

North Dakota

UNIFORM APPLICATION

FY 2022/2023 Combined MHBG Application Behavioral Health
Assessment and Plan

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT and COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

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Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
Division of State Programs

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
Division of State and Community Assistance

and

Center for Mental Health Services
Division of State and Community Systems Development

State Information

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Plan Year

Start Year 2022

End Year 2023

State SAPT DUNS Number

Number 802743534

Expiration Date

I. State Agency to be the SAPT Grantee for the Block Grant

Agency Name North Dakota Department of Human Services

Organizational Unit Behavioral Health Division

Mailing Address 600 E Boulevard Ave

City Bismarck

Zip Code 58505

II. Contact Person for the SAPT Grantee of the Block Grant

First Name Pamela

Last Name Sagness

Agency Name North Dakota Department of Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

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Email Address psagness@nd.gov

State CMHS DUNS Number

Number 802743534

Expiration Date

I. State Agency to be the CMHS Grantee for the Block Grant

Agency Name North Dakota Department of Human Services

Organizational Unit Behavioral Health Division

Mailing Address 600 E Boulevard Ave

City Bismarck

Zip Code 58505

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First Name Pamela

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III. Third Party Administrator of Mental Health Services

Do you have a third party administrator? Yes No

First Name

Last Name

Agency Name

Mailing Address

City

Zip Code

Telephone

Fax

Email Address

IV. State Expenditure Period (Most recent State expenditure period that is closed out)

From

To

V. Date Submitted

Submission Date 8/31/2021 2:30:54 PM

Revision Date 8/31/2021 2:31:37 PM

VI. Contact Person Responsible for Application Submission

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Footnotes:

State Information

Chief Executive Officer's Funding Agreement - Certifications and Assurances / Letter Designating Signatory Authority [SA]

Fiscal Year 2022

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrations
 Funding Agreements
 as required by
 Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program
 as authorized by
 Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II and Subpart III of the Public Health Service Act
 and
 Title 42, Chapter 6A, Subchapter XVII of the United States Code

Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II of the Public Health Service Act		
Section	Title	Chapter
Section 1921	Formula Grants to States	42 USC § 300x-21
Section 1922	Certain Allocations	42 USC § 300x-22
Section 1923	Intravenous Substance Abuse	42 USC § 300x-23
Section 1924	Requirements Regarding Tuberculosis and Human Immunodeficiency Virus	42 USC § 300x-24
Section 1925	Group Homes for Recovering Substance Abusers	42 USC § 300x-25
Section 1926	State Law Regarding the Sale of Tobacco Products to Individuals Under Age 18	42 USC § 300x-26
Section 1927	Treatment Services for Pregnant Women	42 USC § 300x-27
Section 1928	Additional Agreements	42 USC § 300x-28
Section 1929	Submission to Secretary of Statewide Assessment of Needs	42 USC § 300x-29
Section 1930	Maintenance of Effort Regarding State Expenditures	42 USC § 300x-30
Section 1931	Restrictions on Expenditure of Grant	42 USC § 300x-31
Section 1932	Application for Grant; Approval of State Plan	42 USC § 300x-32
Section 1935	Core Data Set	42 USC § 300x-35
Title XIX, Part B, Subpart III of the Public Health Service Act		
Section 1941	Opportunity for Public Comment on State Plans	42 USC § 300x-51
Section 1942	Requirement of Reports and Audits by States	42 USC § 300x-52

Section 1943	Additional Requirements	42 USC § 300x-53
Section 1946	Prohibition Regarding Receipt of Funds	42 USC § 300x-56
Section 1947	Nondiscrimination	42 USC § 300x-57
Section 1953	Continuation of Certain Programs	42 USC § 300x-63
Section 1955	Services Provided by Nongovernmental Organizations	42 USC § 300x-65
Section 1956	Services for Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders	42 USC § 300x-66

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standard or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the nineteen statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standard for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §§794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Title II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetland pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions

to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).

12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

LIST of CERTIFICATIONS

1. Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the applicant organization) certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that the applicant, defined as the primary participant in accordance with 2 CFR part 180, and its principals:

- a. Agrees to comply with 2 CFR Part 180, Subpart C by administering each lower tier subaward or contract that exceeds \$25,000 as a "covered transaction" and verify each lower tier participant of a "covered transaction" under the award is not presently debarred or otherwise disqualified from participation in this federally assisted project by:
 - a. Checking the Exclusion Extract located on the System for Award Management (SAM) at <http://sam.gov>
 - b. Collecting a certification statement similar to paragraph (a)
 - c. Inserting a clause or condition in the covered transaction with the lower tier contract

2. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the applicant organization) certifies that the applicant will, or will continue to, provide a drug-free work place in accordance with 2 CFR Part 182 by:

- a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's work-place and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- b. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about--
 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 2. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a) above;
- d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a), above, that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will--
 1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 2. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- e. Notifying the agency in writing within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d) (2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted?
 1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

3. Certifications Regarding Lobbying

Per 45 CFR §75.215, Recipients are subject to the restrictions on lobbying as set forth in 45 CFR part 93. Title 31, United States Code, Section 1352, entitled "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions,"

generally prohibits recipients of Federal grants and cooperative agreements from using Federal (appropriated) funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Federal Government in connection with a SPECIFIC grant or cooperative agreement. Section 1352 also requires that each person who requests or receives a Federal grant or cooperative agreement must disclose lobbying undertaken with non-Federal (non- appropriated) funds. These requirements apply to grants and cooperative agreements EXCEEDING \$100,000 in total costs.

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the applicant organization) certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. (If needed, Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," its instructions, and continuation sheet are included at the end of this application form.)
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

4. Certification Regarding Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (PFCRA) (31 U.S.C § 3801- 3812)

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the applicant organization) certifies that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge, and that he or she is aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject him or her to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. The undersigned agrees that the applicant organization will comply with the Public Health Service terms and conditions of award if a grant is awarded as a result of this application.

5. Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke

Public Law 103-227, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, daycare, early childhood development services, education or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law also applies to children's services that are provided in indoor facilities that are constructed, operated, or maintained with such Federal funds. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residence, portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment, service providers whose sole source of applicable Federal funds is Medicare or Medicaid, or facilities where WIC coupons are redeemed.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

By signing the certification, the undersigned certifies that the applicant organization will comply with the requirements of the Act and will not allow smoking within any portion of any indoor facility used for the provision of services for children as defined by the Act.

The applicant organization agrees that it will require that the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for children's services and that all subrecipients shall certify accordingly.

The Public Health Services strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of tobacco products. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

HHS Assurances of Compliance (HHS 690)

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972, THE AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975, AND SECTION 1557 OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The Applicant provides this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

THE APPLICANT HEREBY AGREES THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 80), to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 84), to the end that, in accordance with Section 504 of that Act and the Regulation, no otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
3. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-318), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 86), to the end that, in accordance with Title IX and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
4. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 91), to the end that, in accordance with the Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
5. Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111-148), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 92), to the end that, in accordance with Section 1557 and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any health program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.

The Applicant agrees that compliance with this assurance constitutes a condition of continued receipt of Federal financial assistance, and that it is binding upon the Applicant, its successors, transferees and assignees for the period during which such assistance is provided. If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Applicant by the Department, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is so provided, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. The Applicant further recognizes and agrees that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance.

The grantee, as the awardee organization, is legally and financially responsible for all aspects of this award including funds provided to sub-recipients in accordance with 45 CFR §§ 75.351-75.352, Subrecipient monitoring and management.

I hereby certify that the state or territory will comply with Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II and Subpart III of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended, and summarized above, except for those sections in the PHS Act that do not apply or for which a waiver has been granted or may be granted by the Secretary for the period covered by this agreement.

I also certify that the state or territory will comply with the Assurances Non-construction Programs and other Certifications summarized above.

State: _____

Name of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee: Pamela Sagness_____

Signature of CEO or Designee¹: _____

Title: Director, Behavioral Health Division_____

Date Signed: _____

mm/dd/yyyy

_____ ¹If the agreement is signed by an authorized designee, a copy of the designation must be attached.

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Footnotes:



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

April 13, 2017

Ms. Virginia Simmons
Supervisory Grant Management Specialist
Office of Financial Resources, Divisions of Grants Management
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 7-1109
Rockville, MD 20850

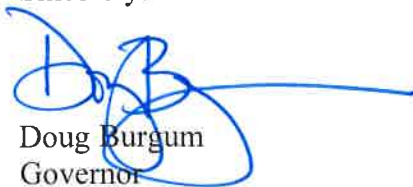
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The designation shall remain in effect as long as I am the Governor of North Dakota and Ms. Sagness is the Director of the Behavioral Health Division of the North Dakota Department of Human Services.

All correspondence regarding the above-mentioned grants should continue to be sent to Ms. Sagness at the Department's Behavioral Health Division, 1237 West Divide Avenue, Suite 1C, Bismarck, ND 58501-1208.

Sincerely,


Doug Burgum
Governor



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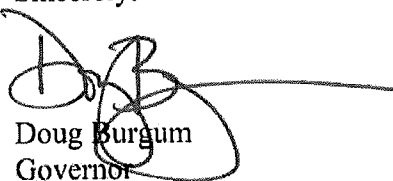
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Name of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee: Pamela Sagers

Signature of CEO or Designee¹: 

Title: BHD Director

Date Signed: 7-23-21

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Signature of CEO or Designee¹: _____

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Date Signed: _____

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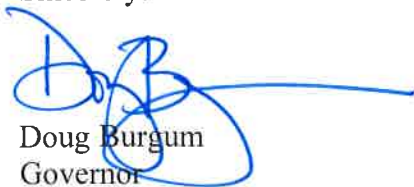
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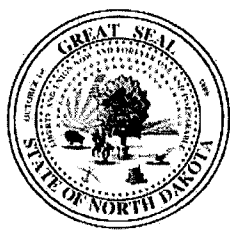
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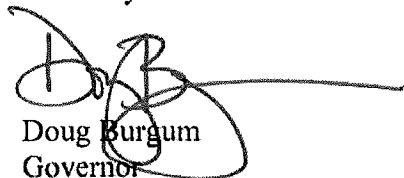
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LIST of CERTIFICATIONS

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ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

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2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standard or agency directives.
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Chief Executive Officer's Funding Agreement - Certifications and Assurances / Letter Designating Signatory Authority [MH]

Fiscal Year 2022

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GENERAL STATE DEMOGRAPHICS

North Dakota is a vastly rural and frontier state with a relatively small population. North Dakota covers 69,000.80 square miles and has a 2019-estimated population of 762,062 people. As of 2010, North Dakota had 9.7 people per square mile compared to the United States at 87.4 people per square mile. According to the 2010 Census, North Dakota has 357 incorporated communities. Fifty-five percent of these communities have 200 people or less. The state's largest cities are Fargo (124,664), Bismarck (73,529), Grand Forks (55,839), and Minot (47,382) (2019 Estimate).

Just over fifteen percent of the state's population is over age 65 and 23.6 percent is under age 18 (2019 estimate). Ten percent of persons live below the poverty level, compared to 12.3% nationally. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 86.9% of the state's population is white, 5.6% is American Indian/Alaska Native, 3.4% is Black or African American and 4.1% is of Hispanic/Latino origin (2019 Estimate). There are five federally recognized American Indian Tribes located at least partially within the State of North Dakota: Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes); Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe; Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (bestrides North Dakota and South Dakota); Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (including Trenton Indian Service Area); and Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation (majority located in South Dakota). There are 47,228 civilian veterans in North Dakota, comprising approximately 8% of the adult population.

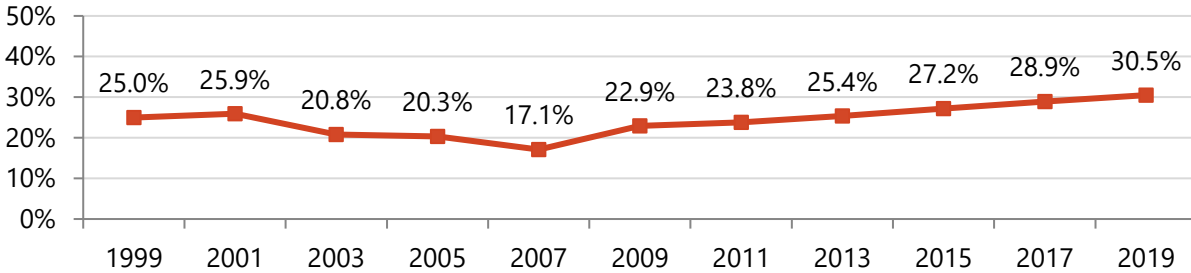
The western half of North Dakota consists of many small communities spread across thousands of acres of farmland, with farming as one of the primary sources of income. A "Virginia-sized", 24,000 square mile oil reserve of an estimated 4.3 billion barrels lies 10,000 feet below the surface of western North Dakota creating an "oil boom." Production rates of ND oil began to rise in 2004 but increased dramatically in 2007 with advancements in technology and higher oil prices. This led to dramatically increased population, which taxed the surrounding infrastructure and community-based systems. In 2015, expansion of oil production began to slow steadily, leading to economic shifts that have equally impacted these same communities.

Mental Health System Data Epidemiology (MHBG Criterion 2)

YOUTH: Almost one in three (30.5%) ND high school students report feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks in a row so that they stopped doing some usual activities during the past year. [i]

**ND High School Students reported feeling sad or hopeless
(almost every day for 2 or more weeks in a row so that they stopped doing
some usual activities during the last 12 months)**

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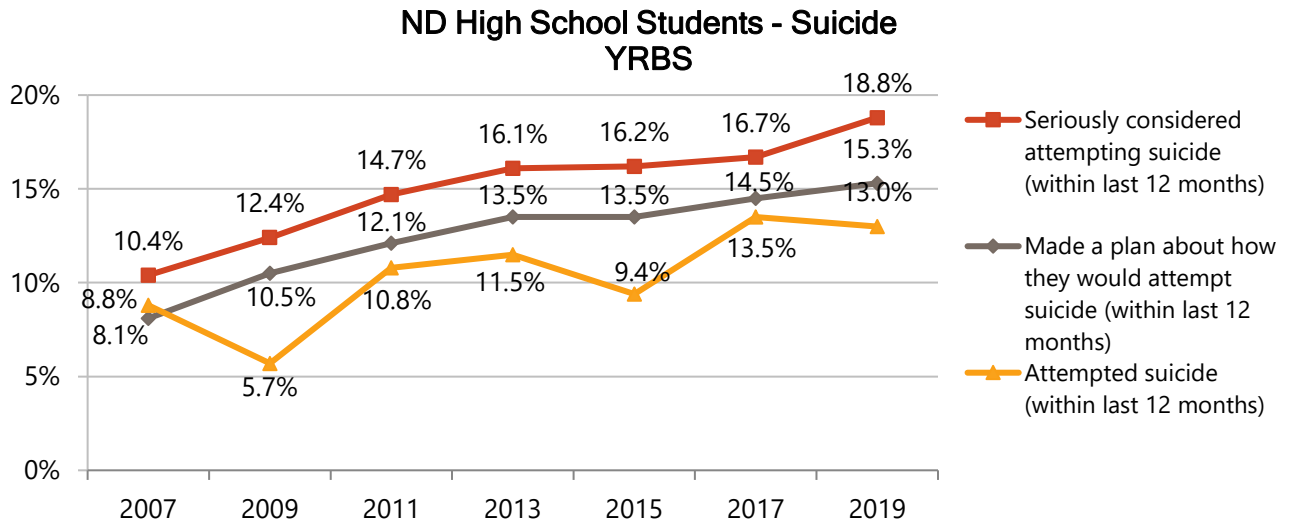
Among children and youth, prevalence of mental health conditions is similar to national estimates. An estimated 12% to 25% of North Dakotan students have an emotional or behavioral disorder [ii].¹ In 2017-2018, the annual average proportion of North Dakotan adolescents aged 12 to 17 with a major depressive episode² in the past year was 13.75 percent, aligning with the corresponding national annual average percentage of 13.84% (2017-2018 NSDUH).

ADULTS: In 2017-2018, an estimated 19 percent of adults aged 18 and older in North Dakota met the criteria for any mental illness in the past year. This aligns with the national annual average (19%) [iii]. A total of 4.9 percent of North Dakota adults aged 18 or over in 2017-2018 had a serious mental illness (SMI) in the past year; this figure is similar to the corresponding national annual average percentage (4.6%).

SUICIDE: Suicide, a significant health issue nationwide, is a serious concern in North Dakota. In 2020, 140 North Dakotans died by suicide, which was the eleventh leading cause of death in the state that year [iv]. Suicide is the second leading cause of death in the state for those between the ages of 15 and 24 [v]. Approximately nineteen percent of ND high school students seriously considered attempting suicide at some point during the past year and 15.3 percent of made a plan about how they would attempt suicide. [vi]

¹ Definition of emotional disorder (ED) (34 CFR 300.8(4)(i)): A condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree that adversely affects a child’s educational performance: A) An inability to learn that cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors; B) An inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and teacher; C) Inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances; D) A general, pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; E) A tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal or school problems.

² Major depressive episode (MDE) is defined as in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV), which specifies a period of at least two weeks when a person experienced a depressed mood or loss of interest or pleasure in daily activities and had a majority of specified depression symptoms.



The annual average percentage of North Dakotan adults aged 18 or older with serious thoughts of suicide in the past year was 5.11 percent, slightly higher than the national annual average of 4.34 percent (2017-2018 NSDUH). Almost one in five (18.8%) of North Dakota’s high school youth considered attempting suicide in the past year. Rates of suicide among veterans and military service have risen higher than the rates of suicide among the general population in recent years. In 2019, 14.6 percent of those who died by suicide in North Dakota were veterans. [vii].

STRUCTURE OF THE PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM

North Dakota Department of Human Services

The mission of the North Dakota Department of Human Services is to provide quality, efficient and effective human services, which improve the lives of people. This mission is driven by several principles:

- Services and care should be provided as close to home as possible
- Services should be provided consistently across service areas to promote equity of access and citizen focus of delivery
- Services should be administered to optimize for a given cost the number served at a service level aligned to need
- Services should help vulnerable North Dakotans of all ages maintain or enhance quality of life by:
 - Supporting access to the social determinants of health
 - Mitigating threats to quality of life such as lack of financial resources, emotional crisis, disabling conditions, or inability to protect oneself.

The Department is an umbrella agency headed by Executive Director Christopher Jones who was appointed by Governor Doug Burgum on Feb. 3, 2017. Comprised of over 2,200 employees, the Department of Human Services is organized into four major subdivisions consisting of Medical Services, Behavioral Health, Administration & Support, and Program & Policy. The Department

receives and distributes funds furnished by the North Dakota Legislature and Congress. The Department, through the ND State Hospital, Life Skills and Transition Center and Statewide Community Clinics (Human Service Centers), is a direct provider of human services and the state institution for individuals needing inpatient psychiatric services.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION

The Behavioral Health Division within the Department of Human Services serves as the State Mental Health Authority (SMHA), State Substance Abuse Authority (SSA), and the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA). The Behavioral Health Division (NDCC 50-06-01.4) is a policy division responsible for reviewing and identifying service needs and activities in the state's behavioral health system to ensure health and safety, access to services, and quality of services. The Division is also responsible for establishing quality assurance standards for the licensure of substance use disorder program services and facilities and providing policy leadership in partnership with public and private entities. The Behavioral Health Division does not provide direct services, rather the role of the Division is to ensure health and safety and access to a wide range of quality behavioral health services across the state.

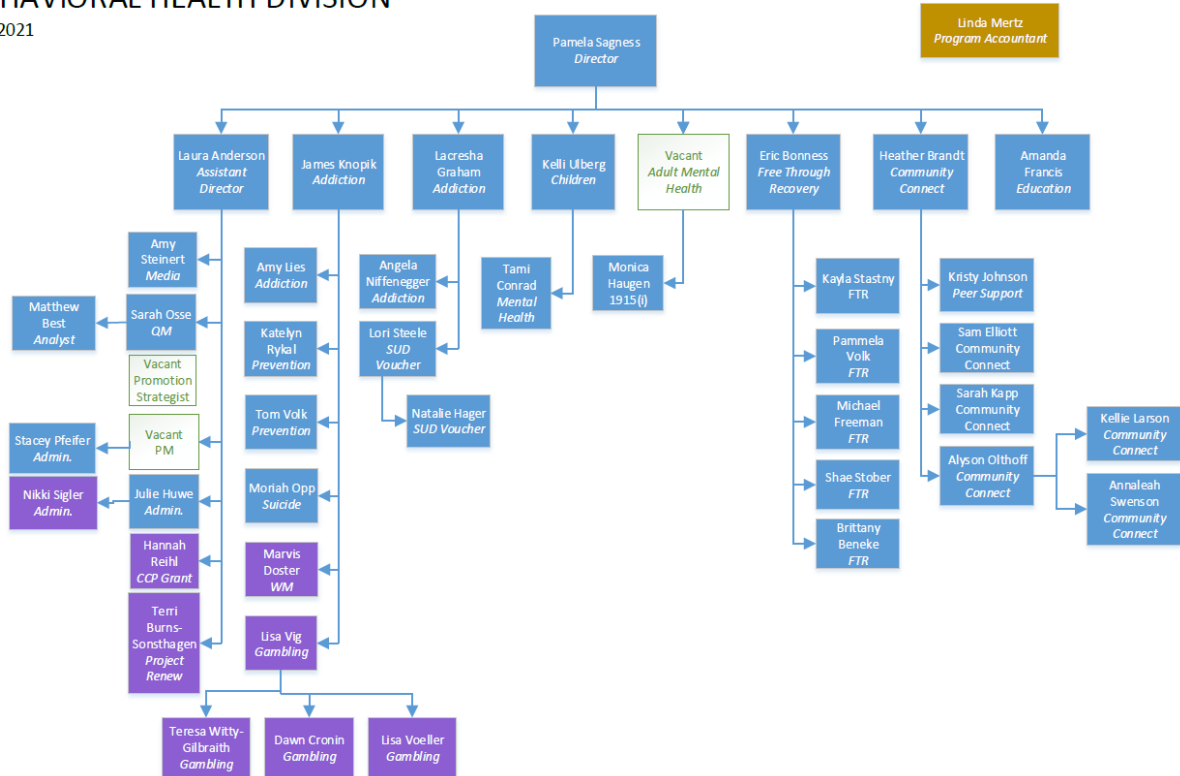
The Behavioral Health Division commissioned a study of the state's behavioral health system in 2017-2018. The Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) assessed data, held focus groups, community listening sessions, and conducted interviews around the state. In April 2018, HSRI issued its final report, detailing findings and providing 13 major recommendations for improvement. These recommendations were based the quantitative and qualitative analysis, principles for a 'good and modern' behavioral health system, and North Dakotans' vision for system change. Led by the Behavioral Health Planning Council and endorsed by the Department of Human Services and the Governor's office, the state has created a strategic plan for systems change grounded in the findings and recommendations of the 2018 study and ongoing stakeholder conversations. The HSRI has continued to support the state in the implementation of the strategic goals. A dashboard

summarizes progress on these efforts:

www.hsri.org/files/uploads/publications/ND_BHStrategicPlan210416_Accessible.pdf.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION

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PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM

The Field Services Division within the Department of Human Services operates eight regional human service centers, the State Hospital and the Life Skills and Transition Center. During the 2017 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2039 (NDCC 50-06-01.4) further defined the purpose of the service delivery division within the Department of Human Services. This service delivery division is responsible for providing chronic disease management, regional intervention services, and twenty-four-hour crisis services for individuals with behavioral health disorders.

Each human service center serves a designated multi-county area, providing mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services, and other human services. The regional human service centers are the access point for State Hospital admissions. Open access walk-in behavioral health assessments have been implemented throughout many of the human service centers on certain days and times of the week. During these times, individuals can walk in and meet with a triage specialist and the business office and are then connected to services. Those with acute, severe symptoms are served right away. Others may be served within one to several days or may be referred to other community behavioral health service providers.

In the past several years, this service delivery division – operating eight regional human service centers and the state hospital – has focused on expanding the twenty-four-hour crisis services available. The eight regional human service centers serve a designated multi-county area, providing counseling and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services and other human services. Crisis stabilization facilities currently exist in all eight regions – operated through the regional human service centers; however, there are plans for each of these facilities to allow for a walk-in option 24 hours/7 days a week for a brief assessment. At the facility, individuals will receive short-term, recovery-focused services with the goal to resolve the crisis. Services will also include withdrawal management, supportive therapy and referral to any additional needed services. The service delivery division is also implementing plans to offer mobile crisis response throughout the state, with two regions currently operational. These trained mobile crisis intervention teams will meet a person in crisis where they are, assess for risk of harm to self/others, and help problem-solve the crisis situation. Contact information, including the counties served, is provided below.

Delivering human services involves a partnership between the Department, counties, tribes, and service providers. In addition to providing direct services themselves, the regional human service centers also contract with private non-profit providers for crisis residential services, most residential services, as well as the Recovery Centers.

North Dakota Human Service Centers

<p>Region I: Northwest Human Service Center - Williston 316 2nd Ave W, PO Box 1266, Williston, ND 58802-1266</p> <p><i>Counties served for human service programs: Divide, McKenzie, and Williams.</i></p>	<p>701-774-4600 Fax: 701-774-4620 Toll Free (ND only): 1-800-231-7724 Crisis Line: 701-572-9111 TTY: 701-774-4692 E-mail: dhsnwhsc@nd.gov</p>
<p>Region II: North Central Human Service Center - Minot 1015 S. Broadway, Suite 18, Minot, ND 58701</p> <p><i>Counties served for human service programs: Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville and Ward.</i></p>	<p>701-857-8500 Fax 701-857-8555 TTY: 701-857-8666 Crisis Line: 701-857-8500 OR Toll Free 1-888-470-6968 E-mail: dhsnchsc@nd.gov</p>
<p>Region III: Lake Region Human Service Center - Devils Lake 200 Hwy 2 SW, Devils Lake, ND 58301</p> <p><i>Counties served for human service programs: Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner.</i></p>	<p>701-665-2200 / Toll Free: 888-607-8610 Fax: 701-665-2300 TTY: 701-665-2211 Crisis Line: 701-662-5050 E-mail: dhslrhsc@nd.gov</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Outreach Office - Rolla 113 Main Ave. East, Rolla, ND 58367-0088</p>	<p>701-477-8272 Fax: 477-8281</p>
<p>Region IV: Northeast Human Service Center - Grand Forks 151 S 4th St Suite 401, Grand Forks, ND 58201-4735</p> <p><i>Counties served for human service programs: Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, and Walsh.</i></p>	<p>701-795-3000 Fax: 701-795-3050 TTY: 1-800-366-6889 Crisis Line: 701-775-0525 or -0526 OR 1-800-845-3731 E-mail: dhsnehsc@nd.gov</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Outreach Office 5th & School Road, Grafton, ND 58237</p>	<p>701-352-4334 Toll Free: 888-845-2215</p>

Region V: Southeast Human Service Center - Fargo

2624 9th Ave South, Fargo, ND 58103-2350

Counties served for human service programs: Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele and Traill. Day care licensing services are provided to Barnes, Cass, Dickey, Eddy, Foster, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Traill, and Wells.

701-298-4500
Fax: 701-298-4400
Toll Free: 1-888-342-4900
Crisis Line: 701-298-4500
Suicide Prevention: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
E-mail: dhssehsc@nd.gov

Region VI: South Central Human Service Center - Jamestown

520 3rd St NW, Box 2055, Jamestown, ND 58402

Counties served for human service programs: Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Stutsman, and Wells.

701-253-6300
Fax: 701-253-6400
TTY: 701-253-6414
Crisis Line: 701-253-6304
Toll Free: 1-800-260-1310
E-mail: dhsschsc@nd.gov

Region VII: West Central Human Service Center - Bismarck

1237 W Divide Ave Suite 5
Bismarck, ND 58501-1208

Counties served for human service programs: Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux.

