



Pinellas County

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9/9/2021	1	Board of County Commissioners	approved	Pass

Subject:

Grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for Assisted Outpatient Treatment services for individuals with serious mental illness.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the continuation year-four grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) services for individuals with serious mental illness. Approval of the delegation to the County Administrator to execute all subrecipient agreements and contracts.

- The funding will support year four of the AOT grant program.
- AOT provides court ordered involuntary, outpatient treatment services to individuals meeting statutory criteria. Through July 31, 2021, the program has served 107 clients.
- The grant provides a base award of \$997,160.00 per year; Years 1, 2, and 3 awards totaled \$1,022,160.00 (\$997,160.00 base award + \$25,000.00 technical assistance supplement) for a four-year total award of \$4,063,640.00.
- There is no match or cost sharing requirements.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener and purchaser of services for those in need

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

The AOT program allowed the County to implement a new program within the mental health system to address an unmet need for individuals with a serious mental illness (SMI) who have been court-ordered to treatment. The County's goals are to 1) reduce Baker Act re-admission rates among this population; 2) reduce interactions with law enforcement due to non-compliance with court orders; 3) improve integration with primary medical care and preventive health services; and 4) integrate key community programs including the jail diversion program with the courts, Public Defender's Office, crisis stabilization units and treatment providers.

As of July 31, 2021, there were 23 active AOT clients with a total of 107 clients served since the program's inception.

This program added a new, dedicated treatment team within the community to focus on the ongoing stabilization of individuals under civil commitment. The County anticipates serving 181 clients over the lifetime of the grant.

Background Information:

Pinellas County received the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) AOT grant Notice of Award on September 27, 2018. Partners collaborated to set up the AOT operating procedures and the program accepted the first client in February of 2019. The County sought to increase capacity of services and evidence based mental health services to approximately 181 adult individuals over the four year grant program who have a SMI and have been court-ordered to receive treatment services. Serious mental illness includes those with a diagnosis of schizophrenia, major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, psychotic disorders, delusional disorder, and/or obsessive-compulsive disorder.

The County has partnered with Personal Enrichment for Mental Health Services (PEMHS), Largo Medical Center, BayCare, Directions for Living, the Public Defender's Office, and Pinellas County's Sixth Judicial Circuit for coordinated referral, treatment and supportive services. By assisting clients with discharge planning following assessment and evaluation, the program will provide a stable foundation to receive treatment for the client's mental health disorders. Individuals receive coordinated behavioral health services in a timely manner, reduce their chance for readmission or arrest, and benefit from a full array of services to ensure successful treatment outcomes.

Fiscal Impact:

The four-year federal grant award totals \$4,063,640.00 with \$1,022,160.00 in Years 1, 2, and 3 (\$997,160.00 base award + \$25,000.00 technical assistance supplement) and \$997,160.00 for the remaining year. There is no match required. Appropriation to support related grant activities is consistent with the development of the FY22 Tentative Budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Personal Enrichment for Mental Health Services (PEMHS)
Largo Medical Center
BayCare Hospital System
Directions for Living
Pinellas County Public Defender's Office

University of South Florida, Florida Mental Health Institute
Pinellas County's Sixth Judicial Circuit
State Attorney's Office

Attachments:

Notice of Grant Award

Non Competing Continuation Application Submission Package