



Assessing the Unmet Needs of the East Baton Rouge Opioid Dependent Justice Involved Population

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Overview of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site Based Program(COAP) Grant: Category 4

The Louisiana Dept. of Health/ Office of Behavioral Health was awarded Category 4A of the much larger Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site Based Program Grant (COAP). Category 4A is a planning grant that was awarded to LDH/OBH on September 2017 by the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Program (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in the amount of \$100,000. This planning grant is scheduled to run through September 30, 2019.

Jointly Planned Between SAA and SSA

This Category 4A State Planning Grant is to be jointly planned between the State Administrative Agency(SAA) responsible for directing criminal justice planning which is the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) and the Single State Agency for Substance Abuse Services (SSA) which is the Louisiana Dept. of Health/ Office of Behavioral Health (LDH/OBH).

Multiple Categories Within the COAP Grant

Our grant is one of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program Category Awards which include:

Category 1: Overdose Outreach Projects (City of New Orleans \$298,706)

Category 2: Technology-assisted Treatment Projects

Category 3: System-level Diversion and Alternatives to Incarceration Projects (St. Tammany Parish \$397,571)

Category 4: Statewide Planning (Category A- LDH/OBH \$100,000),
Coordination and Implementation Projects (Category B- not funded at this time)

Category 5: Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Category 6: Data-driven Responses to Opioid Misuse Projects (LDH/ Office Public Health, Center of Health Informatics \$542,160)

The Targeted Parishes of Focus for the COAP Grant

The targeted parishes of focus for this grant within the state of Louisiana were chosen due to data showing they have the highest rates in the state for opioid-related overdose deaths, and the highest number of persons treated and hospitalized for opioid dependence. The chosen parishes of focus are:

- East Baton Rouge Parish
- Jefferson Parish
- Orleans Parish
- St. Tammany Parish

Purpose of the COAP Committee

The main purpose of the COAP Committee is to develop a comprehensive state plan. To accomplish this the committee will:

- ▶ Address three primary goals using one or a combination of allowed initiatives
- ▶ Form subcommittees per parish with the grant coordinator
- ▶ Create individualized plans based on that parishes need regarding serving justice involved opioid dependent individuals

Primary Goals of the State Plan

1. Engage and retain justice involved individuals with opioid use disorders in treatment and recovery services
2. Increase the use of diversion/alternatives to incarceration (for example, Day Reporting Centers)
3. Reducing the incidence of Overdose deaths

Grant funds in the comprehensive state plan can be used to support a combination of or just one of the following primary initiatives:

1. Engage and retain justice involved individuals with opioid use disorders in treatment and recovery services
2. Increase the use of diversion/alternatives to incarceration
3. Look for gaps in current treatment services and plan to build treatment delivery systems
4. Workforce planning to increase treatment agencies' capacity to provide evidence based treatment

Primary Initiatives Continued:

5. Review the state's Medicaid plans for coverage of substance use disorder treatment and also criminogenic needs such as CBT
6. Provide training to improve treatment engagement and client outcomes
7. Tracking, compiling, coordinating, disseminating statewide/local data
8. Increase communication, coordination, information sharing among state and local agencies.

Who are the Current Team Members?

- Capital Area Human Services District
- Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
- U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement
- LA Department of Corrections staff Treating the Incarcerated with STR funds in state facilities
- LA Department of Health/OBH Headquarters STR Grant Staff
- LA Department of Health/OPH/Health Informatics
- LA Commission on Law Enforcement
- Regional DOC Probation and Parole
- Department of Children and Family Services
- Baton Rouge Mayors Office

Already identified Problems/Gaps in Programming in East Baton Rouge at the Last COAP Committee Meeting

- Lack of Collaboration between Behavioral Health providers and Probation and Parole upon re-entry
- Lack of housing and transportation
- Limited residential beds for justice involved opioid dependent mothers
- Limited programs to promote independence and family support
- Treatment providers and correctional staff need more training in harm reduction/more education to reduce bias against MAT

Others Not Identified?

Narrowing Down the Needs

Assessing and Prioritizing the Needs

- Which need to prioritize to have the most impact?
- What data do we still need?
- What resources will be needed to fulfill this need?
- Cost effective?
- Realistic?

Top Needs and Strategies to Address Them

What are the Top Needs That Can Be Realistically Addressed?

What will be the Strategies Needed to Address Them?