701-328-8888
Toll Free: 1-888-328-2662
Fax: 701-328-8900
TTY: 1-800-366-6888 (Relay ND)
Crisis Line: 701-328-8899 OR
Toll Free 1-888-328-2112
E-mail: dhswchsc@nd.gov

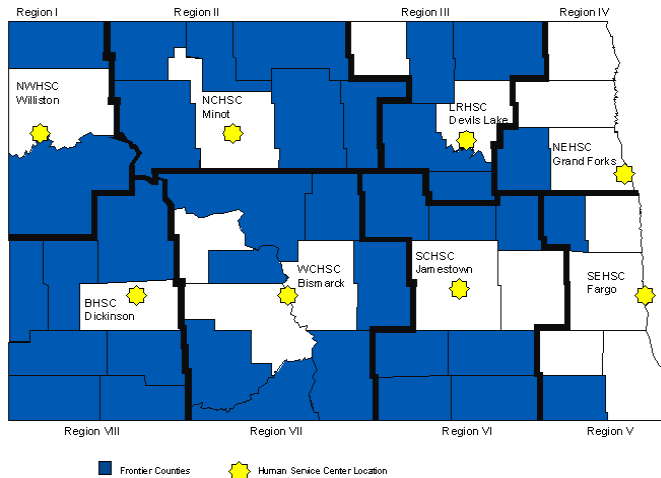
Region VIII: Badlands Human Service Center - Dickinson

300 13th Ave W, Suite 1, Dickinson, ND 58601

Counties served for human service programs: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark.

701-227-7500
Fax: 701-227-7575
Toll Free: 1-888-227-7525
Crisis Line: 866-491-2472 OR
701-290-5719
TTY: 701-227-7574
E-mail: dhsblhsc@nd.gov

Regional human service center locations and frontier counties in North Dakota



The North Dakota State Hospital, located in Jamestown, is the only state hospital in North Dakota. It is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and is also Medicare certified. The North Dakota State Hospital provides service to individuals aged 18 year and older and is utilized only when it has been determined by the regional human service center to be the most appropriate option. It serves as the safety net for the public system in North Dakota. The State Hospital provides total care consisting of physical, medical, psychological, substance abuse, rehabilitative, social, educational, recreational and spiritual services through a variety of clinical and

non-clinical staff. The goal of the treatment process is to implement appropriate therapeutic modalities at the earliest time so that the period of hospitalization can be reduced to a minimum.

The sister facility to the State Hospital – the Life Skills and Transition Center – serves individuals diagnosed with an intellectual disability. Located in Grafton, the Life Skills and Transition Center provides outreach services through the Clinical Assistance, Resource, and Evaluation Service (CARES) team and the CARES Clinic. Services are provided to prevent admissions and readmissions and to assist in transitioning people to the community. In addition, a team of applied behavioral analysts deliver behavioral assessment and intervention services to people with intellectual disabilities throughout North Dakota, including individuals dually diagnosed with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (MHBG CRITERION 5)

In planning for allocation of the Mental Health Block Grant funding in North Dakota, the Behavioral Health Division took many considerations into account, including needs and gaps identified in the 2018 North Dakota Behavioral Health Systems Study and corresponding strategic plan. The North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council, working with stakeholders - including service users and families, advocates, providers, administrators, and other North Dakotans, in collaboration with the Human Services Research Institute, engaged in coordinated, data-driven system transformation activities based on the recommendations from the 2018 Behavioral Health System Study.

Following these recommendations and other needs and gaps in the system, the North Dakota Behavioral Health Division (Division) plans to allocate the Mental Health Block Grant funds in the following way:

- Youth Behavioral Health Services (YBHS) as part of the Youth Behavioral Health Team (through the regional Human Service Centers) to children with a serious emotional disturbance in elementary schools. YBHS include targeted case management, skills training, skills integration, service planning, counseling and parental support, advocacy, required case documentation among other services.
- Peer Support: The Division is continuing to develop mental health peer support services throughout the state including peer support certification, peer support supervision training and expanding the types of peer support training available for peer support specialists.
- Care Coordination: The Division is expanding care coordination and recovery support services for pregnant women, families, caregivers, and individuals with a SMI which impacts functionality in multiple domains including housing, employment, parenting, physical health, and/or community connections.
- Crisis Services: The Division is collaborating with the DHS Field Services Division to expand behavioral health crisis service delivery throughout the state.
- First Episode Psychosis Treatment Program: The Division is collaborating with the DHS Field Services Division to provide First Episode Psychosis (FEP) services in two Human Service Centers in the state. The Field Services Division provides services to a core population of individuals with serious mental illness. Field Services Division staff will provide evidence based FEP treatment services to individuals between 15 and 25 years of age through the Coordinated Specialty Care program.

- **Advocacy:** Division provides funding to support a consumer-run advocacy program to more effectively respond to the needs of children, youth, and young adults with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families by providing information, referrals, and support, increase the quality and access to mental health services, assist consumers to ensure they are the catalyst for transforming the mental health system, and increase positive messaging while reducing the stigma associated with mental health diagnosis.
- **Aging and Mental Health:** The Division plans to assist with training for long term care staff regarding mental illness and best practices in working with older adults experiencing mental illness.
- **Workforce Training:** To increase the utilization of best practices, the Division plans to support the training of clinicians and other mental health stakeholders, including continuing education for peer support specialists. The Division plans to provide workforce trainings to enhance services for children with SED and adults with SMI. Trainings planned include the following topics: LGBTQ+ Affirming Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, LGBTQ+ Adult Behavioral Health, Motivational Interviewing, Compassion Fatigue, Developing Agri-Cultural Competence for Mental Health Professionals, and Building Successful Initiatives in Rural Communities to Build Resilience. In addition, the annual Behavioral Health Conference hosted by the Behavioral Health Division, plans to collaborate with the Child and Family Services to provide additional training and professional development.
- **Planning Council:** The Division supports the functioning of the State's Behavioral Health Planning Council, including administrative support services and travel reimbursement for the federally required North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council.

Additional Resources in the State's Behavioral Health System of Care

PRIVATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

North Dakota Century Code requires the Behavioral Health Division to license substance use disorder treatment programs in operation in the state. Almost 100 programs are licensed throughout the state (programs may be licensed for treatment and/or early education [ASAM 0.5]). Because all substance use disorder programs are required to be licensed, there is the ability to identify the levels of services available in various areas of the state to identify gaps. This same information regarding mental health providers is not available because there is no centralized registry.

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH

North Dakota's public health system is decentralized with 28 independent local public health units working in partnership with the North Dakota Department of Health. The 28 local public health units are organized into single or multi-county health districts, city/county health departments or city/county health districts. Seventy-five percent of the local health units serve single county, city or combined city/county jurisdictions, while the other twenty-five percent serve multi-county jurisdictions. The majority of the multi-county jurisdictions reside in the western part of the state. In this decentralized approach, the units are required to meet state standards and follow state laws and regulations, but they can exercise their own powers and have administrative authority to make decisions to meet their local needs.

North Dakota local public health units have a long history of providing personal and population-based health services to residents in their city and/or county jurisdictions. The local public health infrastructure represents the capacity and expertise necessary to carry out services and programs. Therefore, the health units function differently and offer an array of services. The most common activities and services provided by local public health are child immunizations, adult immunizations, tobacco use preventions, high blood pressure screening, injury prevention screening, blood lead screening and Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment.

Through North Dakota's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) and Partnership for Success grant (PFS), up to twenty-five community grantees (twenty-one Local Public Health Units [LPHUs] and four Tribes) were funded to build local infrastructure and implement evidence-based prevention strategies targeting underage drinking and/or adult binge drinking, following the SPF model. The Behavioral Health Division also supports local implementation of substance abuse prevention efforts implemented by Local Public Health through the SAPT BG prevention set-aside. By partnering with Local Public Health Units and Tribes the state continues to align and leverage prevention funds and resources to the state's data-driven substance abuse prevention priorities of underage drinking, adult binge drinking and opioid misuse and overdose.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The North Dakota Department of Human Services, the North Dakota Association of Counties and local social services leaders are working together with the support of Gov. Doug Burgum and state lawmakers to redesign social services to better serve North Dakotans and deliver effective services in a more efficient way. The goal is to offer quality human services statewide to North Dakotans that improve lives. This collaborative work began with the passage of Senate Bill 2206 study process approved by lawmakers in 2017 and continues with the passage of Senate Bill 2124 in 2019.

The following are guiding principles for this redesign process:

- No reduction in access points
- Redistribution of dollars from administration to direct client service delivery
- No reductions in force or reductions in pay
- Promote equity in access and meet clients where they are
- Promote specialization of efforts where possible to improve consistency of service
- Promote decision making as close to the client as possible

The Human Service Zones' local offices in the counties (formerly known as county social service offices) have professionals on site who can help people who need these services and supports: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), heating assistance, Medicaid, including children's health services; basic care assistance; child care assistance; in-home and community-based services and supports for elderly and disabled individuals; personal care assistance; child welfare (foster care, child protection services, child care licensing and related services); and referrals to other local resources and programs. The "Host County" in a Human Service Zone is responsible for the administrative functions (payroll, other HR functions, etc.) in the zone.

The transition to directly delivery of service through to 19 multi-county "zones", which preserve all current service access locations became fully implemented by January 1, 2021.

PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

Protection and Advocacy (P&A), a vital service in North Dakota, ensures the quality of services provided to consumers. P&A is an independent state agency established in 1977 to advance the human and legal rights of people with disabilities. P&A strives to create an inclusive society that values each individual.

People served include infants, children and adults of all ages. Most funds for program operations are from federal grants. Additional support is provided by the State of North Dakota.

There is no cost for services, however, P&A does implement general eligibility requirements, including that the individual must reside within the State of North Dakota. P&A has eight different advocacy programs that serve individuals with disabilities:

- Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Program
- Mental Health Advocacy Program
- Protection & Advocacy Project for Individual Rights
- Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security
- Assistive Technology Advocacy Program
- Help America to Vote Program (HAVA)
- Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury
- Client Assistance Program

P&A's staff comes from a wide variety of backgrounds. They are all trained to be knowledgeable about service delivery systems and the legal rights of people with disabilities.

INITIATIVES OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF CARE

Prevention and Promotion (SABG Priority Population)

The North Dakota Substance Abuse Prevention System is data-driven, science-based, and follows a public health approach. Prevention services in North Dakota are delivered both directly by the SSA and through community organizations/groups/coalitions supported by the SAPT BG, SPF-PFS, Opioid STR, State Opioid Response (SOR) grant and other funding sources. Examples of services delivered directly by the SSA include funding community prevention efforts, provision of training and technical assistance to communities across the state, and statewide communication/media. Both state and community-based processes are guided by the Strategic Prevention Framework. Through the state's SEOW, ND reviews available data to ensure services address the needs of diverse racial, ethnic and sexual gender minorities.

Through the SPF SIG, SPF-PFS and SAPT BG, substance abuse prevention has been integrated into Local Public Health units across the state. This integration has been beneficial to the state's

community-level substance abuse prevention system in building a sustainable infrastructure that can continue substance abuse prevention through continued support by the SAPT BG. Examples of services delivered at the community-level, supported by the SAPT BG, include funding to tribal prevention programs and local public health units. The Division's Substance Abuse Prevention System continues to enhance the level to which SAPT BG funds are invested to support implementation of community and tribal prevention efforts that can achieve population-level changes. The tribal prevention programs are required to follow the Strategic Prevention Framework as they provide culturally appropriate substance abuse prevention coordination and implementation of evidence-based programs, practices and strategies. This work is one of the strengths of the ND Substance Abuse Prevention System – longstanding collaboration with the tribes in the state.

The state suicide prevention program had historically lived within the ND Department of Health. During the 2019 state legislative session, the suicide prevention program was moved into the Behavioral Health Division within the ND Department of Human Services. This transition will allow for further integration of suicide prevention in behavioral health services, policies and systems across the continuum of care.

The ND Substance Abuse Prevention System leads and is a participant in many state-level partnerships to eliminate duplication of services and streamline goals. These partnerships include all levels, from department directors (Governor's Prevention Advisory Council), to program administrators (Prevention Expert Partners Workgroup), to data analysts (State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup). Other partners include the ND Cares Coalition, the Non-Medical Use of Pharmaceuticals Task Force, Healthy ND, Indian Affairs Commission, Injury Prevention coalition, and the State Suicide Coalition.

A continuing need of the state's substance prevention system is the development and maintenance of the community-level substance abuse prevention infrastructure, even with the enhancements in recent years. The rural and frontier culture also presents barriers due to limited access to trained workforce and long distances to resources. There are limited prevention training opportunities in ND, professional prevention workforce shortages, and no statewide prevention specialist certification process. State community prevention specialists completed the train-the-trainer program with CAPT for the SAPST and have held annual SAPST to continue building the community-level workforce. Also, a formal community coalition network, registration, training or certification process does not exist in the state. The Division did work with CAPT to receive support regarding the development of a statewide coalition network system. However, with the change from CAPT to the PTTC, this effort has halted.

Early Identification/Intervention

Early identification/intervention is a gap in the North Dakota behavioral health system. The Behavioral Health Division certifies and licenses Driving Under the Influence education providers and programs. There are approximately 37 licensed providers of the DUI education course in the state.

In the 2017 ND Legislative Session, House Bill 1040 passed which gave the Behavioral Health Division authority to write administrative rules setting a minimum standard for Minor in Possession education classes. Administrative Rules were written and passed the summer of 2018. Following the 2021 ND

Legislative Session, courts are required to sentence individuals charged with a second offense of a Minor in Possession to an evidence-based early intervention class provided by an individual certified by the Behavioral Health Division. The Behavioral Health Division has offered several free trainings in order to increase workforce and the availability of this evidence-based early intervention service. There are currently 40 certified Minor In Possession early intervention instructors in the State.

During the 2021 ND Legislative Session, resulted Senate Bill 2264 which will require individuals under the age of 21 who experience a second marijuana offense to complete an evidence based early intervention program. The State will begin the certification of Marijuana education instructors after updating administrative rules.

Treatment and Recovery Support Services

An overarching theme that emerged from the 2018 Behavioral Health System Study is that North Dakota's behavioral health system—like many others throughout the country—pours a majority of its resources into residential, inpatient, and other institution-based services with relatively fewer dollars invested in prevention and community-based services.

The Behavioral Health Division continues to focus on the three overarching goals from the 1018 Behavioral Health Study: (1) support the full continuum of care; (2) increase community-based services; and (3) prevent criminal justice involvement. North Dakota was approved to implement a 1915i Medicaid State Plan amendment increasing access to home and community-based services for both youth and adults. Services now available through Medicaid for qualifying individuals are care coordination, training & supports for unpaid caregivers, community transition services, benefits planning, non-medical transportation, respite, prevocational training, supported education, supported education, housing support services, family peer support, and peer support.

North Dakota has implemented a substance use disorder treatment voucher program since 2016. Funding for this was increased during the 2021 legislative session to continue supporting individuals ages 14 and older meeting income eligibility and needing substance use disorder treatment. Also authorized during the 2021 legislative session, the Behavioral Health Division will be funding up to two grants to expand residential addiction treatment for adults in the western side of North Dakota where services are limited.

PREGNANT WOMEN AND WOMEN WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN NEED OF TREATMENT

The 2015 North Dakota legislative session enacted a bill (SB 2367) related to the establishment of a substance exposed newborn task force for the purpose of researching the impact of substance abuse and neonatal withdrawal syndrome, evaluating effective strategies for treatment and prevention, and providing policy recommendations. This task force was comprised of representatives from state agencies, the legislature, medical providers, nonprofit entities focused on children's health and wellbeing, Indian tribes, law enforcement, and the foster care community. This task force developed a report with the following four goals:

- Collect and organize data concerning the nature and extent of Neonatal Withdrawal Syndrome/Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) from substance use/abuse in the state.

- Collect and organize data concerning the costs associated with treating expectant mothers and newborns suffering from withdrawal from substance use/abuse.
- Identify available federal, state and local programs that provide services to mothers who use/abuse drugs or alcohol and to newborns who have NAS* and evaluate those programs and services to determine if gaps in programs or ineffective policies exist.
- Evaluate methods to increase public awareness of the dangers associated with substance use/abuse, particularly to women, expectant mothers and newborns.

The Division has posted two separate Request for Proposals for specific programs focused on best practice to treat pregnant women and women with dependent children in need of treatment. Unfortunately, both of these solicitations resulted in no proposals being received. The State will continue to modify the solicitation to identify a provider who can offer these services in the state.

Also, the Division is piloting a new program in one county in collaboration with the local social services agency and healthcare system where a trained peer support specialist will be available via phone twenty-four hours a day. Pregnant women and new moms can call to talk with a mom who has been there to engage in non-judgmental conversation and receive information and referral to local resources.

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT

North Dakota has only recently had methadone as an option for opioid use disorder as the first opioid treatment program (OTP) opened in 2016. Currently there are three OTPs in North Dakota and today there are currently 754 individuals enrolled for services at these OTPs. The state's three OTPs are easily accessible to approximately 17.6 percent of the state's population, with the other 82.4 percent of the population needing to travel, some around 300 miles, in order to receive this service.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, the Department of Human Services were given authority to develop administrative rules allowing Medication Units to open in North Dakota. This will allow for OTPs to expand their dosing locations across the state and increasing access to medication assisted treatment.

The Division continues efforts to partner with community stakeholders with the goal of increasing access to medication assisted treatment. The Behavioral Health Division was awarded the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant in October 2020. The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant will continue to support efforts not covered by the SOR grant.

RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES

As one of its foremost priorities, the Division promotes a recovery-oriented service system. The Division continually strives to address the needs of people over time and across different levels of disability, and to apply recovery principles to the full range of engagement, intervention, treatment, rehabilitative and supportive services that an individual may need. Recovery principles are also applied to health promotion and prevention services for those at risk of mental illness or of substance use disorders.

North Dakota's First Lady Kathryn Helgaas Burgum's platform is to erase the social stigma around addiction and spread the word that it's a chronic disease, not a character flaw – "Recovery Reinvented". The Behavioral Health Division is working with the First Lady to disseminate messages surrounding the Recovery Reinvented platform. The Division is also working closely with the First Lady's office to host the fifth annual Recovery Reinvented event scheduled for October 2021.

The Behavioral Health Division provides funding to support a consumer-run advocacy program to more effectively respond to the needs of children, youth, and young adults with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families by providing information, referrals, and support, increase the quality and access to mental health services, assist consumers to ensure they are the catalyst for transforming the mental health system, and increase positive messaging while reducing the stigma associated with mental health diagnosis. The Division has provided funding to Mental Health America of North Dakota to administer the North Dakota Consumer Family Network (CFN) which is a collaboration consisting of individuals, family members, and advocacy organizations dedicated to education, support, advocacy, and empowerment in the interest of promoting mental health. In an effort to ensure that all consumer-run advocacy programs have an opportunity in funding, the Division will be posting a request for proposals for the statewide administration of the Consumer and Family Network initiative.

Eight Recovery Centers (one in each region throughout the state) employ peer staff and are contracted through the Human Service Centers or run by the local Human Service Center. These voluntary community-based centers are typically open Monday through Friday, with some operating during the weekends as well. The Recovery Centers offer structured and unstructured activities including job coaching, wellness groups, educational programs, and skills training as well as volunteering opportunities.

Peer Support: The North Dakota Behavioral Health System study recommendation, 7.6 included establishing training/credentialing program for peer services and recommendation, 7.8 included supporting a robust peer workforce through training, professional development, and competitive wages.

Since 2018 the Behavioral Health Division in conjunction with Appalachian Consulting has facilitated 25 peer support trainings, training over 600 individuals as Peer Support Specialists. The Division now offers "Supervising Peer Support Specialists", designed to provide basic skills to supervise peer supports. In addition, the Division hosts monthly training opportunities designed to enhance professional development of the peer support workforce and provide opportunities for continuing education.

During the 2019 legislative session several bills were passed to expand peer support services. The Medicaid Division added peer support as a covered service for individuals with a qualifying behavioral health condition. Senate Bill 2012 passed, creating a new section of century code to provide funding to implement the expansion of Free Through Recovery separate from the criminal justice system, and the Behavioral Health Division was given authority to write administrative rules for the certification of Peer Support Specialists.

The 1915i State Medicaid Amendment Plan includes reimbursement for Peer Support and Family Peer Support. There are currently 15 Peer Support Enrolled Group Providers, 17 Individual Enrolled Peer Supports, 11 Family Peer Support Enrolled Group Providers and 10 Enrolled Family Peer Support Specialists.

On July 1, 2020 the Behavioral Health Division began certifying Peer Support Specialists. Since this time the division has certified 80 Peer Support Specialists. Certification aims to standardize training and improve and regulate reimbursement while meeting the growing demand for behavioral health support services in North Dakota.

On February 1, 2021 the Behavioral Health Division launched Community Connect. Community Connect was the expansion of Free Through Recovery beyond the criminal justice system. Community Connect is designed to assist individuals with meeting their needs and goals through the provision of peer support and care coordination. Community Connect currently is serving approximately 600 participants and Free Through Recovery currently serves approximately 1110 program participants across North Dakota.

The North Dakota Substance Use Disorder(SUD) voucher continues to support funding for recovery support services, which include peer support as a reimbursable service.

Telephone Recovery Support: The Behavioral Health Division began contracting with a vendor in 2019 for a twenty-four-hour telephone support for individuals to connect to a peer support as an additional tool to their recovery. In 2021, the option to text was added to the service.

Comprehensive Community-Based Mental Health Service Systems (MHBG Criterion 1)

Through the public behavioral health service delivery system, individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness, in most cases, are provided service through Integrated Team-based Treatment Care in each regional human service center. The core services offered through the Integrated Team-based Treatment teams, either directly or through public/private provider partnership or contracting include: outpatient services, emergency services, extended care services, medication services, peer support, psychiatric and psychological services, psychosocial rehabilitation centers, and regional intervention services. There are also an array of clinical services including individual, group and family therapy as well as intensive case management. This same system also provides services for children diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance. The Children and Family Team is an Integrated Team that includes the following members: Team Lead, mental health counselor, addiction counselor, psychiatric provider (withing MST), psychologist (when possible), nurse (consulting with teams), case manager, skills trainer and skills integrator. Service planning is based on a set of core elements: 1) person centered plans of care, 2) culturally competent and tailored to the unique needs of families, 3) parental involvement, 4) strength-based, 5) least restrictive setting. The array of services provided through the Children and Family Team within the children's mental health system of care include skills training and integration, care coordination, case aide, flexible funding, crisis residential services, substance abuse/dual diagnosis services along with all the other services listed above.

The state currently offers services for individuals involved in the criminal justice system. The model provides care coordination, recovery services, housing and employment supports, and peer support in a community-based health program. It is designed to divert individuals from returning to the criminal justice system simply due to a behavioral health issue that is able to manage with additional community supports.

All individuals presenting for services at the regional human service centers are screened during the intake or multidisciplinary case staffing to determine if they have a serious mental illness and meet criteria for case management services. Clients meeting the diagnostic and additional criteria are offered case management services. If consumers are interested in receiving such services, a case manager is assigned to work with them. The case manager begins the process of completing the Daily Living Activities (DLA-20): Adult Mental Health, a functional assessment with the client. The assessment focuses on 20 daily living activities. The completion of this assessment determines what areas of daily living the client needs assistance with, level of case management service, assists with determining which services and supports the client wants and needs, and assists with the development of the person-centered treatment plan. For individuals with criminal justice system involvement case management may be available through Free Through Recovery. Services include an ongoing source of connection, assistance accessing treatment and recovery support services, and addressing barriers to individual success. Assessments, care planning, referrals, clinical and probation and parole collaboration, access to supportive housing, meaningful employment, and other resources are also available.

Children's Services (MHBG Criterion 3)

North Dakota offers a range of services to support coordination of services for children and youth, with an emphasis on services that support children and youth in foster care or at risk of foster care placement. These include Medicaid-funded Targeted Case Management services, which involve comprehensive assessment, care planning, and ongoing connection to services and supports for children and youth with complex needs.

The Department of Human Services houses several divisions which play a key role in the children's system of care, including the Behavioral Health Division (BHD), Children and Family Services Division, Medical Services Division (the state Medicaid agency), and Field Services Division (which includes eight regional public human service centers located across the state and the state hospital). The BHD currently partners with all these sister divisions in a variety of projects with the aim to transform the behavioral health system of care in the state.

Below is the array of services provided through the Integrated Children and Family Team within the children's mental health system of care:

- **Care Coordination:** Care coordination assists children with serious emotional disturbances and their parents with accessing the various services they need and helps them make informed choices about opportunities and services in the community. The care coordinator helps ensure the child and parents receive timely access to needed assistance, provides encouragement and opportunities for self-help activities, and provides overall coordination of services enabling the child and parents to meet their own goals.

- Case Aide: This service is designed to provide behavioral management assistance and role modeling. Certified Mental Health Technicians help individuals stabilize, reduce, and eliminate undesirable behaviors that put them at risk of being served in restrictive settings. Certified Mental Health Technicians also help individuals observe and learn appropriate behavioral responses to situations that trigger their symptoms.
- Skills Training: Skills trainers take the psychosocial rehabilitation recommendations from the treatment plan and teach skills relative to the youth's functional deficits until minimal mastery has been met (i.e. developing communication, social activities).
- Skills Integration: Skills integrator assists the youth/family in generalizing the skill from the treatment plan (i.e. model and prompt the use of skills in a generalized setting).
- Crisis Residential Services: This service provides a short-term, safe place to stabilize behaviors in a 24-hour supervised setting. The goal is to promote rapid stabilization and return to the home or community.
- Substance Abuse/Dual Diagnosis Services: When a child diagnosed with a severe emotional disturbance requires substance abuse treatment, a substance abuse provider becomes involved in the team process. With enhanced services made available through the SAPT Block Grant funding for adolescent services, service choices for the teams to consider are increased.
- Flexible Funding: This service is available when no other resources are available to meet specific needs and threaten the child's ability to remain in the least restrictive setting.

Other supports/services available within the children's mental health system of care include:

- Inpatient Psychiatric Facility: This service component provides a short-term episode of care in a hospital setting for the purpose of crisis stabilization that cannot be managed in a non-medical setting, and for comprehensive assessment. The use of this service is reserved for extreme situations for youth who are showing serious acute disturbances or who have particularly perplexing behavior problems.
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities: A facility or a distinct part of a facility that provides to children and adolescents with twenty-four hour, therapeutic environment integrating group living, educational services, and a clinical program based upon a comprehensive, interdisciplinary clinical assessment and an individualized treatment plan that meets the needs of the child and family. The services are available to children in need of and able to respond to active psychotherapeutic intervention and who cannot be effectively treated in their own home, in another home, or in a less restrictive setting.
- Voluntary Out-of-Home Treatment Program: The Voluntary Treatment Program provides out-of-home treatment services for Medicaid eligible children with a serious emotional disorder without requiring parents to relinquish custody.
- Therapeutic Foster Care: Specially trained and supported foster parents who provide a home for generally one child at a time. The child may remain in the foster home indefinitely. Intensive training for the foster parents is provided, along with on-going intensive support and back-up by mental health professionals and care coordinators.
- Qualified Residential Treatment Providers: a less intensive service setting than a residential treatment center that provides 24-hour care.
- Employment Assistance: Children of working age in the system of care can receive employment assistance through the Individual Educational Plan process at their school. Once they have left the school system, Vocational Rehabilitation services are available. Partnership staff assist the child and family with accessing these services when needed.

