SOR 101: SOR Program Overview

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Overview of State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant

- **Grantor:** Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- **Grantee & Pass-Through:** Ohio Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)
- **Grant period:** 10/1/18 to 9/28/19
- **Federal funds:** Subject to Uniform Guidance
- Optional for local areas to receive

5 Participating Local Areas and 17 Counties

- **Area 1:** Adams, Brown, Pike, Scioto
- **Area 2:** Medina, Summit
- **Area 3:** Cuyahoga
- **Area 7:** Erie, Hancock, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Muskingum, Sandusky, Shelby, and Union
- **Area 10:** Crawford, Richland
- **Area 14:** Perry
Purpose of Ohio SOR Program

- The Ohio SOR Program is intended to:
  
  I. Expand prevention efforts related to naloxone distribution, provide training across systems for professionals to improve responses to the opioid epidemic, and deploy targeted awareness messaging for communities.
  
  II. Expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and grow a clinical workforce with the expertise to provide MAT and psychosocial treatment to individuals with an opioid use disorder.
  
  III. Expand the use of certified peer supporters and access to recovery housing, particularly for families, and facilitate the development of employment opportunities for people in recovery from opioid addiction.

SOR Participant Eligibility

I. Has opioid use disorder
   - Verified with:
     - A diagnosis, or
     - Self-attestation to the following question:

   "Your response to the following question is voluntary: Do you have a demonstrated history of opioid overdose problems?"

II. Enrolled in SOR special grant office being created in Ohio Workforce Case Management System (OWCMS)

Allowable Programs & Services

- Programs that:
  - Increase number of people in treatment
  - Reduce unmet treatment need
  - Reduce opioid overdose related deaths

- Services and practices that have a demonstrated evidence-base and that are appropriate for the population

- Treatment services identified by an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) level of care classification
Allowable Workforce Services

- Basic & Individualized Career Services
- Soft Skills Development
- Supportive Services
- Training and Vocational Education
- Work Experiences; Transitional Jobs
- Employer Training in Recovery Friendly Workplaces

Allowable Recovery Services

- Evidence-based drug and addiction treatment services identified by an ASAM level of care classification
- MAT using FDA-approved medications
- Peer supporters in the workplace

Unallowable Programs & Services

- Non-evidence-based treatments
- Services that can be supported through other accessible sources of funding
- Services for individuals with no diagnosis of OUD or no history of opioid overdose problems
- Medication withdrawal (detox) not accompanied by Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
Miscellaneous Allowable and Unallowable Costs

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Supplementing other funding sources with SOR dollars

SOR funds must not pay for services accessible through other funding sources.

- Eligible for WIOA or other funding source
- Expanded, enhanced, or extended services
- Services not appropriate for WIOA participant
- Services not available under WIOA law or local policy
- Individuals not eligible for WIOA or other funding source

Expanded services

- SOR-funded services otherwise unavailable to a participant due to:

Funding Limitations
- Costs exceeding unspent or unobligated funding balances
- Services for in-school youth exceeding grant funds available to serve them

Local Policies
- Serviced deemed inappropriate under WIOA
- Supportive service types not listed in WIOA policy

Priority Considerations
- Adults not in the low income priority population
- Adults deemed to be self-sufficient under local policy
Enhanced services

- More intensive supports that go beyond the level of service otherwise affordable to provide to participants:

**Staffing**
- Hiring additional staff or contractors to serve participants with OUD
- Time & effort to complete surveys

**Individualized Services**
- Use of certified peer supporters
- Home visits, job coaching, counseling

**Supportive Services**
- Cosmetic treatments
- MAT
- Evidence-based treatment services

Extended services

- Services that cost more than local policy benefit limit or continue beyond maximum time limits

**Benefit Limits**
- ITA maximum expenses
- OJT cost ceiling
- Supportive service limit

**Time Limits**
- OJT duration
- Work experience duration

OWCMS Special Grant Office

- SOR participants and services will be tracked in OWCMS Special Grant Office
- Email list of Special Grant Users to OpioidRelief@jfs.ohio.gov by Friday, 7/19/2019
Government Performance & Results Act (GPRA Survey)

- All persons served in whole or in part under SOR funds must be asked to complete three GPRA surveys
- Survey takes 20 to 30 minutes (shorter version than originally planned)
- Consent form must be signed
- Enter participant’s OWCMS ID as unique identifier in GPRA survey

GPRA survey completion

- Survey completed by trained staff who ask the individual the questions & enter his/her responses in the online tool

Interviewers

- WIOA or WDB staff
- Service Contractors
- Sub-recipients
- Partners (e.g. County ADAMHS)
- Recovery treatment providers

GRPA survey requirements

- Participants are free to refuse to be interviewed or to answer all questions
- Not completing surveys does NOT affect participant’s eligibility for SOR or access to services
- Interviewer may complete the survey and report the services
- At least 80% of 6-month follow-up surveys must be completed
GPRA Survey Technical Assistance

- See OhioMHAS’s “SOR Resources” at https://www.sardiprogram.com/sor/
- OhioMHAS partnered with Wright State to provide interviewer training
- Webinar for interviewers: SOR 201
  7/23/2019 from 9:00 AM to Noon
- Webinar registration link will be sent soon

OWD Technical Assistance on SOR Funds

- FAQ and SOR Funding Restrictions document
- OWD’s Opioid Grants Web Page
  http://jfs.ohio.gov/owd/WorkforceProf/OpioidGrants.htm
- Email: OpioidRelief@jfs.ohio.gov

Next Steps

To Do List...

- OWCMS Users: Email list of staff needing Special Grant Office by 7/19/19
- Interviewers: Attend SOR 201 GPRA Survey training webinar on 7/23/19
- Fiscal Staff: Attend SOR 301 Fiscal Processes on 7/30/19
Questions?

A recorded video of today's training is posted on OWD's Opioid Grants technical assistance webpage at:

[https://jfs.ohio.gov/owd/WorkforceProf/OpioidGrants.stm](https://jfs.ohio.gov/owd/WorkforceProf/OpioidGrants.stm)

Email questions to:

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