State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis

Across Minnesota, State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis grantees are working to tackle the opioid crisis. STR grants focus on:

- Supporting communities most impacted in order to offer effective, culturally relevant services
- Building on existing, proven efforts
- Offering new and innovative approaches.

Federal funding

In the summer of 2017, Minnesota received a two-year, $10.6 Million State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Part of the 21st Century Cures Act, the Opioid STR grant program expands access to evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery support services, reduces unmet treatment needs, and helps to prevent opioid overdose deaths. The grant is for two years, and runs until July 1, 2019.

STR efforts to end the opioid crisis

To address the opioid crisis currently affecting all communities and all corners of the state, Minnesota needs a wide-range of community-based solutions, from streamlining services to supporting existing programs to creating new and innovative approaches. The Minnesota Department of Human Services has awarded grants to 40 state agencies, Tribes and counties from the federal STR opioid grant. Activities include:

Naloxone Distribution
Expand the availability of this life-saving overdose treatment
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Rural AIDS Action Network
- The Steve Rummler HOPE Network
- Meridian
- St. Louis County

Integrated Care for High Risk Pregnancies
Program focused on opiate use during pregnancy
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Red Lake Nation
- White Earth Nation

Community health worker mother’s recovery training:
Training for Peer Recovery Support Specialists
- Northwest Indian Community Development Center
- Minnesota Community Health Worker Alliance

Care Coordination
Supporting whole-client, whole-family recovery, all from a culturally affirming and responsive lens, while building relationships with other providers and support services
- Dakota Communities
- Wilder Recovery Services
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center
Parent Child Assistance Program
Resources that help expectant mothers to build and maintain healthy, independent family lives and to prevent alcohol and drugs from affecting the future births of children
• American Indian Family Center
• Fond du Lac Band of Ojibwe Human Services
• Hope House of Itasca County
• Journey Home (St. Cloud Hospital Recovery Plus)
• Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Counties Human Services
• Perspectives, Inc.
• Resource, Inc.
• RS Eden, Inc.
• Ramsey County Mothers First
• Wayside Recovery Center
• Wellcome Manor Family Services

Rule 25 assessments
Design a culturally-appropriate chemical use assessment tool utilizing the existing tribal resources and expertise within the Dakota communities
• Recovery is Happening
• Dakota Communities

Detox
Improve services at detox programs for people with opioid use disorder
• St. Louis County
• Clay County

Office Based Opioid Treatment
Expand the availability of medically assisted treatment programs
• Native American Community Clinic
• Broadway Family Medicine
• St. Louis County

Improve Access to treatment: Fast-Tracker
Online, searchable database of substance use disorder treatment program bed availability and resources
• Minnesota Mental Health Community Foundation

Recently Released from Incarceration
Reduce recidivism among people who have a history of opioid misuse
• Wayside Recovery Center
• Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Peer Recovery
Help with integration into community life, support, and engagement long-term in recovery
• Wayside Recovery Center
• Wilder Recovery Services
• Recovery is Happening

Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Hub
A series of learning collaboratives focused on evidence-based assessment and management of patients with opioid use disorders
• Wayside Recovery Center
• Unity Family Healthcare dba St. Gabriel’s Health
• Hennepin County Medical Center

Prevention
Develop a range of prevention efforts, building on past effective programs and new, targeted approaches
• Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
• Pine River-Backus School
• Russell Herder
• Weber Shandwick

Innovation grants
• Strategies to decrease the burden of opioid misuse, abuse and overdose and address public awareness, provider education, and access to treatment: Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
• Syringe exchange program: Native American Community Clinic
• Business plan that innovatively provides pre-treatment, treatment, and post-treatment options: Dakota Communities
• Better identify and treat Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome: Minnesota Hospital Association
• Medication assisted treatment training program: Broadway Family Medicine