- Respite/Parent Support: Respite services provide families of children diagnosed with serious emotional disturbances with periodic relief or back-up assistance. These services may be on a planned or emergency basis and can be provided either in the family's home or in another setting.
- Intensive In-home Therapy: This service component provides crisis resolution and family therapy-oriented services on an outreach basis to work intensively with children and families in their homes. Families that receive these services have a child who is at risk for out of home placement. The services are intensive with 24-hour availability. Services include (but not limited to) skills training and counseling.
- Transition to Independence Program: The Transition to Independence Program (TIP) started on July 1, 2011 and provides transition to independence process – wraparound case management services to transition aged individuals who are at risk between the ages of 14-24, at all eight of the human service Centers. The Transition to Independence Program also provides technical assistance to service providers and community partners who are working with transition aged individuals to assist in guiding youth successfully into adulthood.
- Other Supportive Services: Acute, Psychological Services, and psychiatric services are available through the regional human service centers.

Several legislative bills passed during the state's 2019 legislative session which supports the continued development of a system of care. One of these bills required the creation of a Children's Cabinet - consisting of representation from the three branches of government, state directors from education, human services, health, Indian affairs commission, corrections and rehabilitation, and protection and advocacy. The purpose of this cabinet is to assess, guide, and coordinate the care for children across the state's branches of government and tribal nations. The establishment of the Children's Cabinet will also assist in efforts to coordinate payment structures for services designed to support children with SED and their families. This cabinet assures cross-department communication and opportunity to creatively braid funding for comprehensive supports and services.

North Dakota County Social Services have transferred to Human Service Zones, aligning with the state priorities of person-centered planning and access to community services.

North Dakota applied for the System of Care grant in April 2019 and was awarded. Unfortunately, North Dakota had to turn back the System of Care grant award as we were unable to expand services and meet required deadlines and deliverables during the COVID-19 environment. North Dakota once again applied for the grant in early 2021 and is awaiting to hear if we are awarded. The purpose of the grant is to improve the mental health outcomes for children and youth, birth through age 21, with serious emotional disturbance (SED), and their families. This grant will support the implementation, expansion, and integration of the SOC approach by creating sustainable infrastructure and services that are required as part of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program (also known as the Children's Mental Health Initiative or CMHI).

Rural, Homeless Population and Older Adults (MHBG Criterion 4)

In accordance with the state's key priorities of person-centered planning, increased access to services, and supporting the full continuum of care, North Dakota has focused on adding qualified

individuals to the behavioral health workforce through the advancement of peer support and telemedicine options. North Dakota County Social Services have transferred to Human Service Zones, aligning with the state priorities of person-centered planning and access to community services.

Homelessness continues to be an issue in North Dakota. The state lacks affordable housing, especially for low and extremely low-income brackets. The availability of housing options that serve people with differing levels of need is also very limited – transitional units, low demand housing, and permanent supportive housing are in very short supply. Housing subsidy funds are limited and waiting periods of 6 months to more than 1 year are common. Some zoning laws in the state contain provisions that make it difficult to construct group living facilities, which is the category most permanent supportive housing projects fall into. Rental and credit history requirements create significant barriers for people to transition out of homelessness. There continues to be barriers, particularly with HUD subsidized housing, for people with criminal histories.

Eight regionally based coordinators funded under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant provides individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and are diagnosed with a Serious Mental Illness(SMI) and/or SMI and co-occurring substance use disorder(SUD). Persons who are homeless and seriously mentally ill are provided outreach services and referrals for treatment services, housing services, health, education, and other available community-based programs.

DHS administers programs and services that help older adults with services to live safely and productively in the least restrictive, appropriate setting. Services offered include counseling, support groups, and training services to meet the needs for family members acting as the primary care giver for an older adult. Home and community-based services(HCBS) are offered in North Dakota through several programs administered and funded by DHS. Priority for services is given to older individuals residing in rural areas; with greatest economic need (particular attention to low-income minority individuals and individuals residing in rural areas); with greatest social need (particular attention to low-income minority individuals and individuals residing in rural areas); with severe disabilities; with limited English proficiency; with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction (and caretakers of such individuals); and at risk for institutional placement.

Special Topics/Populations

PREGNANT WOMEN AND WOMEN WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN/ INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS / TUBERCULOSIS SERVICES (SABG PRIORITY POPULATION)

The regional human services centers have adopted open access assessment services and each individual seeking an assessment is triaged and screened for pregnancy and injection drug use. If an individual does identify as being pregnant or using drugs intravenously, they are given priority and an assessment is completed that day. If a situation were to occur and an assessment is not available that same day, it is completed no later than 48 hours and services begin directly following the assessment. Several of the human service centers offer treatment mall model of services and individuals are able to begin services directly following the assessment. If services are not available

directly following the assessment, the individual is placed on a prioritized waiting list and offered interim services to include engagement group, case management or referred to education-based programming. Regional human service center directors and clinical directors sign a memorandum of understandings to stipulate priority population requirements are met.

As identified in the assurance, North Dakota has a capacity management plan for pregnant women. Human Service Centers, upon reaching 90% of its capacity to admit pregnant women, shall provide written notification of that fact to Division within 7 days. If Human Service Center does not have the capacity to admit or refer a pregnant woman to the clinically appropriate modality of care within 48 hours of requesting treatment, Human Service Center shall:

- Place the client's name and case number on an active waiting list,
- Recommend and provide interim services for the individual as required within 48 hours of the request for treatment,
- Provide Division with written notification immediately of the client's case number, the date treatment was requested and the status of offered interim services, and
- Provide written notification to Division regarding the outcome of the individual's admission status.

If a client refuses treatment, the client's name need not be placed on the waiting list. Pursuant to 45 CFR 96.126, a client who is initially receptive to treatment, but who later cannot be located for admission into treatment or refuses treatment when notified of an available treatment slot, may have that client's name removed from the waiting list.

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The regional human service centers have incorporated TB screening in their Electronic Health Record as a required screening. When an individual is identified as high risk for TB, the clinician provides education regarding TB and provides a referral. Some regional human service centers have nurses available with the ability to conduct a TB test and provide for the follow up appointments. Other regional human service centers have agreements with local public health units to accept the referrals for TB testing and follow up appointments. Compliance checks are completed to ensure the programs are complying with this requirement.

AMERICAN INDIAN POPULATIONS

The North Dakota Behavioral Health Division continues to partner and work with the American Indian Tribes in the state to ensure culturally relevant behavioral health services are accessible. The Tribes in the state are represented on many state coalitions/task forces, which the Behavioral Health Division leads or participates in, including the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW), Prevention Expert Partners Workgroup (PEPW), the Governor's Prevention Advisory Council (GPAC), Problem Gambling Advisory Council, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council and Olmstead Commission.

The Behavioral Health Division allocates approximately 20% of the SAPT BG primary prevention funding to support community-level prevention efforts on the four federally recognized Native American reservations in the state. These Tribal Prevention Programs are required to follow the Strategic Prevention Framework as they provide culturally appropriate substance abuse prevention coordination and implementation of evidence-based programs, practices, and strategies. These community programs implement the following strategies: information dissemination, education, alternatives, community-based processes, and environmental efforts. This work is one of the strengths of the North Dakota Substance Abuse Prevention System – longstanding collaboration with the tribes in the state.

The Division has begun to manage contracts for treatment/recovery services with the Native American reservations in the state, which were previously managed through the regional Human Service Centers. Doing so respects the government-to-government relationship and allows the tribe to identify through data/assessment their highest priority needs. The Division is continuing to further develop partnerships between prevention and treatment efforts funded through the SAPT BG to align and leverage resources.

In 2018, North Dakota participated in the Tribal State Policy Academy. Three of the four federally recognized tribes were present, and a plan was developed to increase communication, identify services available, and explore opportunities to provide training and resources based on tribal identified needs. These goals were consistent with the needs assessment and have been incorporated into the statewide implementation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATIONS

In the 2017 North Dakota Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2015 established a \$7.5M investment in behavioral health services for people in the criminal justice system to improve public safety and public health outcomes. The goal of this effort, titled, Free Through Recovery is to improve healthcare outcomes and reduce recidivism by delivering high-quality community behavioral health services linked with effective community supervision.

The Departments of Correction and Rehabilitation and Human Services in partnership with local agencies and governments deliver coordinated and comprehensive services to people in the program. Using a paraprofessional workforce and an integrated, multidisciplinary approach, community-based agencies provide a range of services including comprehensive case planning, linking participants to services, peer recovery supports, and facilitating communication.

Free Through Recovery continues to be a successful collaboration between ND DOCR and the Behavioral Health Division. As of August 2020, there were 38 different agencies providing care coordination and peer support services to participants, which has grown from 11 at the program's start. Services are presently offered statewide, including participants residing in the most rural areas of North Dakota. Since February 1, 2018, there have been 2,709 individual participants. The 2021 Senate bill 2015 expanded funding for Free Through Recovery.

COLLABORATION WITH MILITARY SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

In January of 2015, Governor Jack Dalrymple established the North Dakota Cares Coalition. The North Dakota Cares (ND Cares) Coalition includes a broad spectrum of more than 45 service providers and partners whose work touches the lives of Service Members, Veterans, Families and Survivors. Members share a common interest in strengthening an accessible network of support across the state, even though each entity retains authority over its own programs and services. The ND Cares coalition is dedicated to the strengthening of an accessible, seamless system of support for service members, veterans, families and survivors in the state. The coalition's priority is behavioral health, defined as a state of mental and emotional being and/or choices and actions that affect wellness. The Behavioral Health Division staff is represented on this coalition as well as the executive committee. A military data booklet was developed through the assistance of Behavioral Health Division staff to enhance the sharing of data showing behavioral health needs of the military population.

In April 2017, the Behavioral Health Division and ND Cares Coalition coordinated a training to increase access to quality behavioral health treatment options, especially in rural areas, where service members may have fewer choices. The training focused on military culture and deployments, the challenges and difficulties often associated with military service that can affect service members and their families and learn clinical skills that focus on specific evidence-based treatments to address some deployment-related behavioral health issues. These include post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries and suicide. Participating providers were selected based on their location, with priority given to providers serving rural areas, along with their credentials and ability to ensure access by being able to accept new clients.

Participating behavioral health professionals have committed to providing the specialized evidence-based services for three years. The Behavioral Health Division developed a registry of ND Cares Behavioral Health Providers listing those providers who complete the training:
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Planning Steps

Step 2: Identify the unmet service needs and critical gaps within the current system.

Narrative Question:

This step should identify the unmet service needs and critical gaps in the state's current M/SUD system of care as well as the data sources used to identify the needs and gaps of the required populations relevant to each block grant within the state's M/SUD system of care.

States should also continue to use the prevalence formulas for adults with SMI and children with SED, as well as the prevalence estimates, epidemiological analyses, and profiles to establish mental health treatment, SUD prevention, and SUD treatment goals at the state level.

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Footnotes:

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STATE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL OUTCOMES WORKGROUP

North Dakota has an active State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW), which was established in 2006. The ND SEOW's mission is to identify, analyze, and communicate key substance abuse and related behavioral health data to guide programs, policies, and practices. Administered by the Behavioral Health Division, the SEOW has built a broad representation of diverse partners and continues to provide leadership in identifying community data needs along with readiness to act for high need communities that will implement the evidence-based prevention programming. The SEOW continues to collect, organize, analyze and develop data-sharing products (Epidemiological Profile, Data Book, Data Briefs, SUND website) with a continued look at expanding how alcohol and other drug abuse impacts other behavioral health issues. The SEOW's membership includes representation from the following agencies: ND Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, ND Department of Health, ND Department of Human Services, ND Department of Public Instruction, ND Department of Transportation, ND Highway Patrol, ND Indian Affairs Commission, ND Office of the Attorney General, ND Office of the State Tax Commissioner, ND University System, University of North Dakota, Spirit Lake Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.

North Dakota's SEOW identifies, collects and organizes a variety of data types, including consumption rates, consequence indicators, data describing community readiness and perceptions, and is starting to identify and collect more data describing intervening variables, including risk and protective factors. This data covers a variety of populations including, middle school, high school, youth ages 12 and over, college students, adults (ages 18-25 and 26 and over). Also, all data is available at the statewide level. Some data is available at the regional levels and very limited data is available at the county or city level (because of the rural nature of the state).

The data sources utilized by the ND SEOW include the following (both national and state sources): National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH); Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS); Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS); Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS); Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS); Crime in ND reports; ND Department of Transportation Crash Report; ND Community Readiness Survey; ND CORE survey; and Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS).

A comprehensive Epidemiological Profile is developed every other year. The data used in the Epidemiological Profile are at the aggregate state level, with limited sub-state analyses. A major challenge for the North Dakota SEOW is the limited availability of reliable and valid data at the local level. Limitation in the utility, reliability, and validity of data exist because of the state's small population. The challenge is even greater when considering epidemiological data from sub-state entities, such as counties and school districts. However, the SEOW is continuously working to identify available sub-state data in order to enhance local needs assessment processes. The SEOW is currently developing a data sharing website, Substance Use North Dakota (SUND), modeled after Minnesota's SUMN.org in order to increase sharing of available data and support communities in applications for funding and data-driven planning.

The SEOW's deliberation and review of the data on substance use consumption patterns, consequences of use, perceptions, and intervening variables resulted in the identification of priority

areas in which the SAPT BG primary prevention funds should be allocated: (1) Underage Alcohol Use; (2) Adult Binge Drinking; and (3) Prescription (especially opioid) Drug Abuse.

Also produced by the ND SEOW is the Substance Use in North Dakota data booklet, which overlays some of the key data indicators from the Epidemiological Profile in a story-telling manner. This booklet, along with the Data Briefs produced by the SEOW, is targeted to the general population with the goal of raising the awareness of substance use issues and guiding programming and policy decisions.

UNMET SERVICE NEEDS AND GAPS AND PLANS TO MEET THESE NEEDS AND GAPS

General

Over the past several years, North Dakota's behavioral health system has received much attention and review, with stakeholders from multiple disciplines coming together initiating dialogue that would lead to effective change. Numerous suggestions, recommendations and priorities have previously been identified. In 2017, the Behavioral Health Division commissioned a study of the behavioral health system completed by the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI).

The evaluation examined publicly available data as well as peer-reviewed research articles and national literature. HSRI also analyzed service utilization and expenditure patterns using North Dakota Medicaid claims and other public behavioral health service utilization data. HSRI also reviewed other available data including the National Survey on Drug Use and Health and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. To fully assess the system and identify gaps, they interviewed 120 stakeholders around the state, including service users and their family members, providers, and representatives from state and local agencies. They also convened a talking circle with representatives from four tribal nations. In April 2018, HSRI issued its final report, detailing findings and providing 13 major recommendations for improvement. The HSRI recommendations were based on our quantitative and qualitative analysis, principles for a 'good and modern' behavioral health system, and North Dakotans' vision for system change. The thirteen recommendations are listed below.

1. Develop a comprehensive implementation plan
2. Invest in prevention and early intervention
3. Ensure all North Dakotans have timely access to behavioral health services
4. Expand outpatient and community-based service array
5. Enhance and streamline system of care for children and youth
6. Continue to implement/refine criminal justice strategy
7. Engage in targeted efforts to recruit/retain competent behavioral health workforce
8. Expand the use of tele-behavioral health
9. Ensure the system reflects its values of person-centeredness, cultural competence, trauma-informed approaches
10. Encourage and support the efforts of communities to promote high-quality services
11. Partner with tribal nations to increase health equity
12. Diversify and enhance funding for behavioral health
13. Conduct ongoing, system-side data-driven monitoring of needs and access

Led by the Behavioral Health Planning Council and endorsed by the Department of Human Services and the Governor's office, North Dakota has created a strategic plan for systems change grounded in the findings and recommendations of the 2018 study and ongoing stakeholder conversations. This process resulted in a targeted set of 2019 Strategic Goals to support focused systems change efforts. Working with stakeholders – including service users and families, advocates, providers, administrators, and other North Dakotans – HSRI is continuing to assist the state set its course for ongoing system monitoring, planning, and improvements in the long term.

SABG and MHBG Required Populations

The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division continues to assess and address needs and gaps within the MHBG required populations: children with SED and their families, adults with SMI, older adults with SMI, Individuals with SMI or SED in the rural and homeless populations and individuals who have an early serious mental illness. The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division also continues to assess and address needs and gaps within the SABG priority populations: pregnant women and women with dependent children, injecting drug users, persons at risk for tuberculosis and individuals in need of primary substance abuse prevention.

The gaps listed below impact all of the SABG and MHBG required populations in some way and were identified by a comprehensive qualitative and quantitative data review published in the 2018 ND Behavioral Health System Study. The aims for each gap describe the plan to address the unmet need/gap and are based on the strategic plan developed by HSRI which comes from the 2018 Behavioral Health System Study.

1. GAP 1: Past behavioral health assessments, in addition to the 2018 system study, have been clear in identifying a need for improved coordination for child and youth-serving systems in the state. [*Priority Populations: children with SED and their families*]
 - a. Aim: Expand school-based mental health and substance use disorder treatment services for children and youth. In order to achieve this aim, the following objectives have been identified: maximize opportunities for Medicaid reimbursement of school-based mental health and SUD treatment services, continue to engage with the Department of Public Instruction and regional educational authorities through the children's behavioral health school pilot to ensure a shared vision and continue to identify opportunities for collaboration, and finally to adopt and scale up successful (evidence-based, culturally-responsive, trauma-informed, youth-centered) school-based service models.
 - b. Aim: Establish and ratify a shared vision of a community system of care for children and youth. The following objectives have been identified to achieve this aim: establish a vision of a state system of care for children and youth, convene all relevant stakeholders to ratify the shared vision of a community system of care for children and youth, and submit a response to the SAMHSA System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Grant Funding Opportunity announcement to support System of Care planning and expansion in the state. North Dakota submitted an application spring 2019, was awarded, then had to return the funding because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Another application was submitted spring 2021 and the state is waiting to hear a response.

2. GAP 2: Several stakeholders, as noted in the 2018 report, saw challenges in the residential treatment and foster care systems as being inextricably related to shortages in the community-based system, including prevention, outreach, and in-home and community-based treatment and support services. *[Priority Populations: children with SED and their families, adults with SMI, older adults with SMI, individuals with SMI or SED in the rural and homeless populations, individuals who have an early serious mental illness, injecting drug users, pregnant women and women with dependent children.]*
 - a. Aim: Establish peer services as a reimbursed service in Medicaid state plan. The following objectives have been identified in order to achieve this aim: secure legislative approval to add peer support as a Medicaid state plan service and amend the Medicaid state plan to include peer support as a Medicaid state plan service.
 - b. Aim: Increase evidence-based practices through housing services for individuals with a behavioral health condition. The following objectives have been identified in order to achieve this aim: implement a Recovery Housing program to support individuals with a SUD, engage in evaluation and continuous quality improvement to support sustainability of supportive housing services, and finance additional permanent supportive housing.
 - c. Aim: Increase access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). The following objective has been identified in order to achieve this aim: implement a grant program to support the start-up of Medication Units in areas of the state with limited access to MAT.

3. GAP 3: Several stakeholders voiced a need for greater awareness of behavioral health resources, a finding that is consistent with past needs assessments of the behavioral health system in North Dakota. *[Priority Populations: children with SED and their families, adults with SMI, older adults with SMI, individuals with SMI or SED in the rural and homeless populations, individuals who have an early serious mental illness, injecting drug users, pregnant women and women with dependent children.]*
 - a. Aim: Implement a Mental Health registry to provide a mechanism for the public to access available mental health services close to home. The following objectives have been identified in order to achieve this aim: implement a technology to gather and maintain mental health registry information, request information from mental health providers, and promote the mental health registry to the public.

4. GAP 4: Inadequacy of crisis response services, particularly for children and youth, and for adults outside the Fargo area where mobile crisis response services are unavailable. The rates of behavioral health-related emergency department and ambulance use observed in Medicaid data indicate an unmet need for more proactive community crisis response services. *[Priority Populations: children with SED and their families, adults with SMI, older adults with SMI, individuals with SMI or SED in the rural and homeless populations, individuals who have an early serious mental illness, injecting drug users, pregnant women and women with dependent children.]*
 - a. Aim: Establish statewide mobile crisis teams for children and youth in urban areas. In order to achieve this aim, the following objectives have been identified: review existing mobile crisis programs to understand implementation challenges and

opportunities, explore relevance to the child/youth population, and inform efforts to scale the service out to other areas of the state, and lastly to create contract language for mobile crisis teams for children and youth in urban areas.

5. GAP 5: Limited widespread early intervention services. *[Priority Populations: individuals in need of primary prevention.]*
 - a. Aim: Identify universal age-appropriate, culturally sensitive, evidence-based behavioral health—mental health, substance use, brain injury, and trauma—screening instruments for children and adults in all human services settings. In order to achieve this aim, the following objectives have been identified: Conduct a scan of behavioral health screening instruments and processes currently used in all human services settings, identify a set of behavioral health screening instruments for use in all human services settings, assess administrative rules and revise as needed to include requirements for completing screenings, and ensure all new contracts include a requirement to complete screenings.

6. Gap 6: Limited behavioral health service coordination with jails. *[Priority Populations: adults with SMI, older adults with SMI, individuals with SMI or SED in the rural and homeless populations, individuals who have an early serious mental illness, injecting drug users, pregnant women and women with dependent children.]*
 - a. Aim: Review jail capacity for behavioral health needs identification, support, and referral and create a plan to fill gaps. In order to achieve this aim, the following objectives have been identified: Obtain buy-in from local jails to examine and address behavioral health needs, create a plan to address gaps based on review of behavioral health needs identification, support, and referral capacity, and implement universal mental health and substance use disorder screening tools in at least one jail in each region of the state.

Planning Tables

Table 1 Priority Areas and Annual Performance Indicators

Priority #: 1
Priority Area: Prevention and Early Intervention
Priority Type: SAP
Population(s): PP

Goal of the priority area:

Decrease the harms associated with substance use and abuse and suicide in North Dakota.

Strategies to attain the goal:

Fund North Dakota communities to follow the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) model and implement evidence-based strategies; provide support for ND communities to follow the SPF model and implement evidence-based strategies.

Annual Performance Indicators to measure goal success

Indicator #: 1
Indicator: Increase availability of early intervention services for individuals with a marijuana related offense
Baseline Measurement: Increase the number of instructors for marijuana education
First-year target/outcome measurement: Develop a certification of evidence-based marijuana education providers
Second-year target/outcome measurement: Have at least 1 certified provider in each of the 8 regions

Data Source:

ND Administrative Code, BHD

Description of Data:

Quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

Indicator #: 2
Indicator: Increase the infrastructure of the substance abuse primary prevention workforce in the state
Baseline Measurement: Number of individuals who complete a substance abuse prevention training and individuals who participate in a substance abuse prevention internship
First-year target/outcome measurement: Offer quarterly SAP trainings for new and existing prevention specialists
Second-year target/outcome measurement: Develop a stipend program for public health units to offer substance abuse prevention internships

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division, Contract management

Description of Data:

Quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

Indicator #: 3

Indicator: Decreased past month binge drinking rates among adults

Baseline Measurement: Ages 18-25: 48.54%. Ages 26+: 31.19% (2017-2018 NSDUH)

First-year target/outcome measurement: Increase statewide media efforts with the Speak Volumes media campaign from 57,828,000 impressions to 65,000,000 impressions.

Second-year target/outcome measurement: 2% decrease for ages 18-25 and 1% decrease for ages 26+

Data Source:

Media evaluation (reach) will be utilized for the number of impressions.
The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) will be utilized to monitor adult consumption rates.

Description of Data:

Quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

Indicator #: 4

Indicator: Decreased past month alcohol use among ND high school students

Baseline Measurement: 27.6% of ND high school students reported alcohol use in the past 30 days (2019 YRBS)

First-year target/outcome measurement: Increases the number of funded communities who implement evidence-based prevention efforts targeting underage drinking from 14 in 2021 to 20 in 2022.

Second-year target/outcome measurement: A 2% decrease in past 30 day alcohol use among ND high school students.

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division contract management and technical assistance tracking.
North Dakota Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

Description of Data:

Quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

Indicator #: 5

Indicator: Increase community-level implementation of suicide prevention

Baseline Measurement: Zero funding opportunities have been provided in the suicide prevention areas of screening/assessment, training for providers, and policy implementation/change.

First-year target/outcome measurement: 4 or more organizations have implemented, revised, or initiated suicide specific components of prevention in the following areas: screening/assessment, policy, and training for providers.

Second-year target/outcome measurement: The funded organizations serve as pilot projects and a follow-up evaluation will be done to serve as a foundation for further funding.

Data Source:

Organizations awarded funding during the Suicide Prevention Grant program, self-reported.

Description of Data:

Self-reported by organizations: qualitative and quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

Self-reported data, not the same strategy will be implemented so they are hard to compare, evaluation and review will be post-implementation of proposed strategy.

Priority #: 2
Priority Area: Community-Based Services
Priority Type: SAT, MHS
Population(s): SMI, SED, PWWDC, TB

Goal of the priority area:

Comprehensive and accessible community services available statewide to individuals with a behavioral health diagnosis.

Strategies to attain the goal:

Increase services through peer support, permanent supportive housing, and education and behavioral health collaborations. Also develop and implement a mental health registry.

Annual Performance Indicators to measure goal success

Indicator #: 1
Indicator: Expand peer support services
Baseline Measurement: There is no specific training available in North Dakota for family peer support and culturally relevant peer support services
First-year target/outcome measurement: Determine specific training modules for family peer support and culturally relevant peer support
Second-year target/outcome measurement: Deliver peer support training tracks specific to culturally relevant peer support services and family peer support services.

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division , Contract Management

Description of Data:

Quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

Indicator #: 2
Indicator: Increase implementation of best practices in permanent supportive housing.
Baseline Measurement: Limited permanent supportive housing providers implementing behavioral health best practices.
First-year target/outcome measurement: Develop a methodology to distribute funding to qualified entities which supports behavioral health best practices and utilizes 3rd party payers.
Second-year target/outcome measurement: Distribution of funding used by permanent supportive housing providers to implement behavioral health best practices.

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division , Contract Management

Description of Data:

Quantitative and Qualitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

Indicator #:

3

Indicator:

Increase communication of mental health services.

Baseline Measurement:

No mental health registry exists in the state.

First-year target/outcome measurement:

Secure procurement for vendor.

Second-year target/outcome measurement:

Launch of mental health registry.

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division, contract management

Description of Data:

qualitative and quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues.

Indicator #:

4

Indicator:

Increase education and behavioral health collaboration.

Baseline Measurement:

Contract awarded to Behavioral Health in Education: Resources and Opportunities (B-HERO) Technical Assistance Center.

First-year target/outcome measurement:

Provide monthly behavioral health/suicide prevention resources and technical assistance to Behavioral Health Resource Coordinators in each ND school.

Second-year target/outcome measurement:

Implementation of a virtual simulation and learning platform for schools to support student mental health and well-being.

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division, Contract Management

Description of Data:

Quantitative and Qualitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

Priority #:

3

Priority Area:

Person-Centered Practice

Priority Type:

SAT, MHS

Population(s):

SMI, SED, PWWDC, ESMI, PWID, TB

Goal of the priority area:

Ensure behavioral health services provided across the state are person-centered and culturally appropriate.

Strategies to attain the goal:

Implement services for specific populations and develop policies and procedures across the Department of Human Services to support person-centered practices.

Annual Performance Indicators to measure goal success

Indicator #: 1

Indicator: Increase person-centered implementation in the Department of Human Services program delivery.

Baseline Measurement: Currently, there is not a mechanism to measure service user's experiences.

First-year target/outcome measurement: Participate in TA focused on measuring person-centered thinking, planning and practices at person-level

Second-year target/outcome measurement: Compile current measures that reflect person-centered practices; convene service users and family groups to identify a definition for person-centered thinking planning, and practice; convene service users and family groups to understand outcomes and importance and how to measure PCP experiences

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division, contract management; creation of TA plan and documentation of implementation

Description of Data:

qualitative and quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

Priority #: 4

Priority Area: Increase Access to Targeted Services

Priority Type: SAT

Population(s): PWWDC, TB

Goal of the priority area:

Enhance access to targeted behavioral health services throughout the state.

Strategies to attain the goal:

Implement efforts to increase evidence-based practices for women and women with dependent children, expand residential SUD services in rural areas, expand withdrawal management and medication assisted treatment.

