

FYI Fridays

(Policy Guidance and DBH Updates)

July 6, 2018

1. **Allocation Letters** – FY 2019 allocation letters were emailed to providers earlier this week. Please notify Cathy Wilde at 573-751-9478 or cathy.wilde@dmh.mo.gov if you have not received your letter. For any questions regarding your FY 2019 allocations please contact Becky Wolken at 573-526-6961.
2. **BPHC Bulletin: Opt In for NHSC Substance Use Disorder Treatment Funding** - Later this year, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) will make available an additional \$105 million in [NHSC Loan Repayment Program](#) awards that expand and improve access to quality opioid and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment in rural and underserved areas. In addition to NHSC sites, this funding will be available to new categories of outpatient services.

All NHSC sites—including health centers and NHSC auto-approved sites—must opt in for their providers to be eligible for this additional SUD treatment funding. You are eligible to opt in if your site provides any of these services:

- Opioid treatment program (OTP)—Facilities certified by SAMHSA
- Office-based opioid treatment (OBOT)—Outpatient facilities with providers eligible to administer medication-assisted treatment (MAT)
- Non-opioid outpatient SUD treatment facilities—Outpatient facilities that offer SUD treatment services (but do not provide MAT) as demonstrated on their website or other organizational materials

Once you opt in, providers at your approved site will be eligible for up to \$75,000 in loan repayment in exchange for three years of service. Members of the SUD integrated treatment team who qualify for NHSC SUD treatment expansion include:

- Physicians
- Nurse practitioners
- Physician assistants who are eligible to administer MAT
- SUD counselors
- Behavioral health professionals

To maximize flexibility and resources available to SUD expansion efforts, NHSC will allow applicants serving at NHSC-approved SUD sites to apply under either the mental health or primary care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score, whichever is higher. This option is not available for the traditional NHSC Loan Repayment Program.

You must opt in to take advantage of this opportunity. Submit an inquiry through your [Customer Service Portal](#) account by following these steps. If you have multiple sites, repeat these steps for **each site** you want to opt in.

1. Select a site from your site list.
2. Scroll down to the “Ask a Question” box and select “Ask a Question about the NHSC.”
3. Submit your inquiry with the following parameters:
 - Category: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Documentation
 - Description: Opt-in SUD Expansion

4. List all SUD services that are provided at the site:

- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- General Substance Use Disorder Treatment

The deadline to provide this information is **Tuesday, July 17, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. If you have additional questions, contact your [state lead in HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce](#)

3. **Language Matters** - The [Language Matters Awareness Card](#) was developed in conjunction with the ATTC Network's initiative for reducing stigma and discrimination through the use of appropriate language when talking about substance use disorders or persons who have this disease. The use of affirming language inspires hope and advances recovery. [Download your copy here!](#)

4. **"Substance Use Disorders in the Zero Suicide Framework" Webinar - Tuesday, July 10, 2018 | 3:30–5 p.m. Eastern Time**. Suicide and drug overdose deaths in the United States, regardless of age or race, have increased since 2001, and the rate of drug overdose deaths surpassed that of suicide in 2015. Individuals who struggle with substance misuse and abuse are at higher risk for suicide.

Join SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Resource Center for a webinar that will highlight innovative ways that health and behavioral health care organizations are changing organizational practices and providing improved care for patients with substance use disorders who are at heightened risk for overdose and suicide. [Register for the Webinar](#)

5. **Treating a Patient with a Co-Occurring Disorder - Wednesday, July 18 at 2pm ET**

This webinar on the treatment of co-occurring disorders is led by addiction psychiatrist Antoine Douaihy, a prominent expert in the use of Motivational Interviewing. To register: <https://my.ireta.org/onlineEd/login/index.php>

6. **2018 Regional Suicide Prevention Conferences** – Register at <https://suicidepreventionconference.com/>
Cape Girardeau – July 19
Columbia – August 2
Kansas City – September 21

7. **Upcoming Peer Training** - The MCB will be offering a Certified Peer Specialist training for those wanting to apply for the Certified Peer Specialist credential. Many of these trainings fill up but there are currently a number of spots open for the training in [Kirksville, MO August 6th through August 10th](#). To apply for any of the peer trainings including the August Kirksville training, go to www.mopeerspecialist.com and click on the training application link. If you have any questions contact the MCB office at 573-616-2300 or help@missouricb.com.

Look for updates on different topics/initiatives next Friday!