website at: <https://mha.ohio.gov/Funding/Cures-Act>
2. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than **Friday, November 16, 2018 by 5:30pm** to OhioMHAS at: CURESWORKFORCE@mha.ohio.gov
3. No questions will be answered after the deadline. You may **NOT** contact any OhioMHAS staff member directly with questions regarding this RFA. Contacting staff directly with questions could result in disqualification of an application.
4. Responses to all frequently asked questions (FAQ) will be posted to the OhioMHAS website at <https://mha.ohio.gov/Funding/Cures-Act> and will be updated frequently.

C. Application Submission

1. All applications must be submitted electronically to: CURESWORKFORCE@mha.ohio.gov by **Friday, November 23, 2018 by 5:30pm**
2. No faxed, mailed or hand carried applications will be accepted.

D. Award

1. The Award is expected to be announced by December 1, 2018 for project implementation to begin no later than **January 2, 2019**.
2. All state fiscal year 2019 funds should be obligated by April 30, 2019. No cost extensions are permissible without prior approval from the Department.
3. Grant award will not exceed \$300,000.

Review Criterion	Points Possible
Scope of Work	
Abstract: Summary identifying how the project will be implemented that includes goal(s), objectives, and total amount of funding requested. (300 words or less)	5
Project description components:	
a. Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant.	5
b. Plan to develop protocol to guide the care of patients with SUD/ODD in inpatient medical settings. Plan should include development of guidelines for transition of care, screening and assessment, and staff education.	30
c. Plan to develop an evaluation plan to determine the effectiveness of the guidelines.	25
d. Plan to pilot and evaluate the developed protocol.	10
e. Plan for coordination of collection and reporting of data, including compliance with OhioMHAS monthly reporting requirements.	5
Technical Score	80
Budget: Program cost is reasonable and realistic	20
Total Score	100
Rating	Explanation
0	Is Not Addressed. Proposal does not comply with the requirement and/or does not address expectations.
1-2	Weak. Proposal does not substantially meet the requirement and/or does not substantially meet expectations.
3-4	Meets. Proposal meets the requirement, and meets expectations.
5	Exceeds. Proposal exceeds the requirement and exceeds expectations.