Annual Performance Indicators to measure goal success

Indicator #: 1

Indicator: Increase the access to medication assisted treatment for individuals across the state.

Baseline Measurement: Establish additional programs for MAT services in the State where individuals do not have access or sufficient access to service

First-year target/outcome measurement: Establish at least one medication unit or new OTP in the state.

Second-year target/outcome measurement: Establish a client base of at least 50 enrolled patients at the medication unit or OTP

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division, Central Registry

Description of Data:

Quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

Indicator #: 2

Indicator: Increased implementation of evidence-based practices among behavioral health and healthcare providers serving pregnant women and women with dependent children.

Baseline Measurement: No current residential treatment program specific for pregnant women and women with dependent children.

First-year target/outcome measurement: Conduct market research to potential vendors to identify barriers regarding providing residential addiction treatment programming for pregnant women and women with dependent children. Re-issue a request for proposals and implement a residential program for pregnant women and women with dependent children.

Second-year target/outcome measurement: Serve at least 25 pregnant women and women with dependent children in a residential program.

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division, contract management

Description of Data:

quantitative and qualitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issue

Indicator #: 3

Indicator: Increase implementation of withdrawal management best practices

Baseline Measurement: Limited withdrawal management service systems in communities in the state.

First-year target/outcome measurement: Identify communities needing assistance with development of withdrawal management strategic plans and withdrawal management services.

Second-year target/outcome measurement: Provide communities with training & technical assistance in developing withdrawal management strategic plans and increase withdrawal management services.

Data Source:

Behavioral Health Division, contract management, training & technical assistance documentation

Description of Data:

quantitative

Data issues/caveats that affect outcome measures:

No issues

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Table 2 State Agency Planned Expenditures [SA]

States must project how the SSA will use available funds to provide authorized services for the planning period for state fiscal years FFY 2022/2023. ONLY include funds expended by the executive branch agency administering the SABG.

Planning Period Start Date: 7/1/2021 Planning Period End Date: 6/30/2023

Activity (See instructions for using Row 1.)	Source of Funds									
	A. Substance Abuse Block Grant	B. Mental Health Block Grant	C. Medicaid (Federal, State, and Local)	D. Other Federal Funds (e.g., ACF (TANF), CDC, CMS (Medicare) SAMHSA, etc.)	E. State Funds	F. Local Funds (excluding local Medicaid)	G. Other	H. COVID-19 Relief Funds (MHBG) ^a	I. COVID-19 Relief Funds (SABG) ^a	J. ARP Funds (SABG) ^b
1. Substance Abuse Prevention ^c and Treatment	\$15,010,682.00		\$0.00	\$4,750,000.00	\$17,358,911.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$4,026,678.00	\$0.00
a. Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children ^c	\$2,931,306.00									
b. All Other	\$12,079,376.00			\$4,750,000.00	\$17,358,911.00				\$4,026,678.00	
2. Primary Prevention ^d	\$4,913,730.00		\$0.00	\$4,750,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$2,097,270.00	\$0.00
a. Substance Abuse Primary Prevention	\$4,913,730.00			\$4,750,000.00	\$200,000.00				\$2,097,270.00	
b. Mental Health Primary Prevention										
3. Evidence-Based Practices for Early Serious Mental Illness including First Episode Psychosis (10 percent of total award MHBG)										
4. Tuberculosis Services										
5. Early Intervention Services for HIV										
6. State Hospital										
7. Other 24-Hour Care										
8. Ambulatory/Community Non-24 Hour Care										
9. Administration (excluding program/provider level) MHBG and SABG must be reported separately	\$202,790.00									
10. Crisis Services (5 percent set-aside)										
11. Total	\$20,127,202.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,500,000.00	\$17,558,911.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,123,948.00	\$0.00

^a The 24-month expenditure period for the COVID-19 Relief Supplemental funding is **March 15, 2021 - March 14, 2023**, which is different from the "standard" SABG. Per the instructions, the planning period for standard SABG expenditures is July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023. For purposes of this table, all planned COVID-19 Relief Supplemental expenditures between July 1, 2021 – March 14, 2023 should be entered in Column I.

^b The expenditure period for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) supplemental funding is **September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2025**, which is different from the expenditure period for the "standard" SABG. Per the instructions, the planning period for standard SABG expenditures is July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023. For purposes of this table, all planned ARP supplemental expenditures between September 1, 2021 and June 30, 2023 should be entered in Column J.

^c Prevention other than primary prevention

^d The 20 percent set aside funds in the SABG must be used for activities designed to prevent substance misuse.

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Table 2 State Agency Planned Expenditures [MH]

States must project how the SMHA will use available funds to provide authorized services for the planning period for state fiscal years 2022/2023. Include public mental health services provided by mental health providers or funded by the state mental health agency by source of funding.

Planning Period Start Date: 7/1/2021 Planning Period End Date: 6/30/2023

Activity (See instructions for using Row 1.)	Source of Funds									
	A. Substance Abuse Block Grant	B. Mental Health Block Grant	C. Medicaid (Federal, State, and Local)	D. Other Federal Funds (e.g., ACF (TANF), CDC, CMS (Medicare) SAMHSA, etc.)	E. State Funds	F. Local Funds (excluding local Medicaid)	G. Other	H. COVID-19 Relief Funds (MHBG) ^a	I. COVID-19 Relief Funds (SABG)	J. ARP Funds (MHBG) ^b
1. Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment										
a. Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children										
b. All Other										
2. Primary Prevention										
a. Substance Abuse Primary Prevention										
b. Mental Health Primary Prevention ^e										
3. Evidence-Based Practices for Early Serious Mental Illness including First Episode Psychosis (10 percent of total award MHBG) ^d		\$250,000.00					\$145,000.00			
4. Tuberculosis Services										
5. Early Intervention Services for HIV										
6. State Hospital					\$4,229,898.00					
7. Other 24-Hour Care										
8. Ambulatory/Community Non-24 Hour Care		\$1,526,736.00	\$44,064,060.00	\$595,000.00	\$73,165,640.00		\$26,588,030.00	\$1,215,102.00		
9. Administration (excluding program/provider level) ^f MHBG and SABG must be reported separately				\$5,000.00						
10. Crisis Services (5 percent set-aside) ^g		\$125,000.00					\$75,000.00			
11. Total	\$0.00	\$1,901,736.00	\$44,064,060.00	\$600,000.00	\$77,395,538.00	\$0.00	\$26,588,030.00	\$1,435,102.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

^a The 24-month expenditure period for the COVID-19 Relief supplemental funding is **March 15, 2021 - March 14, 2023**, which is different from the expenditure period for the "standard" SABG and MHBG. Per the instructions, the standard SABG expenditures are for the state planned expenditure period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023, for most states.

^b The expenditure period for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) supplemental funding is **September 1, 2021 - September 30, 2025**, which is different from expenditure period for the "standard" MHBG. Per the instructions, the standard MHBG expenditures captured in Columns A-G are for the state planned expenditure period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, for most states

^d Column 3B should include Early Serious Mental Illness programs funded through MHBG set aside.

^e While a state may use state or other funding for these services, the MHBG funds must be directed toward adults with SMI or children with SED.

^f Per statute, administrative expenditures cannot exceed 5% of the fiscal year award.

^g Row 10 should include Crisis Services programs funded through different funding sources, including the MHBG set aside. States may expend more than 5 percent of their MHBG allocation.

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Table 3 SABG Persons in need/receipt of SUD treatment

	Aggregate Number Estimated In Need	Aggregate Number In Treatment
1. Pregnant Women	0	40
2. Women with Dependent Children	0	727
3. Individuals with a co-occurring M/SUD	0	4,708
4. Persons who inject drugs	0	1,574
5. Persons experiencing homelessness	0	1,286

Please provide an explanation for any data cells for which the state does not have a data source.

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Table 4 SABG Planned Expenditures

Planning Period Start Date: 10/1/2021 Planning Period End Date: 9/30/2023

Expenditure Category	FFY 2022 SA Block Grant Award	COVID-19 Award ¹	ARP Award ²
1 . Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment ³	\$4,573,919.00	\$4,026,678.00	\$0.00
2 . Primary Substance Use Disorder Prevention	\$1,633,542.00	\$2,097,270.00	\$0.00
3 . Early Intervention Services for HIV ⁴		\$0.00	\$0.00
4 . Tuberculosis Services		\$0.00	\$0.00
5 . Administration (SSA Level Only)	\$326,708.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6. Total	\$6,534,169.00	\$6,123,948.00	\$0.00

¹The 24-month expenditure period for the COVID-19 Relief Supplemental funding is **March 15, 2021 - March 14, 2023**, which is different from the “standard” SABG. Per the instructions, the planning period for standard SABG expenditures is October 1, 2021 –September 30, 2023. For purposes of this table, all planned COVID-19 Relief Supplemental expenditures between October 1, 2021 – March 14, 2023 should be entered in this column.

²The expenditure period for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) supplemental funding is **September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2025**, which is different from the expenditure period for the “standard” SABG. Per the instructions, the planning period for standard SABG expenditures is October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023. For purposes of this table, all planned ARP supplemental expenditures between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2023 should be entered in this column.

³Prevention other than Primary Prevention

⁴For the purpose of determining which states and jurisdictions are considered "designated states" as described in section 1924(b)(2) of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 300x-24(b)(2)) and section 45 CFR § 96.128(b) of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG); Interim Final Rule (45 CFR 96.120-137), SAMHSA relies on the HIV Surveillance Report produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention. The most recent HIV Surveillance Report published on or before October 1 of the federal fiscal year for which a state is applying for a grant is used to determine the states and jurisdictions that will be required to set-aside 5 percent of their respective SABG allotments to establish one or more projects to provide early intervention services regarding the human immunodeficiency virus (EIS/HIV) at the sites at which individuals are receiving SUD treatment services. In FY 2012, SAMHSA developed and disseminated a policy change applicable to the EIS/HIV which provided any state that was a "designated state" in any of the three years prior to the year for which a state is applying for SABG funds with the flexibility to obligate and expend SABG funds for EIS/HIV even though the state's AIDS case rate does not meet the AIDS case rate threshold for the fiscal year involved for which a state is applying for SABG funds. Therefore, any state with an AIDS case rate below 10 or more such cases per 100,000 that meets the criteria described in the 2012 policy guidance would will be allowed to obligate and expend SABG funds for EIS/HIV if they chose to do so.

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Table 5a SABG Primary Prevention Planned Expenditures

Planning Period Start Date: 10/1/2021 Planning Period End Date: 9/30/2023

Strategy	A		B	
	IOM Target	SA Block Grant Award	FFY 2022 COVID-19 ¹	ARP ²
1. Information Dissemination	Universal			
	Selective			
	Indicated			
	Unspecified	\$959,125	\$629,181	\$0
	Total	\$959,125	\$629,181	\$0
2. Education	Universal			
	Selective			
	Indicated			
	Unspecified	\$47,956	\$104,864	\$0
	Total	\$47,956	\$104,864	\$0
3. Alternatives	Universal			
	Selective			
	Indicated			
	Unspecified	\$47,956	\$104,864	\$0
	Total	\$47,956	\$104,864	\$0
4. Problem Identification and Referral	Universal			
	Selective			
	Indicated			
	Unspecified	\$63,943	\$209,727	\$0
	Total	\$63,943	\$209,727	\$0
	Universal			

5. Community-Based Process	Selective			
	Indicated			
	Unspecified	\$159,854	\$524,318	\$0
	Total	\$159,854	\$524,318	\$0
6. Environmental	Universal			
	Selective			
	Indicated			
	Unspecified	\$319,708	\$524,318	\$0
Total	\$319,708	\$524,318	\$0	
7. Section 1926 Tobacco	Universal			
	Selective			
	Indicated			
	Unspecified	\$35,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	
8. Other	Universal			
	Selective			
	Indicated			
	Unspecified	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Prevention Expenditures		\$1,633,542	\$2,097,272	\$0
Total SABG Award³		\$6,534,169	\$6,123,948	\$0
Planned Primary Prevention Percentage		57.10 %	60.92 %	

¹The 24-month expenditure period for the COVID-19 Relief supplemental funding is **March 15, 2021 - March 14, 2023**, which is different from the expenditure period for the "standard" SABG. Per the instructions, the standard SABG expenditures are for the planned expenditure period of October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2023, for most states.

²The expenditure period for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) supplemental funding is **September 1, 2021 - September 30, 2025**, which is different from the expenditure period for the "standard" SABG. Per the instructions, the standard SABG expenditures are for the planned expenditure period of October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2023.

³Total SABG Award is populated from Table 4 - SABG Planned Expenditures

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Table 5b SABG Primary Prevention Planned Expenditures by IOM Category

Planning Period Start Date: 10/1/2021 Planning Period End Date: 9/30/2023

Activity	FFY 2022 SA Block Grant Award	COVID-19 Award ¹	ARP Award ²
Universal Direct			
Universal Indirect			
Selective			
Indicated			
Column Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total SABG Award³	\$6,534,169	\$6,123,948	\$0
Planned Primary Prevention Percentage	0.00 %	0.00 %	

¹The 24-month expenditure period for the COVID-19 Relief supplemental funding is **March 15, 2021 - March 14, 2023**, which is different from the expenditure period for the "standard" SABG. Per the instructions, the standard SABG expenditures are for the planned expenditure period of October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2023, for most states.

²The expenditure period for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) supplemental funding is **September 1, 2021 - September 30, 2025**, which is different from the expenditure period for the "standard" SABG. Per the instructions, the standard SABG expenditures are for the planned expenditure period of October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2023.

³Total SABG Award is populated from Table 4 - SABG Planned Expenditures

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Table 5c SABG Planned Primary Prevention Targeted Priorities

States should identify the categories of substances the state BG plans to target with primary prevention set-aside dollars from the FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 SABG awards.

Planning Period Start Date: 10/1/2021 Planning Period End Date: 9/30/2023

	SABG Award	COVID-19 Award ¹	ARP Award ²
Targeted Substances			
Alcohol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tobacco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marijuana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prescription Drugs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cocaine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heroin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inhalants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methamphetamine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bath salts, Spice, K2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Targeted Populations			
Students in College	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Military Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LGBTQ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Indians/Alaska Natives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
African American	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



¹The 24-month expenditure period for the COVID-19 Relief supplemental funding is **March 15, 2021 – March 14, 2023**, which is different from the expenditure period for the “standard” SABG. Per the instructions, the standard SABG expenditures are for the planned expenditure period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023, for most states.

²The expenditure period for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) supplemental funding is **September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2025**, which is different from the expenditure period for the “standard” SABG. Per the instructions, the standard SABG expenditures are for the planned expenditure period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023.

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Table 6 Non-Direct Services/System Development [SA]

Planning Period Start Date: 10/1/2021 Planning Period End Date: 9/30/2023

Activity	FFY 2022				
	A. SABG Treatment	B. SABG Prevention	C. SABG Integrated ¹	D. COVID-19 ²	E. ARP ³
1. Information Systems	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Infrastructure Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Partnerships, community outreach, and needs assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Planning Council Activities (MHBG required, SABG optional)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Quality Assurance and Improvement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6. Research and Evaluation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7. Training and Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8. Total	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

¹Integrated refers to non-direct service/system development expenditures that support both treatment and prevention systems of care.

²The 24-month expenditure period for the COVID-19 Relief Supplemental funding is **March 15, 2021 - March 14, 2023**, which is different from the “standard” SABG. Per the instructions, the planning period for standard SABG expenditures is October 1, 2021 –September 30, 2023. For purposes of this table, all planned COVID-19 Relief Supplemental expenditures between October 1, 2021 – March 14, 2023 should be entered in Column D.

³The expenditure period for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) supplemental funding is **September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2025**, which is different from the expenditure period for the “standard” SABG. Per the instructions, the planning period for standard SABG expenditures is October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023. For purposes of this table, all planned ARP supplemental expenditures between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2023 should be entered in Column E.

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Table 6 Non-Direct-Services/System Development [MH]

MHBG Planning Period Start Date: 07/01/2021

MHBG Planning Period End Date: 06/30/2023

Activity	FFY 2022 Block Grant	FFY 2022 ¹ COVID Funds	FFY 2022 ² ARP Funds	FFY 2023 Block Grant	FFY 2023 ¹ COVID Funds	FFY 2023 ² ARP Funds
1. Information Systems	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Infrastructure Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Partnerships, community outreach, and needs assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Planning Council Activities (MHBG required, SABG optional)	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Quality Assurance and Improvement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6. Research and Evaluation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7. Training and Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8. Total	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

¹ The 24-month expenditure period for the COVID-19 Relief supplemental funding is **March 15, 2021 - March 14, 2023**, which is different from the expenditure period for the "standard" SABG and MHBG. Per the instructions, the standard MHBG expenditures are for the state planned expenditure period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023, for most states.

² The expenditure period for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) supplemental funding is **September 1, 2021 - September 30, 2025**, which is different from the expenditure period for the "standard" MHBG. Per the instructions, the standard MHBG expenditures are for the state planned expenditure period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023, for most states.

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Environmental Factors and Plan

1. The Health Care System, Parity and Integration - Question 1 and 2 are Required

Narrative Question

Persons with mental illness and persons with substance use disorders are likely to die earlier than those who do not have these conditions.²² Early mortality is associated with broader health disparities and health equity issues such as socioeconomic status but "[h]ealth system factors" such as access to care also play an important role in morbidity and mortality among these populations. Persons with mental illness and substance use disorders may benefit from strategies to control weight, encourage exercise, and properly treat such chronic health conditions as diabetes and cardiovascular disease.²³ It has been acknowledged that there is a high rate of co-occurring M/SUD, with appropriate treatment required for both conditions.²⁴

Currently, 50 states have organizationally consolidated their mental and substance use disorder authorities in one fashion or another with additional organizational changes under consideration. More broadly, SAMHSA and its federal partners understand that such factors as education, housing, and nutrition strongly affect the overall health and well-being of persons with mental illness and substance use disorders.²⁵ SMHAs and SSAs may wish to develop and support partnerships and programs to help address social determinants of health and advance overall health equity.²⁶ For instance, some organizations have established medical-legal partnerships to assist persons with mental and substance use disorders in meeting their housing, employment, and education needs.²⁷

Health care professionals and persons who access M/SUD treatment services recognize the need for improved coordination of care and integration of physical and M/SUD with other health care in primary, specialty, emergency and rehabilitative care settings in the community. For instance, the National Alliance for Mental Illness has published materials for members to assist them in coordinating pediatric mental health and primary care.²⁸

SAMHSA and its partners support integrated care for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders.²⁹ The state should illustrate movement towards integrated systems of care for individuals and families with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. The plan should describe attention to management, funding, payment strategies that foster co-occurring capability for services to individuals and families with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. Strategies supported by SAMHSA to foster integration of physical and M/SUD include: developing models for inclusion of M/SUD treatment in primary care; supporting innovative payment and financing strategies and delivery system reforms such as ACOs, health homes, pay for performance, etc.; promoting workforce recruitment, retention and training efforts; improving understanding of financial sustainability and billing requirements; encouraging collaboration between M/SUD providers, prevention of teen pregnancy, youth violence, Medicaid programs, and primary care providers such as Federally Qualified Health Centers; and sharing with consumers information about the full range of health and wellness programs.

Health information technology, including EHRs and telehealth are examples of important strategies to promote integrated care.³⁰ Use of EHRs - in full compliance with applicable legal requirements - may allow providers to share information, coordinate care, and improve billing practices. Telehealth is another important tool that may allow M/SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery to be conveniently provided in a variety of settings, helping to expand access, improve efficiency, save time, and reduce costs. Development and use of models for coordinated, integrated care such as those found in health homes³¹ and ACOs³² may be important strategies used by SMHAs and SSAs to foster integrated care. Training and assisting M/SUD providers to redesign or implement new provider billing practices, build capacity for third-party contract negotiations, collaborate with health clinics and other organizations and provider networks, and coordinate benefits among multiple funding sources may be important ways to foster integrated care. SAMHSA encourages SMHAs and SSAs to communicate frequently with stakeholders, including policymakers at the state/jurisdictional and local levels, and State Mental Health Planning Council members and consumers, about efforts to foster health care coverage, access and integrate care to ensure beneficial outcomes.

SMHAs and SSAs also may work with state Medicaid agencies, state insurance commissioners, and professional organizations to encourage development of innovative demonstration projects, alternative payment methodologies, and waivers/state plan amendments that test approaches to providing integrated care for persons with M/SUD and other vulnerable populations.³³ Ensuring both Medicaid and private insurers provide required preventive benefits also may be an area for collaboration.³⁴

One key population of concern is persons who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.³⁵ Roughly, 30 percent of persons who are dually eligible have been diagnosed with a mental illness, more than three times the rate among those who are not dually eligible.³⁶ SMHAs and SSAs also should collaborate with state Medicaid agencies and state insurance commissioners to develop policies to assist those individuals who experience health insurance coverage eligibility changes due to shifts in income and employment.³⁷ Moreover, even with expanded health coverage available through the Marketplace and Medicaid and efforts to ensure parity in health care coverage, persons with M/SUD conditions still may experience challenges in some areas in obtaining care for a particular condition or in finding a provider.³⁸ SMHAs and SSAs should remain cognizant that health disparities may affect access, health care coverage and integrated care of M/SUD conditions and work with

partners to mitigate regional and local variations in services that detrimentally affect access to care and integration. SMHAs and SSAs should work with partners to ensure recruitment of diverse, well-trained staff and promote workforce development and ability to function in an integrated care environment.³⁹ Psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, addiction counselors, preventionists, therapists, technicians, peer support specialists, and others will need to understand integrated care models, concepts, and practices.

Parity is vital to ensuring persons with mental health conditions and substance use disorders receive continuous, coordinated, care. Increasing public awareness about MHPAEA could increase access to M/SUD services, provide financial benefits to individuals and families, and lead to reduced confusion and discrimination associated with mental illness and substance use disorders. Block grant recipients should continue to monitor federal parity regulations and guidance and collaborate with state Medicaid authorities, insurance regulators, insurers, employers, providers, consumers and policymakers to ensure effective parity implementation and comprehensive, consistent communication with stakeholders. The SSAs, SMHAs and their partners may wish to pursue strategies to provide information, education, and technical assistance on parity-related issues. Medicaid programs will be a key partner for recipients of MHBG and SABG funds and providers supported by these funds. The SSAs and SMHAs should collaborate with their states' Medicaid authority in ensuring parity within Medicaid programs. SAMHSA encourages states to take proactive steps to improve consumer knowledge about parity. As one plan of action, states can develop communication plans to provide and address key issues.

Another key part of integration will be defining performance and outcome measures. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and partners have developed the National Quality Strategy, which includes information and resources to help promote health, good outcomes, and patient engagement. SAMHSA's National Behavioral Health Quality Framework includes core measures that may be used by providers and payers.⁴⁰

SAMHSA recognizes that certain jurisdictions receiving block grant funds - including U.S. Territories, tribal entities and those jurisdictions that have signed a Compact of Free Association with the United States and are uniquely impacted by certain Medicaid provisions or are ineligible to participate in certain programs.⁴¹ However, these jurisdictions should collaborate with federal agencies and their governmental and non-governmental partners to expand access and coverage. Furthermore, the jurisdiction should ensure integration of prevention, treatment, and recovery support for persons with, or at risk of, mental and substance use disorders.

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³⁰ Health Information Technology (HIT), <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/operations-administration/hit>; Characteristics of State Mental Health Agency Data Systems, Telebehavioral Health and Technical Assistance Series, <https://www.integration.samhsa.gov/operations-administration/telebehavioral-health>; State Medicaid Best Practice, Telemental and Behavioral Health, August 2013, American Telemedicine Association, <http://www.americantelemed.org/home>; National Telehealth Policy Resource Center, <https://www.cchpca.org/topic/overview/>;

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⁴⁰ About the National Quality Strategy, <http://www.ahrq.gov/workingforquality/about.htm>;

⁴¹ Letter to Governors on Information for Territories Regarding the Affordable Care Act, December 2012, <http://www.cms.gov/ccio/resources/letters/index.html>; Affordable Care Act, Indian Health Service, <http://www.ihs.gov/ACA/>

Please respond to the following items in order to provide a description of the healthcare system and integration activities:

1. Describe how the state integrates mental health and primary health care, including services for individuals with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders, in primary care settings or arrangements to provide primary and specialty care services in community -based mental and substance use disorders settings.
Currently, North Dakota has a gap in comprehensive integrated care for individuals to address both behavioral healthcare and primary healthcare needs. Some primary care settings including some clinics, hospitals, and FQHC's have behavioral healthcare or substance use disorder treatment programming available. Others, refer those services to other providers in their community. Likewise, some behavioral healthcare providers have primary care services provided in their programs. Unfortunately, this is not consistent across the state. Addressing behavioral healthcare in primary healthcare settings is a recommendation North Dakota has identified from a 2018 statewide assessment of the behavioral healthcare system in the state.
2. Describe how the state provides services and supports towards integrated systems of care for individuals and families with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders, including management, funding, and payment strategies that foster co-occurring capability.
Each of the North Dakota's 8 public behavioral healthcare programs, the Human Service Centers, provide an integrated care model for individuals with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. These providers have licensed substance use disorder, and behavioral healthcare providers to ensure the capability of providing these services in an integrated approach to those in need. Services through these providers are offered on a sliding payscale and a braided funding approach is provided to these systems.
3. a) Is there a plan for monitoring whether individuals and families have access to M/SUD services offered through Qualified Health Plans? Yes No
b) and Medicaid? Yes No
4. Who is responsible for monitoring access to M/SUD services provided by the QHP?
5. Is the SSA/SMHA involved in any coordinated care initiatives in the state? Yes No
6. Do the M/SUD providers screen and refer for:
a) Prevention and wellness education Yes No
b) Health risks such as
ii) heart disease Yes No
iii) hypertension Yes No

iv) high cholesterol Yes No

v) diabetes Yes No

c) Recovery supports Yes No

7. Is the SSA/SMHA involved in the development of alternative payment methodologies, including risk-based contractual relationships that advance coordination of care? Yes No

8. Is the SSA and SMHA involved in the implementation and enforcement of parity protections for mental and substance use disorder services? Yes No

9. What are the issues or problems that your state is facing related to the implementation and enforcement of parity provisions?
Workforce shortages, and the already pressing demands of providing services. Collaborative ways to address these needs would be most beneficial to supporting the primary care workforce.

10. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight?
n/a

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section

Technical assistance on supporting the screening and referral to behavioral healthcare providers when identified as necessary.

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2. Health Disparities - Requested

Narrative Question

In accordance with the [HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities](#)⁴², [Healthy People, 2020](#)⁴³, [National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity](#)⁴⁴, and other HHS and federal policy recommendations, SAMHSA expects block grant dollars to support equity in access, services provided, and M/SUD outcomes among individuals of all cultures, sexual/gender minorities, orientation and ethnicities. Accordingly, grantees should collect and use data to: (1) identify subpopulations (i.e., racial, ethnic, limited English speaking, tribal, sexual/gender minority groups, etc.) vulnerable to health disparities and (2) implement strategies to decrease the disparities in access, service use, and outcomes both within those subpopulations and in comparison to the general population. One strategy for addressing health disparities is use of the recently revised National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care (CLAS)⁴⁵.

The Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, which the HHS Secretary released in April 2011, outlines goals and actions that HHS agencies, including SAMHSA, will take to reduce health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities. Agencies are required to assess the impact of their policies and programs on health disparities.

