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AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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Award Number: 2020-AR-BX-0078
Original project period: 10/1/20 - 9/30/23
Requesting a Project Period Extension: 12 months
Last day of the requested period: 9/30/2024

EXPLANATION

The program initially saw lower than expected enrollment due to reduced law enforcement diversions, which were projected to be the primary source of program referrals. The rollout of PAD to all Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zones took place as projected, but the referrals from the newly added APD Zones did not materialize as quickly as expected. Furthermore, a focus on getting tough on “repeat offenders”, the definition of which would include many of the persons typically referred/diverted to PAD, is thought to have also reduced the number of persons enrolled. A no-cost extension would provide another quarter of program referrals and service delivery, allowing for the initiative to meet the needs of additional persons who otherwise likely would be transported to the detention center.

Current unobligated balance \$310683.70** *this number is accounting for the remaining funds that need to be drawn down by Fulton County*

ACTIVITIES

	Goal	Status	Progress & Barriers	Planned Activities
1	Develop and implement phased expansion of PreArrest Diversion in Atlanta and two new jurisdictions in Fulton County.	In progress	Continued to meet with law enforcement agencies in the two selected jurisdictions.	Establish clear commitment from law enforcement in the two jurisdictions
2	Provide diversion services, care navigation, and service placement to 50 unique individuals in Year 1 and 100 unique individuals in Years 2 and 3 (250 total during grant period)	In progress	We modified referral criteria and added referring agencies, resulting in increased referrals. LEAD referrals have slowed however to levels before the city-wide expansion of PAD (19 average per month vs. 22 per month pre-expansion)	Continue to increase LEAD referrals.
3	Increase access to services through harm reduction-based case management, criminal justice system navigation, recovery/transitional housing support, and community connections.	In progress	We are preparing for Naloxone training and distribution as well as distribution of fentanyl test strips	Firm up plans and begin providing these materials.
4	Integrate project activities with other local and statewide SUD prevention/intervention and	In progress	We continue to collaborate with the Fulton County Stepping Up initiative, as well as prepare for	We hope to move closer to the opening of the Fulton County Detention Center

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	criminal justice reform initiatives.		the opening of the Fulton County Diversion Center.	
5	Increase access to evidence-based treatment and MAT through Grady Hospital.	Not yet started	We continue to work to strengthen our partnership with Grady Hospital and to begin receiving referrals from them and referring participants to them for MAT as needed.	We are still awaiting our first referrals from Grady Hospital

DETAILED TIMELINE

Project Objective	Activity	Expected Completion Date	Responsible Party	Allocated Funds
Grant management	Grant Extension	October 1, 2023	Fulton DBHDD	\$310,683.7
Grant Management	Meet with core partner and evaluation firm	Weekly from October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024	Fulton DBHDD	
Provide diversion services, care navigation and service placement to 100 unique individuals	Maintain the staffing of 2 Care Navigators and 1 Outreach Specialist	From October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024	PAD	\$185,856
Grant management	Complete semiannual PMT reports and submit BJA	Each January and July from January 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024	Fulton DBHDD Project Coordinator and Evaluator	\$39,924
	Facilitate a warm hand-off for uninsured LEAD participants to Fulton County’s DBHDD clinics for behavioral health treatment.		PAD	
	Train and engage police officers and prosecutors in the Solicitor General and District Attorney’s offices on LEAD principles of harm reduction and housing first and how to identify and divert priority candidates for LEAD referrals. PAD participates in Familiar Faces coordination meetings and receives weekly booking updates. For Familiar Faces cohort members who are incarcerated, PAD coordinates with justice partners to identify those eligible for post-booking diversion to PAD for those who are interested in substance use treatment and will coordinate jail release and transportation.	From October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024	PAD	18000 (indirect costs)
Staff Training	The American Red Cross provides a one-hour virtual First Aid for Opioid Overdoses training for \$20 per person. Staff of 10	Phase 1 November 2023 Phase 2 March 2024	PAD	\$200
Community Training	Emergent quoted Narcan at \$900 per case, which is 12 boxes, each containing 2 individual sprays with a 3-year expiration on the product. 10p of Fentanyl testing strips \$20. Narcan and	Phase 1 November 2023 Phase 2 March 2024	PAD	\$10,249

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	Fentanyl testing strips distribution will be conducted by PAD staff including Harm Reduction Specialists, Outreach Specialists, and Care Navigators. The Georgia Department of Public Health website provides links to “approved training” for Opioids videos and presentations.			
Develop and implement phased expansion of prearrest diversion in Atlanta and two new jurisdictions in Fulton County	Train law enforcement on harm reduction, LEAD and pre-arrest diversion protocol	Quarterly and as needed from January 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024	PAD	
Increase access to services through harm reduction-based case management, criminal justice system navigation, recovery/transitional housing support, and community connections	Provide comprehensive case management to participants and coordinate referrals to SUD treatment, housing, employment, and other services	From October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024	PAD	
Increase access to services through harm reduction-based case management, criminal justice system navigation, recovery/transitional housing support, and community connections	Provide recovery/transitional housing for participants		PAD	\$37,777
Increase access to services through harm reduction-based case management, criminal justice system navigation, recovery/transitional housing support, and community connections	Provide client assistance funds to cover costs of enabling assistance and barrier removal (transportation, cell phones, etc)	From October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024	PAD	\$15000
Complete local performance evaluation	Submit final performance evaluation report to Fulton DBHDD and core partners	September 30, 2024	Fulton DBHDD	
DOJ Sponsored training				\$3678
Grant Management	Close out award	September 30, 2024	Fulton DBHDD	

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