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Treatment & Recovery Supports Initiatives:

1. Continue to increase the # of outpatient clinics that have medication assisted opioid treatment available; a sub-set of those (“enhanced” clinics) will also have employment services, a recovery coach and case management. (CB-MATe providers are: The Village, Hill Health, CNV Help; CB-MAT providers are: CHR (Bloomfield), CT Counseling (Stamford, Meriden), CASA (Bridgeport), and Connection (TBD).

2. Continue to provide treatment vouchers for substance abuse residential in conjunction with MAT for people un-insured or under-insured. (Advanced Behavioral Health)

3. Continue to expand the number of hospitals from the original 4 (Manchester, Windham, L&M, Backus) to 10 having on-call CCAR Recovery Coaches for their Emergency Departments. (Danbury, MidState, St. Francis, Day Kimball, Bridgeport, Charlotte Hungerford).

4. Continue to expand DOC’s “Living Free” re-entry initiative that involves extensive in-reach pre-release, followed by treatment post-release. (CMHA).

5. Continue to implement MAT induction at Osborne DOC pre-release center. (CHR).


7. Continue to expand the JD-CSSD “Treatment Program Pathway”: clinician evaluates in court, and then recommends treatment to judge. (SCADD, New London court; MCCA, Torrington and Waterbury courts).

8. Continue to support the implementation of the “Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion” (LEAD) initiative. (Cornell Scott, New Haven; Inter-Community, Hartford).

9. Continue to support Recovery Coaches at methadone clinics. (CASA, New Haven; CHR, Putnam; CT Counseling, Waterbury; Cornell Scott, New Haven).

Prevention Initiatives:

1. Together with DCP, DPH and DCF, continue the opioid use targeted social media campaign. (In conjunction with SPF RX grant, “Change the Script” has been launched. Communities are utilizing materials and conducting events, billboards are up and mall signage is displayed through mid-June. Clearinghouse will maintain a database of statewide utilization of the campaign).

2. Utilizing five Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations (RBHAO’s), formerly RAC’s, promote Narcan training and distribution. (RBHAO’s will continue to provide training and distribute Narcan).

3. Develop a hybrid, interactive web based training and a webinar along with an accompanying users guide on Opioid Education and Awareness. (Training & Technical Assistance Service Center – they have developed learning objectives and are beginning production).
4. Provide 5 training and education sessions to major corporations, utilizing the Opioid Education and Awareness Hybrid. (Governors Prevention Partnership – working on cultivating relationships).

5. Through the CT Clearinghouse, provide mini-grants to 16 college campuses under the Connecticut Healthy Campus Initiative (CHCI). (16 campuses will receive funding in the amount of $10,000 each to implement campus based public awareness/education events – current 13 awardees will receive contract extension and original RFP will be amended and issued to solicit 3 more campuses).

6. Provide at least two trainings to institutions of higher education via the Connecticut Healthy Campus Initiative on customization of the Change the Script materials for use on college campuses. (TTASC target date fall 2018).

7. Through five Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations (RBHAO’s), provide mini-grants to Community Coalitions with preference given to Local Prevention Councils. (65 communities are implementing public awareness and education activities/events).

8. Implement 5 programs across the state that train parents in both English and Spanish on communicating effectively with children on the dangers of drug use. (Courage to Speak – year 2 contract amendment is executed and training dates are being determined).


10. Continue to support a statewide Youth Coordinator to facilitate the development of a statewide recovery support system for youth. (Wheeler Clinic).

11. Continue to provide weekly opioid education and family support meetings in six locations statewide. (Clifford Beers, New Haven; CRT, Hartford (Spanish); McCall, Torrington; NAMI, Hartford; Sound, New London; Wheeler Clinic, Plainville).


13. Continue to provide faith-based education: Clergy training in 5 churches: “Imani Breakthrough” (PRCH).

14. Continue to provide education and crisis de-briefings for clinicians who lose clients to overdoses. (UCONN working with DBHRN teams).

15. Provide training to professionals to support clinicians working with individuals with OUDs. (Dr. Manny Paris; Dr. Luis Anez)

16. Outreach and engagement @ “drop-in center”. (Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition)

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