The HHS Secretary's top priority in the Action Plan is to "assess and heighten the impact of all HHS policies, programs, processes, and resource decisions to reduce health disparities. HHS leadership will assure that program grantees, as applicable, will be required to submit health disparity impact statements as part of their grant applications. Such statements can inform future HHS investments and policy goals, and in some instances, could be used to score grant applications if underlying program authority permits."⁴⁶

Collecting appropriate data is a critical part of efforts to reduce health disparities and promote equity. In October 2011, HHS issued final standards on the collection of race, ethnicity, primary language, and disability status⁴⁷. This guidance conforms to the existing Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directive on racial/ethnic categories with the expansion of intra-group, detailed data for the Latino and the Asian-American/Pacific Islander populations⁴⁸. In addition, SAMHSA and all other HHS agencies have updated their limited English proficiency plans and, accordingly, will expect block grant dollars to support a reduction in disparities related to access, service use, and outcomes that are associated with limited English proficiency. These three departmental initiatives, along with SAMHSA's and HHS's attention to special service needs and disparities within tribal populations, LGBTQ populations, and women and girls, provide the foundation for addressing health disparities in the service delivery system. States provide M/SUD services to these individuals with state block grant dollars. While the block grant generally requires the use of evidence-based and promising practices, it is important to note that many of these practices have not been normed on various diverse racial and ethnic populations. States should strive to implement evidence-based and promising practices in a manner that meets the needs of the populations they serve.

In the block grant application, states define the populations they intend to serve. Within these populations of focus are subpopulations that may have disparate access to, use of, or outcomes from provided services. These disparities may be the result of differences in insurance coverage, language, beliefs, norms, values, and/or socioeconomic factors specific to that subpopulation. For instance, lack of Spanish primary care services may contribute to a heightened risk for metabolic disorders among Latino adults with SMI; and American Indian/Alaska Native youth may have an increased incidence of underage binge drinking due to coping patterns related to historical trauma within the American Indian/Alaska Native community. While these factors might not be pervasive among the general population served by the block grant, they may be predominant among subpopulations or groups vulnerable to disparities.

To address and ultimately reduce disparities, it is important for states to have a detailed understanding of who is and is not being served within the community, including in what languages, in order to implement appropriate outreach and engagement strategies for diverse populations. The types of services provided, retention in services, and outcomes are critical measures of quality and outcomes of care for diverse groups. For states to address the potentially disparate impact of their block grant funded efforts, they will address access, use, and outcomes for subpopulations.

⁴² http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa/files/Plans/HHS/HHS_Plan_complete.pdf

⁴³ <http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx>

⁴⁴ https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa/files/Plans/NSS/NSS_07_Section3.pdf

⁴⁵ <http://www.ThinkCulturalHealth.hhs.gov>

Please respond to the following items:

1. Does the state track access or enrollment in services, types of services received and outcomes of these services by: race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and age?
 - a) Race Yes No
 - b) Ethnicity Yes No
 - c) Gender Yes No
 - d) Sexual orientation Yes No
 - e) Gender identity Yes No
 - f) Age Yes No
2. Does the state have a data-driven plan to address and reduce disparities in access, service use and outcomes for the above sub-population? Yes No
3. Does the state have a plan to identify, address and monitor linguistic disparities/language barriers? Yes No
4. Does the state have a workforce-training plan to build the capacity of M/SUD providers to identify disparities in access, services received, and outcomes and provide support for improved culturally and linguistically competent outreach, engagement, prevention, treatment, and recovery services for diverse populations? Yes No
5. If yes, does this plan include the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards? Yes No
6. Does the state have a budget item allocated to identifying and remediating disparities in M/SUD care? Yes No
7. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight?

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section

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3. Innovation in Purchasing Decisions - Requested

Narrative Question

While there are different ways to define value-based purchasing, its purpose is to identify services, payment arrangements, incentives, and players that can be included in directed strategies using purchasing practices that are aimed at improving the value of health care services. In short, health care value is a function of both cost and quality:

$$\text{Health Care Value} = \text{Quality} \div \text{Cost}, (\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{Q} \div \mathbf{C})$$

SAMHSA anticipates that the movement toward value based purchasing will continue as delivery system reforms continue to shape states systems. The identification and replication of such value-based strategies and structures will be important to the development of M/SUD systems and services.

There is increased interest in having a better understanding of the evidence that supports the delivery of medical and specialty care including M/SUD services. Over the past several years, SAMHSA has collaborated with CMS, HRSA, SMAs, state M/SUD authorities, legislators, and others regarding the evidence of various mental and substance misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. States and other purchasers are requesting information on evidence-based practices or other procedures that result in better health outcomes for individuals and the general population. While the emphasis on evidence-based practices will continue, there is a need to develop and create new interventions and technologies and in turn, to establish the evidence. SAMHSA supports states' use of the block grants for this purpose. The NQF and the IOM recommend that evidence play a critical role in designing health benefits for individuals enrolled in commercial insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare.

To respond to these inquiries and recommendations, SAMHSA has undertaken several activities. SAMHSA's Evidence Based Practices Resource Center assesses the research evaluating an intervention's impact on outcomes and provides information on available resources to facilitate the effective dissemination and implementation of the program. SAMHSA's Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center provides the information & tools needed to incorporate evidence-based practices into communities or clinical settings.

SAMHSA reviewed and analyzed the current evidence for a wide range of interventions for individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders, including youth and adults with chronic addiction disorders, adults with SMI, and children and youth with SED. The evidence builds on the evidence and consensus standards that have been developed in many national reports over the last decade or more. These include reports by the Surgeon General,⁴⁹ The New Freedom Commission on Mental Health,⁵⁰ the IOM,⁵¹ NQF, and the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC).⁵² The activity included a systematic assessment of the current research findings for the effectiveness of the services using a strict set of evidentiary standards. This series of assessments was published in "Psychiatry Online."⁵³ SAMHSA and other federal partners, the HHS' Administration for Children and Families, Office for Civil Rights, and CMS, have used this information to sponsor technical expert panels that provide specific recommendations to the M/SUD field regarding what the evidence indicates works and for whom, to identify specific strategies for embedding these practices in provider organizations, and to recommend additional service research.

In addition to evidence-based practices, there are also many promising practices in various stages of development. Anecdotal evidence and program data indicate effectiveness for these services. As these practices continue to be evaluated, the evidence is collected to establish their efficacy and to advance the knowledge of the field.

SAMHSA's Treatment Improvement Protocol Series (**TIPS**)⁵⁴ are best practice guidelines for the SUD treatment. SAMHSA draws on the experience and knowledge of clinical, research, and administrative experts to produce the TIPS, which are distributed to a growing number of facilities and individuals across the country. The audience for the TIPS is expanding beyond public and private SUD treatment facilities as alcohol and other drug disorders are increasingly recognized as a major health problem.

SAMHSA's Evidence-Based Practice Knowledge Informing Transformation (**KIT**)⁵⁵ was developed to help move the latest information available on effective M/SUD practices into community-based service delivery. States, communities, administrators, practitioners, consumers of mental health care, and their family members can use KIT to design and implement M/SUD practices that work. KIT covers getting started, building the program, training frontline staff, and evaluating the program. The KITs contain information sheets, introductory videos, practice demonstration videos, and training manuals. Each KIT outlines the essential components of the evidence-based practice and provides suggestions collected from those who have successfully implemented them.

SAMHSA is interested in whether and how states are using evidence in their purchasing decisions, educating policymakers, or supporting providers to offer high quality services. In addition, SAMHSA is concerned with what additional information is needed by SMHAs and SSAs in their efforts to continue to shape their and other purchasers' decisions regarding M/SUD services.

⁴⁹ United States Public Health Service Office of the Surgeon General (1999). Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General. Rockville, MD: Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Public Health Service

⁵⁰ The President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health (July 2003). Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in America. Rockville, MD: Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

⁵¹ Institute of Medicine Committee on Crossing the Quality Chasm: Adaptation to Mental Health and Addictive Disorders (2006). Improving the Quality of Health Care for Mental and Substance-Use Conditions: Quality Chasm Series. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

⁵² National Quality Forum (2007). National Voluntary Consensus Standards for the Treatment of Substance Use Conditions: Evidence-Based Treatment Practices. Washington, DC: National Quality Forum.

⁵³ <http://psychiatryonline.org/>

⁵⁴ <http://store.samhsa.gov>

⁵⁵ https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/ebp-kit-how-to-use-the-ebp-kit-10112019_0.pdf

Please respond to the following items:

1. Is information used regarding evidence-based or promising practices in your purchasing or policy decisions? Yes No

2. Which value based purchasing strategies do you use in your state (check all that apply):
 - a) Leadership support, including investment of human and financial resources.
 - b) Use of available and credible data to identify better quality and monitored the impact of quality improvement interventions.
 - c) Use of financial and non-financial incentives for providers or consumers.
 - d) Provider involvement in planning value-based purchasing.
 - e) Use of accurate and reliable measures of quality in payment arrangements.
 - f) Quality measures focused on consumer outcomes rather than care processes.
 - g) Involvement in CMS or commercial insurance value based purchasing programs (health homes, accountable care organization, all payer/global payments, pay for performance (P4P)).
 - h) The state has an evaluation plan to assess the impact of its purchasing decisions.

3. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight?

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

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4. Evidence-Based Practices for Early Interventions to Address Early Serious Mental Illness (ESMI) - 10 percent set aside - Required MHBG

Narrative Question

Much of the mental health treatment and recovery service efforts are focused on the later stages of illness, intervening only when things have reached the level of a crisis. While this kind of treatment is critical, it is also costly in terms of increased financial burdens for public mental health systems, lost economic productivity, and the toll taken on individuals and families. There are growing concerns among consumers and family members that the mental health system needs to do more when people first experience these conditions to prevent long-term adverse consequences. Early intervention* is critical to treating mental illness before it can cause tragic results like serious impairment, unemployment, homelessness, poverty, and suicide. The duration of untreated mental illness, defined as the time interval between the onset of a mental disorder and when an individual gets into treatment, has been a predictor of outcomes across different mental illnesses. Evidence indicates that a prolonged duration of untreated mental illness may be viewed as a negative prognostic factor for those who are diagnosed with mental illness. Earlier treatment and interventions not only reduce acute symptoms, but may also improve long-term prognosis.

SAMHSA's working definition of an Early Serious Mental Illness is "An early serious mental illness or ESMI is a condition that affects an individual regardless of their age and that is a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified within DSM-5 (APA, 2013). For a significant portion of the time since the onset of the disturbance, the individual has not achieved or is at risk for not achieving the expected level of interpersonal, academic or occupational functioning. This definition is not intended to include conditions that are attributable to the physiologic effects of a substance use disorder, are attributable to an intellectual/developmental disorder or are attributable to another medical condition. The term ESMI is intended for the initial period of onset."

States may implement models that have demonstrated efficacy, including the range of services and principles identified by National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) via its Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode ([RAISE](#)) initiative. Utilizing these principles, regardless of the amount of investment, and by leveraging funds through inclusion of services reimbursed by Medicaid or private insurance, states should move their system to address the needs of individuals with a first episode of psychosis (FEP). RAISE was a set of NIMH sponsored studies beginning in 2008, focusing on the early identification and provision of evidence-based treatments to persons experiencing FEP. The NIMH RAISE studies, as well as similar early intervention programs tested worldwide, consist of multiple evidence-based treatment components used in tandem as part of a Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) model, and have been shown to improve symptoms, reduce relapse, and lead to better outcomes.

State shall expend not less than 10 percent of the MHBG amount the State receives for carrying out this section for each fiscal year to support evidence-based programs that address the needs of individuals with early serious mental illness, including psychotic disorders, regardless of the age of the individual at onset. In lieu of expending 10 percent of the amount the State receives under this section for a fiscal year as required a state may elect to expend not less than 20 percent of such amount by the end of such succeeding fiscal year.

* MHBG funds cannot be used for primary prevention activities. States cannot use MHBG funds for prodromal symptoms (specific group of symptoms that may precede the onset and diagnosis of a mental illness) and/or those who are not diagnosed with a SMI.

Please respond to the following items:

1. Does the state have policies for addressing early serious mental illness (ESMI)? Yes No
2. Has the state implemented any evidence-based practices (EBPs) for those with ESMI? Yes No

If yes, please list the EBPs and provide a description of the programs that the state currently funds to implement evidence-based practices for those with ESMI.

North Dakota will be utilizing a Coordinated Specialty Care model to provide ESMI in the state. The Human Service Centers will integrate the CSC model into early intervention services for adolescents and adults.

3. How does the state promote the use of evidence-based practices for individuals with ESMI and provide comprehensive individualized treatment or integrated mental and physical health services?

The state contracted with OnTrack New York to provide 3 First Episode Psychosis informational webinars to expand knowledge of behavioral health providers. The webinars provided were Coordinated Specialty Care: Clinical Concepts, Team Roles and Interventions, Treatment for Early Psychosis: The Role of Duration of Untreated Psychosis and Early Intervention and Coordinated Specialty Care: Clinical Concepts, Team Roles and Interventions. The webinars have been recorded and will be available on the Behavioral Health Division website to provide future educational opportunities. The state plans to promote the use of evidence-based practices for individuals with an ESMI through the behavioral health website, social media and networking with community based providers.

4. Does the state coordinate across public and private sector entities to coordinate treatment and recovery supports for those with ESMI? Yes No

5. Does the state collect data specifically related to ESMI? Yes No

6. Does the state provide trainings to increase capacity of providers to deliver interventions related to ESMI? Yes No

7. Please provide an updated description of the state's chosen EBPs for the 10 percent set-aside for ESMI.

The Behavioral Health Division is planning to implement ESMI services through a Coordinated Specialty Care model of evidence-based first episode psychosis treatment services within the Department of Human Services, Field Services Division. Field Services Division provides a range of behavioral health care for individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders, including crisis help and open access (walk-in) behavioral health assessments and triage. ESMI services will be located at two urban human service centers to provide access to more individuals living with ESMI. By locating the evidence-based early intervention services at these locations, individuals with ESMI will be provided immediate access to services. The Field Services Division works closely with the North Dakota State Hospital community-based organizations and colleges in addition to community partners to increase knowledge of the program and services available.

8. Please describe the planned activities for FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 for your state's ESMI programs including psychosis?

North Dakota plans to provide an ESMI program in two human service centers in the state which serve the two most urban communities that also include several universities. The state plans to provide education to public and private partners to increase awareness and service options within the state.

9. Please explain the state's provision for collecting and reporting data, demonstrating the impact of the 10 percent set-aside for ESMI.

The state will coordinate with the human service centers to collect monthly, quarterly and narrative data to report the impact of the 10% set aside.

10. Please list the diagnostic categories identified for your state's ESMI programs.

Paranoid Personality Disorder, Schizoid Personality Disorder , Schizotypal Personality Disorder Schizotypal (Personality) Disorder, Delusional Disorder, Schizophrenia , Schizoaffective Disorder. Other diagnosis may be added as the program is implemented.

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

Technical assistance not required at this time.

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5. Person Centered Planning (PCP) - Required MHBG

Narrative Question

States must engage adults with a serious mental illness or children with a serious emotional disturbance and their caregivers where appropriate in making health care decisions, including activities that enhance communication among individuals, families, caregivers, and treatment providers. Person-centered planning is a process through which individuals develop their plan of service. The PCP may include a representative who the person has freely chosen, and/or who is authorized to make personal or health decisions for the person. The PCP team may include family members, legal guardians, friends, caregivers and others that the person or his/her representative wishes to include. The PCP should involve the person receiving services and supports to the maximum extent possible, even if the person has a legal representative. The PCP approach identifies the person's strengths, goals, preferences, needs and desired outcome. The role of state and agency workers (for example, options counselors, support brokers, social workers, peer support workers, and others) in the PCP process is to enable and assist people to identify and access a unique mix of paid and unpaid services to meet their needs and provide support during planning. The person's goals and preferences in areas such as recreation, transportation, friendships, therapies, home, employment, education, family relationships, and treatments are part of a written plan that is consistent with the person's needs and desires.

1. Does your state have policies related to person centered planning? Yes No

2. If no, describe any action steps planned by the state in developing PCP initiatives in the future.

The North Dakota Department of Human Services (ND DHS) Person-Centered Practices (PCP) have evolved for decades, however; the efforts have resulted in significant variation across the department specifically in policy training, and practice. An active work group composed of team members from eight divisions and collaborating agencies meets at least monthly to facilitate the development and implementation of a strong and consistent statewide vision and universal understanding of person-centeredness across all ND DHS entities and community partners.

Despite responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, North Dakota remained focused on building awareness and continuing to advance the implementation of the PCP initiative. With support from NCAPPS TA and external project management, North Dakota has either achieved or significantly progressed on five goals: (1) all members of the ND DHS executive leadership team will demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to person-centered thinking, planning, and practice; (2) a participant engagement work group will create a Participant Engagement Guide and an Asset Map and use those materials to engage diverse service user and family communities to inform systems change efforts; (3) each ND DHS Division will complete a PCP self-assessment process resulting in action plans to increase PCP for each division; (4) the ND NCAPPS team will participate in NCAPPS Group Technical Assistance and develop recommended criteria for measurement of PCP at the person-level with a focus on service user and family experience; (5) ND DHS will review, select, and implement a train-the-trainer process for PCP that will include the development and utilization of resources and toolkits that will guide in the implementation of PCP.

Through this implementation, the State has engaged representatives from tribal nations, Urban Indian communities, and New American communities in dialogues about person-centered thinking, planning, and practices, to inform engagement and communication strategies. The ND DHS has conducted a self-assessment with three divisions and executing their Action Plans and developed a "North Dakota's Guide of Best Practices to Engage Individuals Who Receive Services." Also, several Person-Centered Practice Summits have been held engaging individuals receiving services, their families, stakeholders and providers to reach a shared understanding of person-centered practices.

Passed in House Bill 1012 during the 67th Legislative Assembly, a new section to NDCC was created and enacted as follows (Chapter 1-02): "Person-first language. The provisions of this code, unless the context otherwise requires, must be construed in person-first language and any new enactments of this code must be written in person-first language."

3. Describe how the state engages consumers and their caregivers in making health care decisions, and enhance communication.

The state encourages consumers and caregivers to make health care decisions through a shared decision-making model, engagement services, and specific education and encouragement for advance planning with specifically documented advance directives. Shared decision making is a method of communication within the broad context of person-centered care. All contracts for behavioral health services through the Behavioral Health Division require vendors to be person-centered. This is consistent with the statewide effort for all state agencies to provide services with empathy, mutual respect, that are well-Intentioned, and the overall state values of gratitude, humility, curiosity, courage that aspires to a culture that supports our overall purpose to work as one, be citizen focused, have a growth mindset, make a difference, with leadership everywhere. DHS strives always to provide services that reflect current knowledge and technology that are grounded in evidence-based practice with a continuous promotion of healthy behaviors and lifestyles. The state continues to review all internal DHS agency policy to ensure that there is a shift in the state culture that aligns to the procedural changes expected of all behavioral health providers.

4. Describe the person-centered planning process in your state.

All contracts for behavioral health services through the Behavioral Health Division require vendors to be person-centered. This is consistent with the statewide effort for all state agencies to provide services with empathy, mutual respect, that are well-intentioned, and the overall state values of gratitude, humility, curiosity, courage that aspires to a culture that supports our overall purpose to work as one, be citizen focused, have a growth mindset, make a difference, with leadership everywhere. DHS strives always to provide services that reflect current knowledge and technology that are grounded in evidence-based practice with a continuous promotion of healthy behaviors and lifestyles. The state continues to review all internal DHS agency policy to ensure that there is a shift in the state culture that aligns to the procedural changes expected of all behavioral health providers.

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The state currently receives NCAPPS TA.

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6. Program Integrity - Required

Narrative Question

SAMHSA has placed a strong emphasis on ensuring that block grant funds are expended in a manner consistent with the statutory and regulatory framework. This requires that SAMHSA and the states have a strong approach to assuring program integrity. Currently, the primary goals of SAMHSA program integrity efforts are to promote the proper expenditure of block grant funds, improve block grant program compliance nationally, and demonstrate the effective use of block grant funds.

While some states have indicated an interest in using block grant funds for individual co-pays deductibles and other types of co-insurance for M/SUD services, SAMHSA reminds states of restrictions on the use of block grant funds outlined in 42 U.S.C. §§ 300x-5 and 300x-31, including cash payments to intended recipients of health services and providing financial assistance to any entity other than a public or nonprofit private entity. Under 42 U.S.C. § 300x-55(g), SAMHSA periodically conducts site visits to MHBG and SABG grantees to evaluate program and fiscal management. States will need to develop specific policies and procedures for assuring compliance with the funding requirements. Since MHBG funds can only be used for authorized services made available to adults with SMI and children with SED and SABG funds can only be used for individuals with or at risk for SUD. SAMHSA guidance on the use of block grant funding for co-pays, deductibles, and premiums can be found at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/guidance-for-block-grant-funds-for-cost-sharing-assistance-for-private-health-insurance.pdf>. States are encouraged to review the guidance and request any needed technical assistance to assure the appropriate use of such funds.

The MHBG and SABG resources are to be used to support, not supplant, services that will be covered through the private and public insurance. In addition, SAMHSA will work with CMS and states to identify strategies for sharing data, protocols, and information to assist our program integrity efforts. Data collection, analysis, and reporting will help to ensure that MHBG and SABG funds are allocated to support evidence-based, culturally competent programs, substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery programs, and activities for adults with SMI and children with SED.

States traditionally have employed a variety of strategies to procure and pay for M/SUD services funded by the MHBG and SABG. State systems for procurement, contract management, financial reporting, and audit vary significantly. These strategies may include: (1) appropriately directing complaints and appeals requests to ensure that QHPs and Medicaid programs are including essential health benefits (EHBs) as per the state benchmark plan; (2) ensuring that individuals are aware of the covered M/SUD benefits; (3) ensuring that consumers of M/SUD services have full confidence in the confidentiality of their medical information; and (4) monitoring the use of M/SUD benefits in light of utilization review, medical necessity, etc. Consequently, states may have to become more proactive in ensuring that state-funded providers are enrolled in the Medicaid program and have the ability to determine if clients are enrolled or eligible to enroll in Medicaid. Additionally, compliance review and audit protocols may need to be revised to provide for increased tests of client eligibility and enrollment.

Please respond to the following items:

1. Does the state have a specific policy and/or procedure for assuring that the federal program requirements are conveyed to intermediaries and providers? Yes No
2. Does the state provide technical assistance to providers in adopting practices that promote compliance with program requirements, including quality and safety standards? Yes No
3. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight?
The state completes contract monitoring, and completes training and technical assistance visits to provide needed supports and ensure compliance.
Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section
N/a

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7. Tribes - Requested

Narrative Question

The federal government has a unique obligation to help improve the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives through the various health and human services programs administered by HHS. Treaties, federal legislation, regulations, executive orders, and Presidential memoranda support and define the relationship of the federal government with federally recognized tribes, which is derived from the political and legal relationship that Indian tribes have with the federal government and is not based upon race. SAMHSA is required by the [2009 Memorandum on Tribal Consultation](#)⁵⁶ to submit plans on how it will engage in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of federal policies that have tribal implications.

Improving the health and well-being of tribal nations is contingent upon understanding their specific needs. Tribal consultation is an essential tool in achieving that understanding. Consultation is an enhanced form of communication, which emphasizes trust, respect, and shared responsibility. It is an open and free exchange of information and opinion among parties, which leads to mutual understanding and comprehension. Consultation is integral to a deliberative process that results in effective collaboration and informed decision-making with the ultimate goal of reaching consensus on issues.

In the context of the block grant funds awarded to tribes, SAMHSA views consultation as a government-to-government interaction and should be distinguished from input provided by individual tribal members or services provided for tribal members whether on or off tribal lands. Therefore, the interaction should be attended by elected officials of the tribe or their designees and by the highest possible state officials. As states administer health and human services programs that are supported with federal funding, it is imperative that they consult with tribes to ensure the programs meet the needs of the tribes in the state. In addition to general stakeholder consultation, states should establish, implement, and document a process for consultation with the federally recognized tribal governments located within or governing tribal lands within their borders to solicit their input during the block grant planning process. Evidence that these actions have been performed by the state should be reflected throughout the state's plan. Additionally, it is important to note that approximately 70 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives do not live on tribal lands. The SMHAs, SSAs and tribes should collaborate to ensure access and culturally competent care for all American Indians and Alaska Natives in the states.

States shall not require any tribe to waive its sovereign immunity in order to receive funds or for services to be provided for tribal members on tribal lands. If a state does not have any federally recognized tribal governments or tribal lands within its borders, the state should make a declarative statement to that effect.

⁵⁶ <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/Presidential%20Memorandum%20Tribal%20Consultation%20%282009%29.pdf>

Please respond to the following items:

1. How many consultation sessions has the state conducted with federally recognized tribes?
There have been approximately 15 separate consultation sessions conducted with the state and federally recognized tribe regarding behavioral health.
2. What specific concerns were raised during the consultation session(s) noted above?
 - Concerns with sustainable workforce for delivering behavioral health services
 - Limitations in access to services due to COVID
 - Integrating traditional medicine as part of reimbursable services
 - Access to Medicaid 1915i State Plan Amendment Services due to high eligibility criteria
 - Include regular and ongoing American Indian cultural competency training as part of all state, county and provider employee orientations
3. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight?
The North Dakota Behavioral Health Division continues to partner and work with the American Indian Tribes in the state to ensure culturally relevant behavioral health services are accessible.

The Tribes in the state are represented on many state coalitions/task forces, which the Behavioral Health Division leads or participates in, including the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW), the Governor's Prevention Advisory Council (GPAC), Problem Gambling Advisory Council, and Behavioral Health Planning Council.

The Behavioral Health Division allocates approximately 20% of the SAPT BG primary prevention funding to support community level prevention efforts on the four federally recognized Native American reservations in the state. These Tribal Prevention Programs are required to follow the Strategic Prevention Framework as they provide culturally appropriate substance abuse prevention

coordination and implementation of evidence-based programs, practices, and strategies. These community programs implement the following strategies: information dissemination, education, alternatives, community-based processes, and environmental efforts. This work is one of the strengths of the North Dakota Substance Abuse Prevention System – long standing collaboration with the tribes in the state.

The Division has begun to manage contracts for treatment/recovery services with the Native American reservations in the state, which were previously managed through the regional Human Service Centers. Doing so respects the government-to-government relationship and allows the tribe to identify through data/assessment their highest priority needs. The Division is continuing to further develop partnerships between prevention and treatment efforts funded through the SAPT BG to align and leverage resources.

In 2018, North Dakota participated in the Tribal State Policy Academy. Three of the four federally recognized tribes were present, and a plan was developed to increase communication, identify services available, and explore opportunities to provide training and resources based on tribal identified needs. These goals were consistent with the needs assessment and have been incorporated into the statewide implementation.

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

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Footnotes:

Environmental Factors and Plan

8. Primary Prevention - Required SABG

Narrative Question

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Please respond to the following items

Assessment

1. Does your state have an active State Epidemiological and Outcomes Workgroup(SEOW)? Yes No
2. Does your state collect the following types of data as part of its primary prevention needs assessment process? (check all that apply) Yes No
 - a) Data on consequences of substance-using behaviors
 - b) Substance-using behaviors
 - c) Intervening variables (including risk and protective factors)
 - d) Other (please list)
3. Does your state collect needs assesment data that include analysis of primary prevention needs for the following population groups? (check all that apply)
 - Children (under age 12)
 - Youth (ages 12-17)
 - Young adults/college age (ages 18-26)
 - Adults (ages 27-54)
 - Older adults (age 55 and above)
 - Cultural/ethnic minorities
 - Sexual/gender minorities
 - Rural communities
 - Others (please list)
4. Does your state use data from the following sources in its Primary prevention needs assesment? (check all that apply)

- Archival indicators (Please list)
- National survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
- Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System (YRBS)
- Monitoring the Future
- Communities that Care
- State - developed survey instrument
- Others (please list)

5. Does your state use needs assesment data to make decisions about the allocation SABG primary prevention funds? Yes No

If yes, (please explain)

The SEOW's deliberation and review of the data on substance use consumption patterns, consequences of use, perceptions, and intervening variables results in the identification or priority areas in which the SAPT BG primary prevention funds should be allocated: (1) underage alcohol use, (2) adult binge drinking and (3) opioid misuse.

If no, (please explain) how SABG funds are allocated:

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Capacity Building

1. Does your state have a statewide licensing or certification program for the substance use disorder prevention workforce? Yes No

If yes, please describe

2. Does your state have a formal mechanism to provide training and technical assistance to the substance use disorder prevention workforce? Yes No

If yes, please describe mechanism used

Through the state's Prevention Resource and Media Center, the Division provides training and technical assistance to the prevention workforce across the state via two pathways: proactive and reactive. The proactive approach includes in-person and webinar trainings, compilation and dissemination of technical assistance resources, etc. The reactive approach includes the availability of training and technical assistance staff for community-specific needs and requests. Training and technical assistance can be requested and is free to anyone in the state through the prevention website: www.prevention.nd.gov. In 2017, three Division staff participated in a train the trainer for the Substance Abuse Skills Trainings (SAPST) curriculum and have since provided an annual training to the prevention workforce.

3. Does your state have a formal mechanism to assess community readiness to implement prevention strategies? Yes No

If yes, please describe mechanism used

Through the SPF-PFS SEOW funding, the state (through contract with the Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center) funded the implementation of a statewide community readiness survey. The survey was completed in 2015, 2017, and again in 2019. The completed community readiness reports can be found at www.prevention.nd.gov/data. There is a plan in place to collect 2021 CRS data.

Narrative Question

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Planning

1. Does your state have a strategic plan that addresses substance use disorder prevention that was developed within the last five years? Yes No

If yes, please attach the plan in BGAS by going to the [Attachments Page](#) and upload the plan
2. Does your state use the strategic plan to make decisions about use of the primary prevention set-aside of the SABG? (N/A - no prevention strategic plan) Yes No N/A
3. Does your state's prevention strategic plan include the following components? (check all that apply):
 - a) Based on needs assessment datasets the priorities that guide the allocation of SABG primary prevention funds
 - b) Timelines
 - c) Roles and responsibilities
 - d) Process indicators
 - e) Outcome indicators
 - f) Cultural competence component
 - g) Sustainability component
 - h) Other (please list):
 - i) Not applicable/no prevention strategic plan
4. Does your state have an Advisory Council that provides input into decisions about the use of SABG primary prevention funds? Yes No
5. Does your state have an active Evidence-Based Workgroup that makes decisions about appropriate strategies to be implemented with SABG primary prevention funds? Yes No

If yes, please describe the criteria the Evidence-Based Workgroup uses to determine which programs, policies, and strategies are evidence based

The state's Evidence-Based Workgroup is not necessarily active, but on reserve for when questions/needs arise. All members are involved in prevention efforts or partnerships and area called upon when needed.

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1. States distribute SABG primary prevention funds in a variety of different ways. Please check all that apply to your state:
 - a) SSA staff directly implements primary prevention programs and strategies.
 - b) The SSA has statewide contracts (e.g. statewide needs assessment contract, statewide workforce training contract, statewide media campaign contract).
 - c) The SSA funds regional entities that are autonomous in that they issue and manage their own sub-contracts.
 - d) The SSA funds regional entities that provide training and technical assistance.
 - e) The SSA funds regional entities to provide prevention services.
 - f) The SSA funds county, city, or tribal governments to provide prevention services.
 - g) The SSA funds community coalitions to provide prevention services.
 - h) The SSA funds individual programs that are not part of a larger community effort.
 - i) The SSA directly funds other state agency prevention programs.
 - j) Other (please describe)

2. Please list the specific primary prevention programs, practices, and strategies that are funded with SABG primary prevention dollars in each of the six prevention strategies. Please see the introduction above for definitions of the six strategies:
 - a) Information Dissemination:
The Behavioral Health Division operates the Prevention Resource and Media Center which actively disseminates information to communities and stakeholders. The Behavioral Health Division implements evidence-based mass media/communication efforts targeting priorities set by the state's SEOW:
- Parents Lead
- Stop Overdose
-Speak Volumes
Information dissemination strategies are funded through community and tribal contracts.
 - b) Education:
Education strategies are funded through community and tribal contracts. Training and technical assistance is provided to communities and tribes on evidence-based education efforts.
 - c) Alternatives:
Alternative strategies are funded through community and tribal contracts. Training and technical assistance is provided to communities and tribes on evidence-based alternatives.
 - d) Problem Identification and Referral:

Problem Identification and Referral strategies are funded through community and tribal contracts. Training and technical assistance is provided to communities and tribes on evidence-based problem identification and referral. The Behavioral Health Division certifies providers for DUI and MIP education courses.

e) Community-Based Processes:

Community-Based process strategies are funded through community and tribal contracts. Training and technical assistance is provided to communities and tribes on evidence-based community-based processes.

f) Environmental:

Environmental strategies are funded through community and tribal contracts. Training and technical assistance is provided to communities and tribes on evidence-based environmental strategies.

- 3.** Does your state have a process in place to ensure that SABG dollars are used only to fund primary prevention services not funded through other means? Yes No

If yes, please describe

Strong partnerships with other state agencies have assisted the Division in identifying needs/strategies to focus SABG dollars in a way that will supplement and enhance current efforts without duplicating.

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Evaluation

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2. Does your state's prevention evaluation plan include the following components? (check all that apply):

- a) Establishes methods for monitoring progress towards outcomes, such as targeted benchmarks
- b) Includes evaluation information from sub-recipients
- c) Includes SAMHSA National Outcome Measurement (NOMs) requirements
- d) Establishes a process for providing timely evaluation information to stakeholders
- e) Formalizes processes for incorporating evaluation findings into resource allocation and decision-making
- f) Other (please list:)
- g) Not applicable/no prevention evaluation plan

3. Please check those process measures listed below that your state collects on its SABG funded prevention services:

- a) Numbers served
- b) Implementation fidelity
- c) Participant satisfaction
- d) Number of evidence based programs/practices/policies implemented
- e) Attendance
- f) Demographic information
- g) Other (please describe):

4. Please check those outcome measures listed below that your state collects on its SABG funded prevention services:

- a) 30-day use of alcohol, tobacco, prescription drugs, etc
- b) Heavy use
- Binge use
- Perception of harm
- c) Disapproval of use

- d)** Consequences of substance use (e.g. alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes, drug-related mortality)
- e)** Other (please describe):

Footnotes:

Environmental Factors and Plan

9. Statutory Criterion for MHBG - Required for MHBG

Narrative Question

Criterion 1: Comprehensive Community-Based Mental Health Service Systems

Provides for the establishment and implementation of an organized community-based system of care for individuals with mental illness, including those with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. Describes available services and resources within a comprehensive system of care, provided with federal, state, and other public and private resources, in order to enable such individual to function outside of inpatient or residential institutions to the maximum extent of their capabilities.

Please respond to the following items

Criterion 1

1. Describe available services and resources in order to enable individuals with mental illness, including those with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders to function outside of inpatient or residential institutions to the maximum extent of their capabilities.

Through the public behavioral health service delivery system, individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness, in most cases, are provided service through Integrated Team-based Treatment Care in each regional human service center. The core services offered through the Integrated Team-based Treatment teams, either directly or through public/private provider partnership or contracting include outpatient services, emergency services, extended care services, medication services, peer support, psychiatric and psychological services, psychosocial rehabilitation centers, and regional intervention services. There are also an array of clinical services including individual, group and family therapy as well as intensive case management. This same system also provides services for children diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance. The Children and Family Team is an Integrated Team that includes the following members: Team Lead, mental health counselor, addiction counselor, psychiatric provider (withing MST), psychologist (when possible), nurse (consulting with teams), case manager, skills trainer, and skills integrator. Service planning is based on a set of core elements: 1) person centered plans of care, 2) culturally competent and tailored to the unique needs of families, 3) parental involvement, 4) strength-based, 5) least restrictive setting. The array of services provided through the Children and Family Team within the children's mental health system of care include skills training and integration, care coordination, case aide, flexible funding, crisis residential services, substance abuse/dual diagnosis services along with all the other services listed above.

The state currently offers services for individuals involved in the criminal justice system. The model provides care coordination, recovery services, housing and employment supports, and peer support in a community-based health program. It is designed to divert individuals from returning to the criminal justice system simply due to a behavioral health issue that is able to manage with additional community supports.

2. Does your state coordinate the following services under comprehensive community-based mental health service systems?

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|---|---|
| a) Physical Health | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b) Mental Health | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| c) Rehabilitation services | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| d) Employment services | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| e) Housing services | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| f) Educational Services | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| g) Substance misuse prevention and SUD treatment services | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| h) Medical and dental services | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| i) Support services | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| j) Services provided by local school systems under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| k) Services for persons with co-occurring M/SUDs | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |

Please describe or clarify the services coordinated, as needed (for example, best practices, service needs, concerns, etc.)

3. Describe your state's case management services

All individuals presenting for services at the regional human service centers are screened during the intake or multidisciplinary case staffing to determine if they have a serious mental illness and meet criteria for case management services. Clients meeting the diagnostic and additional criteria are offered case management services. If consumers are interested in receiving such services, a case manager is assigned to work with them. The case manager begins the process of completing the Daily Living Activities (DLA-20): Adult Mental Health, a functional assessment with the client. The assessment focuses on 20 daily living activities. The completion of this assessment determines what areas of daily living the client needs assistance with level of case management service, assists with determining which services and supports the client wants and needs, and assists with the development of the person-centered treatment plan. For individuals with criminal justice system involvement case management may be available through Free Through Recovery. Services include an ongoing source of connection, assistance accessing treatment and recovery support services, and addressing barriers to individual success. Assessments, care planning, referrals, clinical and probation and parole collaboration, access to supportive housing, meaningful employment, and other resources are also available.

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4. Describe activities intended to reduce hospitalizations and hospital stays.

The State has several activities aimed at the reduction of hospitalizations and hospital stays across the continuum of care. These activities include partnering with private and public healthcare entities to include screening tools in the primary healthcare setting, increasing awareness of behavioral health and tools to help individual, family, and behavioral health advocacy network support. Support for those in treatment and recovery include increased access to services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion and the SUD Voucher, supported housing, peer support services, and programming offered at the 8 regional recovery centers.

Prioritizing person-centered practices will reduce the rate of hospitalizations of those already connected to the public behavioral health service delivery system by targeting their needs in the home and community and working to provide them with the services that best supports their current need.

New initiatives include the 1915(i) Medicaid State Plan amendment to cover community-based services, case management, and additional supports for individuals with a qualifying behavioral health condition and the launch of Community Connect. Community Connect was the expansion of Free Through beyond the criminal justice system. Community Connect is designed to assist individuals with meeting their needs and goals through the provision of peer support and care coordination. Community Connect currently is serving approximately 600 participants and Free Through Recovery currently serves approximately 1110 program participants across North Dakota.

Criterion 2: Mental Health System Data Epidemiology

Contains an estimate of the incidence and prevalence in the state of SMI among adults and SED among children; and have quantitative targets to be achieved in the implementation of the system of care described under Criterion 1.

Criterion 2

In order to complete column B of the table, please use the most recent SAMHSA prevalence estimate or other federal/state data that describes the populations of focus.

Column C requires that the state indicate the expected incidence rate of individuals with SMI/SED who may require services in the state's M/SUD system.

MHBG Estimate of statewide prevalence and incidence rates of individuals with SMI/SED

Target Population (A)	Statewide prevalence (B)	Statewide incidence (C)
1. Adults with SMI	30,000	7318
2. Children with SED	18387	1912

Describe the process by which your state calculates prevalence and incidence rates and provide an explanation as to how this information is used for planning purposes. If your state does not calculate these rates, but obtains them from another source, please describe. If your state does not use prevalence and incidence rates for planning purposes, indicate how system planning occurs in their absence.

Prevalence Calculations

Statewide prevalence for Adults with SMI was calculated using the prevalence percentage estimate from the 2018-19 National Survey on Drug Use and Health Model-Based Prevalence Estimates published by SAMHSA as well as US Census population estimates for North Dakota. The estimated prevalence of 5.04% was applied to the April 2020 Census population of adults (595227.82 * .0504 = 29999.48).

Statewide prevalence for Children with SED was calculated using the prevalence percentage of 10%. This percentage was applied to the estimated population for people under 18 based on April 2020 US Census data (183866.18 * .10 = 18386.52). Prevalence estimates for Children with SED are more difficult to calculate given the broad range of estimates available. References utilized include:

URS Table 1 by State 2019 published by SAMHSA/NRI (lower limit 9%/upper limit of 11% for North Dakota).
 Williams, Scott, and Aarons (2018) Prevalence of Serious Emotional Disturbance Among US Children: A Meta-Analysis (10%).

Incidence Calculations

Incidence calculations were based on five years of URS data reported to SAMHSA regarding adults with SMI and Children with SED that were served by the State of North Dakota behavioral health system. The incidence rate is based on an estimated number of people we expect to be served by the state behavioral health system over the 2-year grant period. It should be noted that the comparison of total prevalence to incidence rates will likely show that the state system will serve a small percentage of the total populations impacted by SMI/SED in the state.

Incidence for Adults with SMI and Children with SED were calculated using the average counts from URS data provided to SAMHSA from 2016-2020 as well as the average change from year to year.

(Average Count of Adults with SMI + (Average Count of Adults with SMI * Average Percentage Change)) * 2 Years = Incidence Over 2-Year Grant Period

(Average Count of Children with SED + (Average Count of Children with SED * Average Percentage Change)) * 2 Years = Incidence Over 2-Year Grant Period

Generally speaking, the State behavioral health system is serving an average of 3745 adults with SMI and 1019 children with SED each URS reporting period. There is carryover from year-to-year, as individuals will receive services in more than one reporting period. Removing carryover using the 2019 and 2020 BCI as an example will lead to a lower incidence rate over a two-year period (4578 for SMI and 1202 for SED). However, assuming the question is attempting to estimate the number of individuals expected to be served in the grant period with SMI/SED, the carryover was included.

Criterion 3: Children's Services

Provides for a system of integrated services in order for children to receive care for their multiple needs.

Criterion 3

Provides for a system of integrated services in order for children to receive care for their multiple needs. Does your state integrate the following services into a comprehensive system of care?

- a) Social Services Yes No
- b) Educational services, including services provided under IDE Yes No
- c) Juvenile justice services Yes No
- d) Substance misuse prevention and SUD treatment services Yes No
- e) Health and mental health services Yes No
- f) Establishes defined geographic area for the provision of services of such system Yes No

Criterion 4: Targeted Services to Rural and Homeless Populations and to Older Adults

Provides outreach to and services for individuals who experience homelessness; community-based services to individuals in rural areas; and community-based services to older adults.

Criterion 4

a. Describe your state's targeted services to rural population.

In accordance with the state's key priorities of person-centered planning, increased access to services, and supporting the full continuum of care, North Dakota has focused on adding qualified individuals to the behavioral health workforce through the advancement of peer support and telemedicine options. North Dakota County Social Services have transferred to Human Service Zones, aligning with the state priorities of person-centered planning and access to community services. This will allow for increased access to services through telemedicine options in rural counties with limited behavioral health providers outside of the social services offices.

b. Describe your state's targeted services to the homeless population.

Homelessness continues to be an issue in North Dakota. The state lacks affordable housing, especially for low and extremely low-income brackets. The availability of housing options that serve people with differing levels of need is also very limited – transitional units, low demand housing, and permanent supportive housing are in very short supply. Housing subsidy funds are limited and waiting periods of 6 months to more than 1 year are common. Some zoning laws in the state contain provisions that make it difficult to construct group living facilities, which is the category most permanent supportive housing projects fall into. Rental and credit history requirements create significant barriers for people to transition out of homelessness. There continues to be barriers, particularly with HUD subsidized housing, for people with criminal histories.

Eight regionally based coordinators funded under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant provides individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and are diagnosed with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or SMI and co-occurring substance use disorder (SUD). Persons who are homeless and seriously mentally ill are provided outreach services and referrals for treatment services, housing services, health, education, and other available community-based programs.

c. Describe your state's targeted services to the older adult population.

DHS administers programs and services that help older adults with services to live safely and productively in the least restrictive, appropriate setting. Services offered include counseling, support groups, and training services to meet the needs for family members acting as the primary care giver for an older adult. Home and community-based services (HCBS) are offered in North Dakota through several programs administered and funded by DHS. Priority for services is given to older individuals residing in rural areas; with greatest economic need (particular attention to low-income minority individuals and individuals residing in rural areas); with greatest social need (particular attention to low-income minority individuals and individuals residing in rural areas); with severe disabilities; with limited English proficiency; with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction (and caretakers of such individuals); and at risk for institutional placement.

Criterion 5: Management Systems

States describe their financial resources, staffing, and training for mental health services providers necessary for the plan; provides for training of providers of emergency health services regarding SMI and SED; and how the state intends to expend this grant for the fiscal years involved.

Criterion 5

Describe your state's management systems.

In planning for allocation of the Mental Health Block Grant funding in North Dakota, the Behavioral Health Division took many considerations into account, including needs and gaps identified in the 2018 North Dakota Behavioral Health Systems Study and corresponding strategic plan. The North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council, working with stakeholders - including service users and families, advocates, providers, administrators, and other North Dakotans, in collaboration with the Human Services Research Institute, engaged in coordinated, data-driven system transformation activities based on the recommendations from the 2018 Behavioral Health System Study.

Following these recommendations and other needs and gaps in the system, the North Dakota Behavioral Health Division plans to allocate the Mental Health Block Grant funds in the following way:

Youth Behavioral Health Services (YBHS) as part of the Youth Behavioral Health Team (through the regional Human Service Center) to children with a serious emotional disturbance in elementary schools. YBHS include targeted case management, skills training, skills integration, service planning, counseling and parental support, advocacy, required case documentation among other services.

Peer Support: North Dakota is continuing to develop mental health peer support services throughout the state including peer support certification, peer support supervision training and expanding the types of peer support training available for peer support specialists.

First Episode Psychosis Treatment Program: The Division is collaborating with the DHS Field Services Division to provide First Episode Psychosis (FEP) services in two Human Service Centers in the state. The Field Services Division provides services to a core population of individuals with serious mental illness. Field Services Division staff will provide evidence based FEP treatment services to individuals between 15 and 25 years of age through the Coordinated Specialty Care program.

Advocacy: The Behavioral Health Division provides funding to support a consumer-run advocacy program to more effectively respond to the needs of children, youth, and young adults with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families by providing information, referrals, and support, increase the quality and access to mental health services, assist consumers to ensure they are the catalyst for transforming the mental health system, and increase positive messaging while reducing the stigma associated with mental health diagnosis.

Aging and Mental Health: The Division plans to assist with training for long term care staff regarding mental illness and best practices in working with older adults experiencing mental illness.

Workforce Training: To increase the utilization of best practices, the Division plans to support the training of clinicians and other mental health stakeholders, including continuing education for peer support specialists. The Division plans to provide workforce trainings to enhance services for children with SED and adults with SMI. Trainings planned include the following topics: LGBTQ+ Affirming Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, LGBTQ+ Adult Behavioral Health, Motivational Interviewing, Compassion Fatigue, Developing Agri-Cultural Competence for Mental Health Professionals, and Building Successful Initiatives in Rural Communities to Build Resilience. In addition, the annual Behavioral Health Conference hosted by the Behavioral Health Division, plans to collaborate with the Child and Family Services to provide additional training and professional development.

Planning Council: The Division supports the functioning of the State's Behavioral Health Planning Council, including administrative support services and travel reimbursement for the federally required North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council.

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10. Substance Use Disorder Treatment - Required SABG

Narrative Question

Criterion 1: Prevention and Treatment Services - Improving Access and Maintaining a Continuum of Services to Meet State Needs

Criterion 1

Improving access to treatment services

1. Does your state provide:

a) A full continuum of services

- i) Screening Yes No
- ii) Education Yes No
- iii) Brief Intervention Yes No
- iv) Assessment Yes No
- v) Detox (inpatient/social) Yes No
- vi) Outpatient Yes No
- vii) Intensive Outpatient Yes No
- viii) Inpatient/Residential Yes No
- ix) Aftercare; Recovery support Yes No

b) Services for special populations:

- Targeted services for veterans? Yes No
- Adolescents? Yes No
- Other Adults? Yes No
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)? Yes No

Criterion 2

Criterion 3

1. Does your state meet the performance requirement to establish and/or maintain new programs or expand programs to ensure treatment availability? Yes No
2. Does your state make prenatal care available to PWWDC receiving services, either directly or through an arrangement with public or private nonprofit entities? Yes No
3. Have an agreement to ensure pregnant women are given preference in admission to treatment facilities or make available interim services within 48 hours, including prenatal care? Yes No
4. Does your state have an arrangement for ensuring the provision of required supportive services? Yes No
5. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
 - a) Open assessment and intake scheduling Yes No
 - b) Establishment of an electronic system to identify available treatment slots Yes No
 - c) Expanded community network for supportive services and healthcare Yes No
 - d) Inclusion of recovery support services Yes No
 - e) Health navigators to assist clients with community linkages Yes No
 - f) Expanded capability for family services, relationship restoration, and custody issues? Yes No
 - g) Providing employment assistance Yes No
 - h) Providing transportation to and from services Yes No
 - i) Educational assistance Yes No

6. States are required to monitor program compliance related to activities and services for PWWDC. Please provide a detailed description of the specific strategies used by the state to identify compliance issues and corrective actions required to address identified problems.

The State conducts compliance visits of programs receiving SABG funds to review the program related to serving pregnant women and women with dependent children in accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding. The compliance visits consist of reviewing programs policies, procedures, chart reviews, staff training logs, and interviewing individuals, team members, and program management in regard to serving pregnant women and women with dependent children. Following a compliance visit, state writes a report and submits to program identifying any areas of non-compliance and works with the program to develop training & technical assistance. The program is required to submit a corrective action plan identifying how they have addressed the identified non-compliance area.

Criterion 4,5&6**Persons Who Inject Drugs (PWID)**

1. Does your state fulfill the:
 - a) 90 percent capacity reporting requirement Yes No
 - b) 14-120 day performance requirement with provision of interim services Yes No
 - c) Outreach activities Yes No
 - d) Syringe services programs, if applicable Yes No
 - e) Monitoring requirements as outlined in the authorizing statute and implementing regulation Yes No
2. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
 - a) Electronic system with alert when 90 percent capacity is reached Yes No
 - b) Automatic reminder system associated with 14-120 day performance requirement Yes No
 - c) Use of peer recovery supports to maintain contact and support Yes No
 - d) Service expansion to specific populations (e.g., military families, veterans, adolescents, older adults)? Yes No
3. States are required to monitor program compliance related to activities and services for PWID. Please provide a detailed description of the specific strategies used by the state to identify compliance issues and corrective actions required to address identified problems.

The State conducts compliance visits of programs receiving SABG funds to review the program related to serving individuals who inject drugs in accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding. The compliance visits consist of reviewing programs policies, procedures, chart reviews, staff training logs, and interviewing individuals, team members, and program management regarding serving individuals who inject. Following a compliance visit, state writes a report and submits to program identifying any areas of non-compliance and works with the program to develop training & technical assistance. The program is required to submit a corrective action plan identifying how they have addressed the identified non-compliance area.

Tuberculosis (TB)

1. Does your state currently maintain an agreement, either directly or through arrangements with other public and nonprofit private entities to make available tuberculosis services to individuals receiving SUD treatment and to monitor the service delivery? Yes No
 2. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
 - a) Business agreement/MOU with primary healthcare providers Yes No
 - b) Cooperative agreement/MOU with public health entity for testing and treatment Yes No
 - c) Established co-located SUD professionals within FQHCs Yes No
 3. States are required to monitor program compliance related to tuberculosis services made available to individuals receiving SUD treatment. Please provide a detailed description of the specific strategies used by the state to identify compliance issues and corrective actions required to address identified problems.
- The State conducts compliance visits of programs receiving SABG funds to review the program related to screening for and treating individuals with tuberculosis in accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding. The compliance visits consist of reviewing programs policies, procedures, chart reviews, staff training logs, and interviewing individuals, team members, and program management regarding screening for and treating individuals with tuberculosis. Following a compliance visit, state writes a report and submits to program identifying any areas of non-compliance and works with the program to develop training & technical assistance. The program is required to submit a corrective action plan identifying how they have addressed the identified non-compliance area.

Early Intervention Services for HIV (for "Designated States" Only)

1. Does your state currently have an agreement to provide treatment for persons with substance use disorders with an emphasis on making available within existing programs early intervention services for HIV in areas that have the greatest need for such services and monitoring the service delivery? Yes No
2. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:

- a) Establishment of EIS-HIV service hubs in rural areas Yes No
- b) Establishment or expansion of tele-health and social media support services Yes No
- c) Business agreement/MOU with established community agencies/organizations serving persons with HIV/AIDS Yes No

Syringe Service Programs

- 1. Does your state have in place an agreement to ensure that SABG funds are NOT expended to provide individuals with hypodermic needles or syringes(42 U.S.C.Â§ 300x-31(a)(1)F)? Yes No
- 2. Do any of the programs serving PWID have an existing relationship with a Syringe Services (Needle Exchange) Program? Yes No
- 3. Do any of the programs use SABG funds to support elements of a Syringe Services Program? Yes No

If yes, please provide a brief description of the elements and the arrangement

Criterion 8,9&10**Service System Needs**

1. Does your state have in place an agreement to ensure that the state has conducted a statewide assessment of need, which defines prevention and treatment authorized services available, identified gaps in service, and outlines the state's approach for improvement? Yes No
2. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
 - a) Workforce development efforts to expand service access Yes No
 - b) Establishment of a statewide council to address gaps and formulate a strategic plan to coordinate services Yes No
 - c) Establish a peer recovery support network to assist in filling the gaps Yes No
 - d) Incorporate input from special populations (military families, service members, veterans, tribal entities, older adults, sexual and gender minorities) Yes No
 - e) Formulate formal business agreements with other involved entities to coordinate services to fill gaps in the system, i.e. primary healthcare, public health, VA, community organizations Yes No
 - f) Explore expansion of services for:
 - i) MAT Yes No
 - ii) Tele-Health Yes No
 - iii) Social Media Outreach Yes No

Service Coordination

1. Does your state have a current system of coordination and collaboration related to the provision of person-centered and person-directed care? Yes No
2. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
 - a) Identify MOUs/Business Agreements related to coordinate care for persons receiving SUD treatment and/or recovery services Yes No
 - b) Establish a program to provide trauma-informed care Yes No
 - c) Identify current and perspective partners to be included in building a system of care, such as FQHCs, primary healthcare, recovery community organizations, juvenile justice systems, adult criminal justice systems, and education Yes No

Charitable Choice

1. Does your state have in place an agreement to ensure the system can comply with the services provided by nongovernment organizations (42 U.S.C. § 300x-65, 42 CF Part 54 (§54.8(b) and §54.8(c)(4)) and 68 FR 56430-56449)? Yes No
2. Does your state provide any of the following:
 - a) Notice to Program Beneficiaries Yes No
 - b) An organized referral system to identify alternative providers? Yes No
 - c) A system to maintain a list of referrals made by religious organizations? Yes No

Referrals

1. Does your state have an agreement to improve the process for referring individuals to the treatment modality that is most appropriate for their needs? Yes No
2. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
 - a) Review and update of screening and assessment instruments Yes No
 - b) Review of current levels of care to determine changes or additions Yes No
 - c) Identify workforce needs to expand service capabilities Yes No

- d) Conduct cultural awareness training to ensure staff sensitivity to client cultural orientation, environment, and background Yes No

Patient Records

1. Does your state have an agreement to ensure the protection of client records? Yes No
2. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
- a) Training staff and community partners on confidentiality requirements Yes No
 - b) Training on responding to requests asking for acknowledgement of the presence of clients Yes No
 - c) Updating written procedures which regulate and control access to records Yes No
 - d) Review and update of the procedure by which clients are notified of the confidentiality of their records including the exceptions for disclosure: Yes No

Independent Peer Review

1. Does your state have an agreement to assess and improve, through independent peer review, the quality and appropriateness of treatment services delivered by providers? Yes No
2. Section 1943(a) of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 300x-52(a)) and 45 § CFR 96.136 require states to conduct independent peer review of not fewer than 5 percent of the block grant sub-recipients providing services under the program involved.

Please provide an estimate of the number of block grant sub-recipients identified to undergo such a review during the fiscal year(s) involved.

There will be approximately two compliance reviews equaling 25% of block grant sub-recipients.

3. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
- a) Development of a quality improvement plan Yes No
 - b) Establishment of policies and procedures related to independent peer review Yes No
 - c) Development of long-term planning for service revision and expansion to meet the needs of specific populations Yes No
4. Does your state require a block grant sub-recipient to apply for and receive accreditation from an independent accreditation organization, such as the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), The Joint Commission, or similar organization as an eligibility criterion for block grant funds? Yes No

If Yes, please identify the accreditation organization(s)

- i) Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
- ii) The Joint Commission
- iii) Other (please specify)

Criterion 7&11**Group Homes**

1. Does your state have an agreement to provide for and encourage the development of group homes for persons in recovery through a revolving loan program? Yes No
2. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
 - a) Implementing or expanding the revolving loan fund to support recovery home development as part of the expansion of recovery support service Yes No
 - b) Implementing MOUs to facilitate communication between block grant service providers and group homes to assist in placing clients in need of housing Yes No

Professional Development

1. Does your state have an agreement to ensure that prevention, treatment and recovery personnel operating in the state's substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery systems have an opportunity to receive training on an ongoing basis, concerning:
 - a) Recent trends in substance use disorders in the state Yes No
 - b) Improved methods and evidence-based practices for providing substance use disorder prevention and treatment services Yes No
 - c) Performance-based accountability: Yes No
 - d) Data collection and reporting requirements Yes No
2. Has your state identified a need for any of the following:
 - a) A comprehensive review of the current training schedule and identification of additional training needs Yes No
 - b) Addition of training sessions designed to increase employee understanding of recovery support services Yes No
 - c) Collaborative training sessions for employees and community agencies' staff to coordinate and increase integrated services Yes No
 - d) State office staff training across departments and divisions to increase staff knowledge of programs and initiatives, which contribute to increased collaboration and decreased duplication of effort Yes No
3. Has your state utilized the Regional Prevention, Treatment and/or Mental Health Training and Technical Assistance Centers (TTCs)?
 - a) Prevention TTC? Yes No
 - b) Mental Health TTC? Yes No
 - c) Addiction TTC? Yes No
 - d) State Targeted Response TTC? Yes No

Waivers

Upon the request of a state, the Secretary may waive the requirements of all or part of the sections 1922(c), 1923, 1924, and 1928 (42 U.S.C. § 300x-32 (f)).

1. Is your state considering requesting a waiver of any requirements related to:
 - a) Allocations regarding women Yes No
2. Requirements Regarding Tuberculosis Services and Human Immunodeficiency Virus:
 - a) Tuberculosis Yes No
 - b) Early Intervention Services Regarding HIV Yes No
3. Additional Agreements
 - a) Improvement of Process for Appropriate Referrals for Treatment Yes No
 - b) Professional Development Yes No

c) Coordination of Various Activities and Services

Yes No

Please provide a link to the state administrative regulations that govern the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Programs.

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11. Quality Improvement Plan- Requested

Narrative Question

In previous block grant applications, SAMHSA asked states to base their administrative operations and service delivery on principles of Continuous Quality Improvement/Total Quality Management (CQI/TQM). These CQI processes should identify and track critical outcomes and performance measures, based on valid and reliable data, consistent with the NBHQF, which will describe the health and functioning of the mental health and addiction systems. The CQI processes should continuously measure the effectiveness of services and supports and ensure that they continue to reflect this evidence of effectiveness. The state's CQI process should also track programmatic improvements using stakeholder input, including the general population and individuals in treatment and recovery and their families. In addition, the CQI plan should include a description of the process for responding to emergencies, critical incidents, complaints, and grievances.

Please respond to the following items:

1. Has your state modified its CQI plan from FFY 2020-FFY 2021? Yes No

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

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12. Trauma - Requested

Narrative Question

Trauma⁵⁷ is a widespread, harmful, and costly public health problem. It occurs because of violence, abuse, neglect, loss, disaster, war and other emotionally harmful and/or life threatening experiences. Trauma has no boundaries with regard to age, gender, socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, geography, or sexual orientation. It is an almost universal experience of people with mental and substance use difficulties. The need to address trauma is increasingly viewed as an important component of effective M/SUD service delivery. Additionally, it has become evident that addressing trauma requires a multi-pronged, multi-agency public health approach inclusive of public education and awareness, prevention and early identification, and effective trauma-specific assessment and treatment. To maximize the impact of these efforts, they need to be provided in an organizational or community context that is trauma-informed.

Individuals with experiences of trauma are found in multiple service sectors, not just in M/SUD services. People in the juvenile and criminal justice system have high rates of mental illness and substance use disorders and personal histories of trauma. Children and families in the child welfare system similarly experience high rates of trauma and associated M/SUD problems. Many patients in primary, specialty, emergency and rehabilitative health care similarly have significant trauma histories, which has an impact on their health and their responsiveness to health interventions. Schools are now recognizing that the impact of exposure to trauma and violence among their students makes it difficult to learn and meet academic goals. Communities and neighborhoods experience trauma and violence. For some these are rare events and for others these are daily events that children and families are forced to live with. These children and families remain especially vulnerable to trauma-related problems, often are in resource poor areas, and rarely seek or receive M/SUD care. States should work with these communities to identify interventions that best meet the needs of these residents.

In addition, the public institutions and service systems that are intended to provide services and supports for individuals are often re-traumatizing, making it necessary to rethink doing "business as usual." These public institutions and service settings are increasingly adopting a trauma-informed approach. A trauma-informed approach is distinct from trauma-specific assessments and treatments. Rather, trauma-informed refers to creating an organizational culture or climate that realizes the widespread impact of trauma, recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients and staff, responds by integrating knowledge about trauma into policies and procedures, and seeks to actively resist re-traumatizing clients and staff. This approach is guided by key principles that promote safety, trustworthiness and transparency, peer support, empowerment, collaboration, and sensitivity to cultural and gender issues. A trauma-informed approach may incorporate trauma-specific screening, assessment, treatment, and recovery practices or refer individuals to these appropriate services.

It is suggested that states refer to SAMHSA's guidance for implementing the trauma-informed approach discussed in the Concept of Trauma⁵⁸ paper.

⁵⁷ Definition of Trauma: *Individual trauma results from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being.*

⁵⁸ *Ibid*

Please consider the following items as a guide when preparing the description of the state's system:

1. Does the state have a plan or policy for M/SUD providers that guide how they will address individuals with trauma-related issues? Yes No
2. Does the state provide information on trauma-specific assessment tools and interventions for M/SUD providers? Yes No
3. Does the state have a plan to build the capacity of M/SUD providers and organizations to implement a trauma-informed approach to care? Yes No
4. Does the state encourage employment of peers with lived experience of trauma in developing trauma-informed organizations? Yes No
5. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight.

The Behavioral Health Division (BHD) continues to collaborate with Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF-CBT) experts at Sanford Research North (previously called Neuropsychiatric Research Institute – NRI) to expand and sustain a statewide clinical network of TF-CBT trained therapists. Also, through contract the BHD maintains the Treatment Collaborative for Traumatized Youth (TCTY) website: www.tcty-nd.org. TCTY is a network of over 350 clinicians in over 40 agencies across the state of North Dakota. Sanford Research North keeps the TCTY webpage updated with current information on where to find trained clinicians.

Since 2018 the Behavioral Health Division in conjunction with Appalachian Consulting has facilitated 25 peer support trainings,

training over 600 individuals as Peer Support Specialists. The Division now offers "Supervising Peer Support Specialists", designed to provide basic skills to supervise peer supports. In addition, the Division hosts monthly training opportunities designed to enhance professional development of the peer support workforce and provide opportunities for continuing education.

During the 2019 legislative session several bills were passed to expand peer support services. The Medicaid Division added peer support as a covered service for individuals with a qualifying behavioral health condition. Senate Bill 2012 passed, creating a new section of century code to provide funding to implement the expansion of Free Through Recovery separate from the criminal justice system, and the Behavioral Health Division was given authority to write administrative rules for the certification of Peer Support Specialists.

The 1915i State Medicaid Amendment Plan includes reimbursement for Peer Support and Family Peer Support. There are currently 15 Peer Support Enrolled Group Providers, 17 Individual Enrolled Peer Supports, 11 Family Peer Support Enrolled Group Providers and 10 Enrolled Family Peer Support Specialists.

On July 1, 2020 the Behavioral Health Division began certifying Peer Support Specialists. Since this time the division has certified 80 Peer Support Specialists. Certification aims to standardize training and improve and regulate reimbursement while meeting the growing demand for behavioral health support services in North Dakota.

On February 1, 2021 the Behavioral Health Division launched Community Connect. Community Connect was the expansion of Free Through Recovery beyond the criminal justice system. Community Connect is designed to assist individuals with meeting their needs and goals through the provision of peer support and care coordination. Community Connect currently is serving approximately 600 participants and Free Through Recovery currently serves approximately 1110 program participants across North Dakota.

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

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13. Criminal and Juvenile Justice - Requested

Narrative Question

More than half of all prison and jail inmates meet criteria for having mental health problems, six in ten meet criteria for a substance use problem, and more than one-third meet criteria for having co-occurring mental and substance use problems. Youth in the juvenile justice system often display a variety of high-risk characteristics that include inadequate family support, school failure, negative peer associations, and insufficient use of community-based services. Most adjudicated youth released from secure detention do not have community follow-up or supervision; therefore, risk factors remain unaddressed.⁵⁹

Successful diversion of adults and youth from incarceration or re-entering the community from detention is often dependent on engaging in appropriate M/SUD treatment. Some states have implemented such efforts as mental health, veteran and drug courts, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and re-entry programs to help reduce arrests, imprisonment and recidivism.⁶⁰

A diversion program places youth in an alternative program, rather than processing them in the juvenile justice system. States should place an emphasis on screening, assessment, and services provided prior to adjudication and/or sentencing to divert persons with M/SUD from correctional settings. States should also examine specific barriers such as a lack of identification needed for enrollment Medicaid and/or the Health Insurance Marketplace; loss of eligibility for Medicaid resulting from incarceration; and care coordination for individuals with chronic health conditions, housing instability, and employment challenges. Secure custody rates decline when community agencies are present to advocate for alternatives to detention.

The MHBG and SABG may be especially valuable in supporting care coordination to promote pre-adjudication or pre-sentencing diversion, providing care during gaps in enrollment after incarceration, and supporting other efforts related to enrollment.

⁵⁹ Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency: : *Identifying High-Risk Youth: Prevalence and Patterns of Adolescent Drug Victims, Judges, and Juvenile Court Reform Through Restorative Justice*. Dryfoos, Joy G. 1990, Rottman, David, and Pamela Casey, McNeil, Dale E., and Ren?e L. Binder. [OJJDP Model Programs Guide](#)

⁶⁰ <http://csgjusticecenter.org/mental-health/>

Please respond to the following items

1. Does the state (SMHA and SSA) have a plan for coordinating with the criminal and juvenile justice systems on diversion of individuals with mental and/or substance use disorders from incarceration to community treatment, and for those incarcerated, a plan for re-entry into the community that includes connecting to M/SUD services? Yes No
2. Does the state have a plan for working with law enforcement to deploy emerging strategies (e.g. civil citations, mobile crisis intervention, M/SUD provider ride-along, CIT, linkage with treatment services, etc.) to reduce the number of individuals with mental and/or substance use problems in jails and emergency rooms? Yes No
3. Does the state provide cross-trainings for M/SUD providers and criminal/juvenile justice personnel to increase capacity for working with individuals with M/SUD issues involved in the justice system? Yes No
4. Does the state have an inter-agency coordinating committee or advisory board that addresses criminal and juvenile justice issues and that includes the SMHA, SSA, and other governmental and non-governmental entities to address M/SUD and other essential domains such as employment, education, and finances? Yes No
5. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight?

In the 2017 North Dakota Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2015 established a \$7.5M investment in behavioral health services for people in the criminal justice system to improve public safety and public health outcomes. The goal of this effort, titled, Free Through Recovery is to improve healthcare outcomes and reduce recidivism by delivering high-quality community behavioral health services linked with effective community supervision.

The Departments of Correction and Rehabilitation and Human Services in partnership with local agencies and governments deliver coordinated and comprehensive services to people in the program. Using a paraprofessional workforce and an integrated multidisciplinary approach, community-based agencies provide a range of services including comprehensive case planning, linking participants to services, peer recovery supports and facilitating communication.

Free Through Recovery continues to be a successful collaboration between ND DOCR and the Behavioral Health Division. As of August 2020, there were 38 different agencies providing care coordination and peer support services to participants, which has grown from 11 at the program's start. Services are presently offered statewide, including participants residing in the most rural

areas of North Dakota. Since February 1, 2018, there have been 2,709 individual participants. The 2021 Senate bill 2015 expanded funding for Free Through Recovery.

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

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14. Medication Assisted Treatment - Requested (SABG only)

Narrative Question

There is a voluminous literature on the efficacy of medication-assisted treatment (MAT); the use of FDA approved medication; counseling; behavioral therapy; and social support services, in the treatment of substance use disorders. However, many treatment programs in the U.S. offer only abstinence-based treatment for these conditions. The evidence base for MAT for SUDs is described in SAMHSA TIPs 40[1], 43[2], 45[3], 49 [4], and 63[5].

SAMHSA strongly encourages that the states require treatment facilities providing clinical care to those with substance use disorders demonstrate that they both have the capacity and staff expertise to use MAT or have collaborative relationships with other providers that can provide the appropriate MAT services clinically needed.

Individuals with substance use disorders who have a disorder for which there is an FDA-approved medication treatment should have access to those treatments based upon each individual patient's needs.

In addition, SAMHSA also encourages states to require the use of MAT for substance use disorders for opioid use, alcohol use, and tobacco use disorders where clinically appropriate.

SAMHSA is asking for input from states to inform SAMHSA's activities.

TIP 40 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK64245/> [ncbi.nlm.nih.gov]

TIP 43 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK64164/> [ncbi.nlm.nih.gov]

TIP 45 - <https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/sma15-4131.pdf> [store.samhsa.gov]

TIP 49 - <https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/sma13-4380.pdf> [store.samhsa.gov]

TIP 63 - https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/SAMHSA_Digital_Download/PEP20-02-01-006_508.pdf [store.samhsa.gov]

Please respond to the following items:

1. Has the state implemented a plan to educate and raise awareness within SUD treatment programs regarding MAT for substance use disorders? Yes No
2. Has the state implemented a plan to educate and raise awareness of the use of MAT within special target audiences, particularly pregnant women? Yes No
3. Does the state purchase any of the following medication with block grant funds? Yes No
 - a) Methadone
 - b) Buprenorphine, Buprenorphine/naloxone
 - c) Disulfiram
 - d) Acamprosate
 - e) Naltrexone (oral, IM)
 - f) Naloxone
4. Does the state have an implemented education or quality assurance program to assure that evidence-based MAT with the use of FDA-approved medications for treatment of substance abuse use disorders are used appropriately*? Yes No
5. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight?

The state has provided education opportunities on MAT for SUD to treatment programs, and has promoted resources on the best practices of MAT.

**Appropriate use is defined as use of medication for the treatment of a substance use disorder, combining psychological treatments with approved medications, use of peer supports in the recovery process, safeguards against misuse and/or diversion of controlled substances used in treatment of substance use disorders, and advocacy with state payers.*

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15. Crisis Services - Required for MHBG

Narrative Question

In the on-going development of efforts to build an robust system of evidence-based care for persons diagnosed with SMI, SED and SUD and their families via a coordinated continuum of treatments, services and supports, growing attention is being paid across the country to how states and local communities identify and effectively respond to, prevent, manage and help individuals, families, and communities recover from M/SUD crises. SAMHSA has recently released a publication, Crisis Services Effectiveness, Cost Effectiveness and Funding Strategies that states may find helpful.⁶¹ SAMHSA has taken a leadership role in deepening the understanding of what it means to be in crisis and how to respond to a crisis experienced by people with M/SUD conditions and their families. According to SAMHSA's publication, [Practice Guidelines: Core Elements for Responding to Mental Health Crises](http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Core-Elements-for-Responding-to-Mental-Health-Crises/SMA09-4427)⁶²,

"Adults, children, and older adults with an SMI or emotional disorder often lead lives characterized by recurrent, significant crises. These crises are not the inevitable consequences of mental disability, but rather represent the combined impact of a host of additional factors, including lack of access to essential services and supports, poverty, unstable housing, coexisting substance use, other health problems, discrimination, and victimization."

A crisis response system will have the capacity to prevent, recognize, respond, de-escalate, and follow-up from crises across a continuum, from crisis planning, to early stages of support and respite, to crisis stabilization and intervention, to post-crisis follow-up and support for the individual and their family. SAMHSA expects that states will build on the emerging and growing body of evidence for effective community-based crisis-prevention and response systems. Given the multi-system involvement of many individuals with M/SUD issues, the crisis system approach provides the infrastructure to improve care coordination and outcomes, manage costs, and better invest resources. The following are an array of services and supports used to address crisis response.

⁶¹<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Crisis-Services-Effective-Cost-Effectiveness-and-Funding-Strategies/SMA14-4848>

⁶²Practice Guidelines: Core Elements for Responding to Mental Health Crises. HHS Pub. No. SMA-09-4427. Rockville, MD: Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2009. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Core-Elements-for-Responding-to-Mental-Health-Crises/SMA09-4427>

Please check those that are used in your state:

1. Crisis Prevention and Early Intervention

- a) Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) Crisis Planning
- b) Psychiatric Advance Directives
- c) Family Engagement
- d) Safety Planning
- e) Peer-Operated Warm Lines
- f) Peer-Run Crisis Respite Programs
- g) Suicide Prevention

2. Crisis Intervention/Stabilization

- a) Assessment/Triage (Living Room Model)
- b) Open Dialogue
- c) Crisis Residential/Respite
- d) Crisis Intervention Team/Law Enforcement
- e) Mobile Crisis Outreach
- f) Collaboration with Hospital Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Systems

3. Post Crisis Intervention/Support

- a) Peer Support/Peer Bridgers
- b) Follow-up Outreach and Support
- c) Family-to-Family Engagement
- d) Connection to care coordination and follow-up clinical care for individuals in crisis
- e) Follow-up crisis engagement with families and involved community members

- f) Recovery community coaches/peer recovery coaches
- g) Recovery community organization

4. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight?

All eight of North Dakota's Human Service Centers have developed and implemented a crisis management program. The new program provides help 24 hours a day, seven days a week to residents experiencing a mental health, substance use or emotional situation. The enhanced services now include a three-digit crisis hotline, mobile response teams and walk-in stabilization services. Clinically trained mobile response services are provided within 45 miles of the states eight largest cities, and treatment can be referred to the nearest critical access hospital.

This crisis management program will provide the framework for the state's move to 9-8-8 in July of 2022. North Dakota is currently in the planning phase for the federally mandated move of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number to 9-8-8. The planning phase has included forming a coalition of key stakeholders that meet monthly to ensure adequate crisis services are available to all residents of the state.

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

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16. Recovery - Required

Narrative Question

The implementation of recovery supports and services are imperative for providing comprehensive, quality M/SUD care. The expansion in access to and coverage for health care compels SAMHSA to promote the availability, quality, and financing of vital services and support systems that facilitate recovery for individuals. Recovery encompasses the spectrum of individual needs related to those with mental disorders and/or substance use disorders. Recovery is supported through the key components of: health (access to quality health and M/SUD treatment); home (housing with needed supports), purpose (education, employment, and other pursuits); and community (peer, family, and other social supports). The principles of recovery guide the approach to person-centered care that is inclusive of shared decision-making. The continuum of care for these conditions includes psychiatric and psychosocial interventions to address acute episodes or recurrence of symptoms associated with an individual's mental or substance use disorder. Because mental and substance use disorders are chronic conditions, systems and services are necessary to facilitate the initiation, stabilization, and management of long-term recovery.

SAMHSA has developed the following working definition of recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders:

Recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life to the greatest extent possible, and strive to reach their full potential.

In addition, SAMHSA identified 10 guiding principles of recovery:

- Recovery emerges from hope;
- Recovery is person-driven;
- Recovery occurs via many pathways;
- Recovery is holistic;
- Recovery is supported by peers and allies;
- Recovery is supported through relationship and social networks;
- Recovery is culturally-based and influenced;
- Recovery is supported by addressing trauma;
- Recovery involves individuals, families, community strengths, and responsibility;
- Recovery is based on respect.

Please see [SAMHSA's Working Definition of Recovery from Mental Disorders and Substance Use Disorders](#).

States are strongly encouraged to consider ways to incorporate recovery support services, including peer-delivered services, into their continuum of care. Technical assistance and training on a variety of such services are available through the SAMHSA supported Technical Assistance and Training Centers in each region. SAMHSA strongly encourages states to take proactive steps to implement recovery support services. To accomplish this goal and support the wide-scale adoption of recovery supports in the areas of health, home, purpose, and community, SAMHSA has launched Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS). BRSS TACS assists states and others to promote adoption of recovery-oriented supports, services, and systems for people in recovery from substance use and/or mental disorders.

Because recovery is based on the involvement of consumers/peers/people in recovery, their family members and caregivers, SMHAs and SSAs can engage these individuals, families, and caregivers in developing recovery-oriented systems and services. States should also support existing and create resources for new consumer, family, and youth networks; recovery community organizations and peer-run organizations; and advocacy organizations to ensure a recovery orientation and expand support networks and recovery services. States are strongly encouraged to engage individuals and families in developing, implementing and monitoring the state M/SUD treatment system.

Please respond to the following:

1. Does the state support recovery through any of the following:

- a) Training/education on recovery principles and recovery-oriented practice and systems, including the role of peers in care? Yes No
- b) Required peer accreditation or certification? Yes No
- c) Block grant funding of recovery support services. Yes No
- d) Involvement of persons in recovery/peers/family members in planning, implementation, or evaluation of the impact of the state's M/SUD system? Yes No

2. Does the state measure the impact of your consumer and recovery community outreach activity? Yes No

3. Provide a description of recovery and recovery support services for adults with SMI and children with SED in your state.
 North Dakota provides recovery and recovery support services for adults with SMI through employing peer support specialists at the eight regional human service centers that serve a core population of individuals with SMI.? Community providers are also employing peer support specialists in urban and rural North Dakota communities to provide recovery support services through several community-based programs. Children with SED in North Dakota are provided recovery support services through a contracted provider. The provider focuses on the needs of children and youth by providing support, advocacy and education to assist families Other services include: targeted case management and care coordination, skills training, and other rehabilitative services, supported employment, peer support, family peer support, residential services, supported housing, medication management, and Recovery Centers for socialization activities.

North Dakota implemented a certification process for peer support specialists in 2019. In 2021, the state expanded these services through the approval of the Medicaid 1915(i) State Plan Amendment allowing for eligible adults and children to access recovery and recovery support services closer to home. The state continues to host peer support trainings, peer support supervision trainings, and continuing education for peer support specialists. The state also has focused on diverting individuals with mental health issues from reentering the criminal justice system through person centered, community-based services designed specifically to support this population.

4. Provide a description of recovery and recovery support services for individuals with substance use disorders in your state.
 North Dakota has designated a full time position for the administration of peer support services, formalized training and credentialing of peer support specialists based on local and national best practices, and expanded reimbursement. Reimbursement for peer support services has expanded through the Medicaid 1915(i) State Plan Amendment, and state programs such as the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher, Free Through Recovery, and Community Connect. These services work to create supports for individuals based on their individual needs.

The North Dakota legislature has also designated state funding to assist individuals in initial rental payments for recovery housing.

In addition to these community-based programs there is also telephone recovery supports, Call Kay and Recovery Talk are answered 24/7 by certified and trained peer support specialists.

5. Does the state have any activities that it would like to highlight?

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

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17. Community Living and the Implementation of Olmstead - Requested

Narrative Question

The integration mandate in Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Supreme Court's decision in [Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 \(1999\)](#), provide legal requirements that are consistent with SAMHSA's mission to reduce the impact of M/SUD on America's communities. Being an active member of a community is an important part of recovery for persons with M/SUD conditions. Title II of the ADA and the regulations promulgated for its enforcement require that states provide services in the most integrated setting appropriate to the individual and prohibit needless institutionalization and segregation in work, living, and other settings. In response to the 10th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, the Coordinating Council on Community Living was created at HHS. SAMHSA has been a key member of the council and has funded a number of technical assistance opportunities to promote integrated services for people with M/SUD needs, including a policy academy to share effective practices with states.

Community living has been a priority across the federal government with recent changes to section 811 and other housing programs operated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD and HHS collaborate to support housing opportunities for persons with disabilities, including persons with behavioral illnesses. The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the HHS Office for Civil Rights ([OCR](#)) cooperate on enforcement and compliance measures. DOJ and OCR have expressed concern about some aspects of state mental health systems including use of traditional institutions and other settings that have institutional characteristics to serve persons whose needs could be better met in community settings. More recently, there has been litigation regarding certain evidenced-based supported employment services such as sheltered workshops. States should ensure block grant funds are allocated to support prevention, treatment, and recovery services in community settings whenever feasible and remain committed, as SAMHSA is, to ensuring services are implemented in accordance with Olmstead and Title II of the ADA.

It is requested that the state submit their Olmstead Plan as a part of this application, or address the following when describing community living and implementation of Olmstead:

Please respond to the following items

- Does the state's Olmstead plan include :
 - Housing services provided. Yes No
 - Home and community based services. Yes No
 - Peer support services. Yes No
 - Employment services. Yes No
- Does the state have a plan to transition individuals from hospital to community settings? Yes No

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

The 2019 North Dakota Legislative approved a study directive into issues related to the Olmstead Commission and services for individuals with behavioral health issues. This includes a redesign of the structure and the potential of an 1115 waiver to bypass IMD. Additionally, the state is continuing the implementation of the HSRI report. This will serve to support the full continuum of care for individuals requiring behavioral health services in the least restrictive environment in their community.

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18. Children and Adolescents M/SUD Services - Required MHBG, Requested SABG

Narrative Question

MHBG funds are intended to support programs and activities for children and adolescents with SED, and SABG funds are available for prevention, treatment, and recovery services for youth and young adults with substance use disorders. Each year, an estimated 20 percent of children in the U.S. have a diagnosable mental health condition and one in 10 suffers from a serious emotional disturbance that contributes to substantial impairment in their functioning at home, at school, or in the community.⁶³ Most mental disorders have their roots in childhood, with about 50 percent of affected adults manifesting such disorders by age 14, and 75 percent by age 24.⁶⁴ For youth between the ages of 10 and 24, suicide is the third leading cause of death and for children between 12 and 17, the second leading cause of death.⁶⁵

It is also important to note that 11 percent of high school students have a diagnosable substance use disorder involving nicotine, alcohol, or illicit drugs, and nine out of 10 adults who meet clinical criteria for a substance use disorder started smoking, drinking, or using illicit drugs before the age of 18. Of people who started using before the age of 18, one in four will develop an addiction compared to one in twenty-five who started using substances after age 21.⁶⁶ Mental and substance use disorders in children and adolescents are complex, typically involving multiple challenges. These children and youth are frequently involved in more than one specialized system, including mental health, substance abuse, primary health, education, childcare, child welfare, or juvenile justice. This multi-system involvement often results in fragmented and inadequate care, leaving families overwhelmed and children's needs unmet. For youth and young adults who are transitioning into adult responsibilities, negotiating between the child- and adult-serving systems becomes even harder. To address the need for additional coordination, SAMHSA is encouraging states to designate a point person for children to assist schools in assuring identified children are connected with available mental health and/or substance abuse screening, treatment and recovery support services.

Since 1993, SAMHSA has funded the Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) to build the system of care approach in states and communities around the country. This has been an ongoing program with 173 grants awarded to states and communities, and every state has received at least one CMHI grant. Since then SAMHSA has awarded planning and implementation grants to states for adolescent and transition age youth SUD treatment and infrastructure development. This work has included a focus on financing, workforce development and implementing evidence-based treatments.

For the past 25 years, the system of care approach has been the major framework for improving delivery systems, services, and outcomes for children, youth, and young adults with mental and/or SUD and co-occurring M/SUD and their families. This approach is comprised of a spectrum of effective, community-based services and supports that are organized into a coordinated network. This approach helps build meaningful partnerships across systems and addresses cultural and linguistic needs while improving the child, youth and young adult functioning in home, school, and community. The system of care approach provides individualized services, is family driven; youth guided and culturally competent; and builds on the strengths of the child, youth or young adult and their family to promote recovery and resilience. Services are delivered in the least restrictive environment possible, use evidence-based practices, and create effective cross-system collaboration including integrated management of service delivery and costs.⁶⁷

According to data from the 2015 Report to Congress⁶⁸ on systems of care, services:

1. reach many children and youth typically underserved by the mental health system;
2. improve emotional and behavioral outcomes for children and youth;
3. enhance family outcomes, such as decreased caregiver stress;
4. decrease suicidal ideation and gestures;
5. expand the availability of effective supports and services; and
6. save money by reducing costs in high cost services such as residential settings, inpatient hospitals, and juvenile justice settings.

SAMHSA expects that states will build on the well-documented, effective system of care approach to serving children and youth with serious M/SUD needs. Given the multi- system involvement of these children and youth, the system of care approach provides the infrastructure to improve care coordination and outcomes, manage costs, and better invest resources. The array of services and supports in the system of care approach includes:

- non-residential services (e.g., wraparound service planning, intensive case management, outpatient therapy, intensive home-based services, SUD intensive outpatient services, continuing care, and mobile crisis response);
- supportive services, (e.g., peer youth support, family peer support, respite services, mental health consultation, and supported education and employment); and

- residential services (e.g., like therapeutic foster care, crisis stabilization services, and inpatient medical detoxification).

⁶³Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (2013). Mental Health Surveillance among Children ? United States, 2005-2011. MMWR 62(2).

⁶⁴Kessler, R.C., Berglund, P., Demler, O., Jin, R., Merikangas, K.R., & Walters, E.E. (2005). Lifetime prevalence and age-of-onset distributions of DSM-IV disorders in the National Comorbidity Survey Replication. Archives of General Psychiatry, 62(6), 593-602.

⁶⁵Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2010). National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) [online]. (2010). Available from www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html.

⁶⁶The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. (June, 2011). Adolescent Substance Abuse: America's #1 Public Health Problem.

⁶⁷Department of Mental Health Services. (2011) The Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program: Evaluation Findings. Annual Report to Congress. Available from <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Comprehensive-Community-Mental-Health-Services-for-Children-and-Their-Families-Program-Evaluation-Findings-Executive-Summary/PEP12-CMHI0608SUM>

⁶⁸http://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/programs_campaigns/nitt-ta/2015-report-to-congress.pdf

Please respond to the following items:

- Does the state utilize a system of care approach to support:
 - The recovery and resilience of children and youth with SED? Yes No
 - The recovery and resilience of children and youth with SUD? Yes No
- Does the state have an established collaboration plan to work with other child- and youth-serving agencies in the state to address M/SUD needs:
 - Child welfare? Yes No
 - Juvenile justice? Yes No
 - Education? Yes No
- Does the state monitor its progress and effectiveness, around:
 - Service utilization? Yes No
 - Costs? Yes No
 - Outcomes for children and youth services? Yes No
- Does the state provide training in evidence-based:
 - Substance misuse prevention, SUD treatment and recovery services for children/adolescents, and their families? Yes No
 - Mental health treatment and recovery services for children/adolescents and their families? Yes No
- Does the state have plans for transitioning children and youth receiving services:
 - to the adult M/SUD system? Yes No
 - for youth in foster care? Yes No

6. Describe how the state provide integrated services through the system of care (social services, educational services, child welfare services, juvenile justice services, law enforcement services, substance use disorders, etc.)

The state provides funding for a residential treatment program specific for adolescents with dual diagnosis, including substance use disorder. In 2021, the state funded Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher program expanded from only adults to include adolescents services for addiction screening, assessment, treatment, and recovery.

The Department of Human Services houses several divisions which play a key role in the children's system of care, including the Behavioral Health Division (BHD), Children and Family Services Division, Medical Services Division (the state Medicaid agency), and Field Services Division (which includes eight regional public human service centers located across the state and the state hospital). The BHD currently partners with all these sister divisions in a variety of projects with the aim to transform the behavioral health system of care in the state.

North Dakota County Social Services have transferred to Human Service Zones, aligning with the state priorities of person-centered planning and access to community services.

Several legislative bills passed during the state's 2019 legislative session which supports the continued development of a system of care. One of these bills required the creation of a Children's Cabinet - consisting of representation from the three branches of government, state directors from education, human services, health, Indian affairs commission, corrections and rehabilitation, and

protection and advocacy. The purpose of this cabinet is to assess, guide, and coordinate the care for children across the state's branches of government and tribal nations. The establishment of the Children's Cabinet will also assist in efforts to coordinate payment structures for services designed to support children with SED and their families. This cabinet assures cross-department communication and opportunity to creatively braid funding for comprehensive supports and services.

North Dakota applied for the System of Care grant in April 2019 and was awarded. Unfortunately, North Dakota had to turn back the System of Care grant award as we were unable to expand services and meet required deadlines and deliverables during the COVID-19 environment. North Dakota once again applied for the grant in early 2021 and is awaiting to hear if we are awarded. The purpose of the grant is to improve the mental health outcomes for children and youth, birth through age 21, with serious emotional disturbance (SED), and their families. This grant will support the implementation, expansion, and integration of the SOC approach by creating sustainable infrastructure and services that are required as part of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program (also known as the Children's Mental Health Initiative or CMHI).

7. Does the state have any activities related to this section that you would like to highlight?

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

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19. Suicide Prevention - Required for MHBG

Narrative Question

Suicide is a major public health concern, it is the 10th leading cause of death overall, with over 40,000 people dying by suicide each year in the United States. The causes of suicide are complex and determined by multiple combinations of factors, such as mental illness, substance abuse, painful losses, exposure to violence, and social isolation. Mental illness and substance abuse are possible factors in 90 percent of the deaths from suicide, and alcohol use is a factor in approximately one-third of all suicides. Therefore, SAMHSA urges M/SUD agencies to lead in ways that are suitable to this growing area of concern. SAMHSA is committed to supporting states and territories in providing services to individuals with SMI/SED who are at risk for suicide using MHBG funds to address these risk factors and prevent suicide. SAMHSA encourages the M/SUD agencies play a leadership role on suicide prevention efforts, including shaping, implementing, monitoring, care, and recovery support services among individuals with SMI/SED.

Please respond to the following items:

1. Have you updated your state's suicide prevention plan in the last 2 years? Yes No
2. Describe activities intended to reduce incidents of suicide in your state.
The ND Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division is partnering with other organizations to lead suicide prevention efforts in the following areas:
 - Statewide move to 9-8-8 in July of 2022
 - Data sharing with the ND Department of Health to ensure targeted prevention and postvention activities in communities.
 - All schools in North Dakota, public and private, have the option to use virtual simulation suicide prevention training for teachers and staff.
 - Funding opportunities for local government organizations, nonprofits, and tribal communities in suicide prevention training, awareness, planning, and implementation.
 - Suicide prevention training for Care Coordinators
3. Have you incorporated any strategies supportive of Zero Suicide? Yes No
4. Do you have any initiatives focused on improving care transitions for suicidal patients being discharged from inpatient units or emergency departments? Yes No
5. Have you begun any targeted or statewide initiatives since the FFY 2020-FFY 2021 plan was submitted? Yes No
If so, please describe the population targeted.
American Indians (all age-groups), LGBTQ (all age-groups), military/veterans and their family members (all age-groups), young adults (age 15-24), survivors of suicide loss, suicide attempt survivors, and any group identified as high-risk by community data.
Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

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20. Support of State Partners - Required for MHBG

Narrative Question

The success of a state's MHBG and SABG programs will rely heavily on the strategic partnership that SMHAs and SSAs have or will develop with other health, social services, and education providers, as well as other state, local, and tribal governmental entities. Examples of partnerships may include:

- The SMA agreeing to consult with the SMHA or the SSA in the development and/or oversight of health homes for individuals with chronic health conditions or consultation on the benefits available to any Medicaid populations;
- The state justice system authorities working with the state, local, and tribal judicial systems to develop policies and programs that address the needs of individuals with M/SUD who come in contact with the criminal and juvenile justice systems, promote strategies for appropriate diversion and alternatives to incarceration, provide screening and treatment, and implement transition services for those individuals reentering the community, including efforts focused on enrollment;
- The state education agency examining current regulations, policies, programs, and key data-points in local and tribal school districts to ensure that children are safe, supported in their social/emotional development, exposed to initiatives that target risk and protective factors for mental and substance use disorders, and, for those youth with or at-risk of emotional behavioral and SUDs, to ensure that they have the services and supports needed to succeed in school and improve their graduation rates and reduce out-of-district placements;
- The state child welfare/human services department, in response to state child and family services reviews, working with local and tribal child welfare agencies to address the trauma and mental and substance use disorders in children, youth, and family members that often put children and youth at-risk for maltreatment and subsequent out-of-home placement and involvement with the foster care system, including specific service issues, such as the appropriate use of psychotropic medication for children and youth involved in child welfare;
- The state public housing agencies which can be critical for the implementation of Olmstead;
- The state public health authority that provides epidemiology data and/or provides or leads prevention services and activities; and
- The state's office of homeland security/emergency management agency and other partners actively collaborate with the SMHA/SSA in planning for emergencies that may result in M/SUD needs and/or impact persons with M/SUD conditions and their families and caregivers, providers of M/SUD services, and the state's ability to provide M/SUD services to meet all phases of an emergency (mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery) and including appropriate engagement of volunteers with expertise and interest in M/SUD.

Please respond to the following items:

1. Has your state added any new partners or partnerships since the last planning period? Yes No
2. Has your state identified the need to develop new partnerships that you did not have in place? Yes No

If yes, with whom?

The Behavioral Health Division works closely with a number of entities to ensure that quality, efficient, and effective evidence-based behavioral health services are available statewide. These include (but not limited to) the Behavioral Health Planning Council, Brain Injury Advisory Group, and the Problem Gambling Advisory Council and a Children's Cabinet. The 2021 North Dakota Legislature approved the combination of the Department of Human Services and Department of Health. The combination of Departments will enhance collaboration of community-based services to North Dakotans.

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

No technical assistance is needed at this time.

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21. State Planning/Advisory Council and Input on the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Block Grant Application- Required for MHBG

Narrative Question

Each state is required to establish and maintain a state Mental Health Planning/Advisory Council to carry out the statutory functions as described in 42 U.S. C. 300x-3 for adults with SMI and children with SED. To meet the needs of states that are integrating services supported by MHBG and SABG, SAMHSA is recommending that states expand their Mental Health Advisory Council to include substance misuse prevention, SUD treatment, and recovery representation, referred to here as an Advisory/Planning Council (PC). SAMHSA encourages states to expand their required Council's comprehensive approach by designing and implementing regularly scheduled collaborations with an existing substance misuse prevention, SUD treatment, and recovery advisory council to ensure that the council reviews issues and services for persons with, or at risk, for substance misuse and SUDs. To assist with implementing a PC, SAMHSA has created [Best Practices for State Behavioral Health Planning Councils: The Road to Planning Council Integration](#).⁶⁹

Planning Councils are required by statute to review state plans and implementation reports; and submit any recommended modifications to the state. Planning councils monitor, review, and evaluate, not less than once each year, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the state. They also serve as an advocate for individuals with M/SUD problems. SAMHSA requests that any recommendations for modifications to the application or comments to the implementation report that were received from the Planning Council be submitted to SAMHSA, regardless of whether the state has accepted the recommendations. The documentation, preferably a letter signed by the Chair of the Planning Council, should state that the Planning Council reviewed the application and implementation report and should be transmitted as attachments by the state.

⁶⁹<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/manual-planning-council-best-practices-2014.pdf>

Please consider the following items as a guide when preparing the description of the state's system:

1. How was the Council involved in the development and review of the state plan and report? Please attach supporting documentation (meeting minutes, letters of support, etc.) using the upload option at the bottom of this page.

a) What mechanism does the state use to plan and implement substance misuse prevention, SUD treatment and recovery services?

Under the mandate outlined in Public Law 102-321 (42 U.S.C 300X-4), a thirty-member board -- the North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC) -- was created with members appointed by the Governor of North Dakota. The Council's objective is to monitor, review, and evaluate the allocation and adequacy of mental health services in the state. Each board member is appointed to a three-year term and not less than 50% of the board is composed of individuals other than state employees and providers of mental health services. These individuals are family members or consumers of behavioral health services.

The Council meets quarterly to discuss community-based public behavioral health services and works closely to plan for the system of care and monitor its implementation. The agenda of each meeting involves review and discussion of the priority areas found in the block grant and discussion of the system of care. The Council's input is requested prior to submission of the block grant plan. The Council developed recommendations which drove the decisions regarding the Mental Health Block Grant budget allocations. The Council has also provided recommendations to both the Department of Human Services and the Governor's Office.

b) Has the Council successfully integrated substance misuse prevention and treatment or co-occurring disorder issues, concerns, and activities into its work? Yes No

2. Is the membership representative of the service area population (e.g. ethnic, cultural, linguistic, rural, suburban, urban, older adults, families of young children)? Yes No

3. Please describe the duties and responsibilities of the Council, including how it gathers meaningful input from people in recovery, families, and other important stakeholders, and how it has advocated for individuals with SMI or SED.

As identified in the North Dakota Behavioral Health Council By-Laws, the following duties of the council are established: Review and evaluate services and programs provided by the State of North Dakota and make periodic reports to the Department of Human Services and the Governor's office, including any recommendations for improvements in services, programs, or facilities; Review the status of combined behavioral health assessments and plan, staff resources, expenditure of funds and available case management information at least semi-annually.; Review the combined behavioral health assessment and plan at least annually; Work with legislators in members' respective regions to familiarize lawmakers with the need for appropriate mental health and substance abuse issues; Recommend the initiation of surveys of regional human service needs and review the results of such surveys for the purpose of recommending to the Department of Human Services ways in which identified needs can be met by the Department of Human Services; Serve as the State forum for meetings with governing boards of other public and private human

service agencies that are brought to the council by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of promoting greater understanding, efficiency and effectiveness in the working relationships among local and regional service providers; Review the progress in the development and monitoring of the goals and objectives of the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division; Promote clear lines of communication between the Department of Human Services, the Governor's office, and the North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council; Review and recommend policies and procedures of the Department of Human Services to the Department of Human Services and Governor; Review the various certifications and licensing standards and assist in evaluating the Department of Human Services compliance; Serve as an advocate for adults with serious mental illnesses, children with severe emotional disturbances, adults with substance use disorders, and children with substance use disorders and other individuals with mental illnesses, emotional problems, or substance use disorders.

Please indicate areas of technical assistance needed related to this section.

Additionally, please complete the Advisory Council Members and Advisory Council Composition by Member Type forms.⁷⁰

⁷⁰There are strict state Council membership guidelines. States must demonstrate: (1) the involvement of people in recovery and their family members; (2) the ratio of parents of children with SED to other Council members is sufficient to provide adequate representation of that constituency in deliberations on the Council; and (3) no less than 50 percent of the members of the Council are individuals who are not state employees or providers of mental health services.

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Advisory Council Members

For the Mental Health Block Grant, **there are specific agency representation requirements** for the State representatives. States MUST identify the individuals who are representing these state agencies.

- State Education Agency
- State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
- State Criminal Justice Agency
- State Housing Agency
- State Social Services Agency
- State Health (MH) Agency.

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Name	Type of Membership	Agency or Organization Represented	Address, Phone, and Fax	Email(if available)
Nicole Amsbaugh	Others (Advocates who are not State employees or providers)			
Sarah Bachmeier	Persons in recovery from or providing treatment for or advocating for SUD services			sarahk.bachmeier@gmail.com
Brenda Bergsrud	Others (Advocates who are not State employees or providers)			
Lorraine Davis	Individuals in Recovery (to include adults with SMI who are receiving, or have received, mental health services)			
Shauna Eberhardt	Family Members of Individuals in Recovery (to include family members of adults with SMI)			
Rosalie Ethrington	State Employees	North Dakota Department of Human Services		
Michelle Gayette	State Employees	North Dakota Department of Human Services		
Brad Hawk	State Employees			
Jennifer Henderson	State Employees	North Dakota Housing Finance Agency		
Cheryl Hess-Anderson	State Employees	State of ND-Vocational Rehabilitation		
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Stacey Hunt	Providers			
Deb Jendro	Individuals in Recovery (to include adults with SMI who are receiving, or have received, mental health services)			
Teresa Larsen	Others (Advocates who are not State employees or providers)			

Glenn Longie	Representatives from Federally Recognized Tribes			
Carlotta McCleary	Others (Advocates who are not State employees or providers)			
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Mark Schaefer	Providers			mark.schaefer@msgiveshope.com
Kirby Schmidtgall	Others (Advocates who are not State employees or providers)			
Kurt Snyder	Individuals in Recovery (to include adults with SMI who are receiving, or have received, mental health services)			
Jodi Stittsworth	Parents of children with SED/SUD			
Paul Strokland	Family Members of Individuals in Recovery (to include family members of adults with SMI)			
Timothy Wicks	Others (Advocates who are not State employees or providers)			
Carl Young	Parents of children with SED/SUD			

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Advisory Council Composition by Member Type

Start Year: 2022 End Year: 2023

Type of Membership	Number	Percentage
Total Membership	30	
Individuals in Recovery* (to include adults with SMI who are receiving, or have received, mental health services)	4	
Family Members of Individuals in Recovery* (to include family members of adults with SMI)	3	
Parents of children with SED/SUD*	2	
Vacancies (Individuals and Family Members)		
Others (Advocates who are not State employees or providers)	7	
Persons in recovery from or providing treatment for or advocating for SUD services	1	
Representatives from Federally Recognized Tribes	1	
Total Individuals in Recovery, Family Members & Others	18	60.00%
State Employees	10	
Providers	2	
Vacancies		
Total State Employees & Providers	12	40.00%
Individuals/Family Members from Diverse Racial, Ethnic, and LGBTQ Populations		
Providers from Diverse Racial, Ethnic, and LGBTQ Populations		
Total Individuals and Providers from Diverse Racial, Ethnic, and LGBTQ Populations	0	
Youth/adolescent representative (or member from an organization serving young people)	0	

* States are encouraged to select these representatives from state Family/Consumer organizations.

Indicate how the Planning Council was involved in the review of the application. Did the Planning Council make any recommendations to modify the application?

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22. Public Comment on the State Plan - Required

Narrative Question

[Title XIX, Subpart III, section 1941 of the PHS Act \(42 U.S.C. § 300x-51\)](#) requires, as a condition of the funding agreement for the grant, states will provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the state block grant plan. States should make the plan public in such a manner as to facilitate comment from any person (including federal, tribal, or other public agencies) both during the development of the plan (including any revisions) and after the submission of the plan to SAMHSA.

Please respond to the following items:

1. Did the state take any of the following steps to make the public aware of the plan and allow for public comment?

a) Public meetings or hearings? Yes No

b) Posting of the plan on the web for public comment? Yes No

If yes, provide URL:

An email with the draft application was sent to the Behavioral Health Planning Council on August 19, 2021. The draft plan was posted August 31, 2021 on this page: <https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/reports>.

Direct link is here: https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DRAFT%20FY%202022-2023%20Combined%20Block%20Grant%20Application_ND%208.31.2021.pdf.

c) Other (e.g. public service announcements, print media) Yes No

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23. Syringe Services (SSP)

Narrative Question:

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) restriction^{1,2} on the use of federal funds for programs distributing sterile needles or syringes (referred to as syringe services programs (SSP)) was modified by the [Consolidated Appropriations Act](#), 2018 (P.L. 115-141) signed by President Trump on March 23, 2018³.

Section 520. *Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, no funds appropriated in this Act shall be used to purchase sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug: Provided, that such limitation does not apply to the use of funds for elements of a program other than making such purchases if the relevant State or local health department, in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, determines that the State or local jurisdiction, as applicable, is experiencing, or is at risk for, a significant increase in hepatitis infections or an HIV outbreak due to injection drug use, and such program is operating in accordance with State and local law.*

A state experiencing, or at risk for, a significant increase in hepatitis infections or an HIV outbreak due to injection drug use, (as determined by CDC), may propose to use SABG to fund elements of an SSP other than to purchase sterile needles or syringes. States interested in directing SABG funds to SSPs must provide the information requested below and receive approval from the State Project Officer. Please note that the term used in the SABG statute and regulation, *intravenous drug user* (IVDU) is being replaced for the purposes of this discussion by the term now used by the federal government, *persons who inject drugs* (PWID).

States may consider making SABG funds available to either one or more entities to establish elements of a SSP or to establish a relationship with an existing SSP. States should keep in mind the related PWID SABG authorizing legislation and implementing regulation requirements when developing its Plan, specifically, requirements to provide outreach to PWID, SUD treatment and recovery services for PWID, and to routinely collaborate with other healthcare providers, which may include HIV/STD clinics, public health providers, emergency departments, and mental health centers⁴. SAMHSA funds cannot be supplanted, in other words, used to fund an existing SSP so that state or other non-federal funds can then be used for another program.

In the first half of calendar year 2016, the federal government released three guidance documents regarding SSPs⁵: These documents can be found on the Hiv.gov website: <https://www.hiv.gov/federal-response/policies-issues/syringe-services-programs>,

1. [Department of Health and Human Services Implementation Guidance to Support Certain Components of Syringe Services Programs, 2016](https://www.hiv.gov/sites/default/files/hhs-ssp-guidance.pdf) from The US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy <https://www.hiv.gov/sites/default/files/hhs-ssp-guidance.pdf>,
2. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Program Guidance for Implementing Certain Components of Syringe Services Programs, 2016](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/risk/cdc-hiv-syringe-exchange-services.pdf) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention, Division of Hepatitis Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/risk/cdc-hiv-syringe-exchange-services.pdf>,
3. [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)-specific Guidance for States Requesting Use of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Funds to Implement SSPs](http://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/ssp-guidance-state-block-grants.pdf) <http://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/ssp-guidance-state-block-grants.pdf>,

Please refer to the guidance documents above and follow the steps below when requesting to direct FY 2021 funds to SSPs.

- **Step 1** - Request a Determination of Need from the CDC
- **Step 2** - Include request in the FFY 2021 Mini-Application to expend FFY 2020 - 2021 funds and support an existing SSP or establish a new SSP
 - Include proposed protocols, timeline for implementation, and overall budget
 - Submit planned expenditures and agency information on Table A listed below
- **Step 3** - Obtain State Project Officer Approval

Future years are subject to authorizing language in appropriations bills.

¹ Section 1923 (b) of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. § 300x-23(b)) and 45 CFR § 96.126(e) requires entities that receive SABG funds to provide substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services to PWID to also conduct outreach activities to encourage such persons to undergo SUD treatment. Any state or jurisdiction that plans to re-obligate FY 2020-2021 SABG funds previously made available such entities for the purposes of providing substance use disorder treatment services to PWID and outreach to such persons may submit a request via its plan to SAMHSA for the purpose of incorporating elements of a SSP in one or more such entities insofar as the plan request is applicable to the FY 2020-2021 SABG funds **only** and is consistent with guidance issued by SAMHSA.

² Section 1931(a)(1)(F) of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. § 300x-31(a)(1)(F)) and 45 CFR § 96.135(a) (6) explicitly prohibits the use of SABG funds to provide PWID with hypodermic needles or syringes so that such persons may inject illegal drugs unless the Surgeon General of the United States determines that a demonstration needle exchange program would be effective in reducing injection drug use and the risk of HIV transmission to others. On February 23, 2011, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published a notice in the [Federal Register](#) (76 FR 10038) indicating that the Surgeon General of the United States had made a determination that syringe services programs, when part of a comprehensive HIV prevention strategy, play a critical role in preventing HIV among PWID, facilitate entry into SUD treatment and primary care, and do not increase the illicit use of drugs.

³ Division H Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies, Title V General Provisions, Section 520 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (P.L. 115-141)

⁴ Section 1924(a) of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. § 300x-24(a)) and 45 CFR § 96.127 requires entities that receives SABG funds to routinely make available, directly or through other public or nonprofit private entities, tuberculosis services as described in section 1924(b)(2) of the PHS Act to each person receiving SUD treatment and recovery services.

Section 1924(b) of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. § 300x-24(b)) and 45 CFR 96.128 requires "designated states" as defined in Section 1924(b)(2) of the PHS Act to set-aside SABG funds to carry out 1 or more projects to make available early intervention services for HIV as defined in section 1924(b)(7)(B) at the sites at which persons are receiving SUD treatment and recovery services.

Section 1928(a) of Title XXI, Part B, Subpart II of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 300x-28(c)) and 45 CFR 96.132(c) requires states to ensure that substance abuse prevention and SUD treatment and recovery services providers coordinate such services with the provision of other services including, but not limited to, health services.

⁵ ***Department of Health and Human Services Implementation Guidance to Support Certain Components of Syringe Services Programs, 2016*** describes an SSP as a comprehensive prevention program for PWID that includes the provision of sterile needles, syringes and other drug preparation equipment and disposal services, and some or all the following services:

- Comprehensive HIV risk reduction counseling related to sexual and injection and/or prescription drug misuse;
- HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases (STD), and tuberculosis (TB) screening;
- Provision of naloxone (Narcan?) to reverse opiate overdoses;
- Referral and linkage to HIV, viral hepatitis, STD, and TB prevention care and treatment services;
- Referral and linkage to hepatitis A virus and hepatitis B virus vaccinations; and
- Referral to SUD treatment and recovery services, primary medical care and mental health services.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Program Guidance for Implementing Certain Components of Syringe Services Programs, 2016 includes a [description of the elements of an SSP](#) that can be supported with federal funds.

- Personnel (e.g., program staff, as well as staff for planning, monitoring, evaluation, and quality assurance);
- Supplies, exclusive of needles/syringes and devices solely used in the preparation of substances for illicit drug injection, e.g., cookers;
- Testing kits for HCV and HIV;
- Syringe disposal services (e.g., contract or other arrangement for disposal of bio-hazardous material);
- Navigation services to ensure linkage to HIV and viral hepatitis prevention, treatment and care services, including antiretroviral therapy for HCV and HIV, pre-exposure prophylaxis, post-exposure prophylaxis, prevention of mother to child transmission and partner services; HAV and HBV vaccination, substance use disorder treatment, recovery support services and medical and mental health services;

- Provision of naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses
- Educational materials, including information about safer injection practices, overdose prevention and reversing an opioid overdose with naloxone, HIV and viral hepatitis prevention, treatment and care services, and mental health and substance use disorder treatment including medication-assisted treatment and recovery support services;
- Condoms to reduce sexual risk of sexual transmission of HIV, viral hepatitis, and other STDs;
- Communication and outreach activities; and
- Planning and non-research evaluation activities.

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Syringe Services (SSP) Program Information-Table A

If the state is planning to expend funds from the COVID-19 award, please enter the total planned amount in the footnote section.

Syringe Services Program SSP Agency Name	Main Address of SSP	Planned Dollar Amount of SABG Funds Expended for SSP	SUD Treatment Provider (Yes or No)	# Of Locations (include mobile if any)	Narcan Provider (Yes or No)
No Data Available					

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