

# ***FYI Fridays***

## **(Policy Guidance and DBH Updates)**

June 15, 2018

1. **Budget Update** – Governor Parson has not yet signed the FY 2019 DMH budget bill.
2. **Allocation Letters** – Fiscal staff are finalizing the FY 2019 allocation letters and hope to get them out as soon as the Governor signs the bill.
3. **Opioid Funding Announcement!** - SAMHSA has announced that it is now accepting applications for \$930 million in State Opioid Response Grants as it continues its efforts to address the opioid crisis. This funding aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to evidence-based, medication-assisted treatment; reducing unmet treatment need; and reducing opioid-related overdose deaths.

“The State Opioid Response Grants were designed to meet the specific needs of communities within each state and territory,” explained Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Dr. Elinore F. McCance-Katz. “The grants will expand capacity to provide much needed evidence-based care to people who haven’t yet been reached.”

SAMHSA will award the grants to states and territories in support of their ongoing efforts to provide prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. Fifteen percent of the total funds are set aside to provide extra support to states that have been hardest hit by the crisis. States and territories will use the grants to design and implement plans which specifically meet their needs.

**Missouri is eligible to receive just over \$18 million dollars each year for two years!!** Stay tuned as more information becomes available.

4. **Communicable Disease Contract Requirements** - REMINDER: For providers who receive SUD block grant funds, the following requirements apply (this language comes from your contract).

### **Communicable Diseases Risk Assessment, Education, Testing and Counseling**

- 8.1 The contractor shall have a **working relationship with the local health department, physician, or other qualified healthcare provider in the community to provide any necessary testing services for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), tuberculosis (TB), sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and Hepatitis.**
- 8.2 The contractor **shall arrange for HIV, TB, STDs and Hepatitis testing to be available to the consumer at any time during the course of the consumer’s treatment.**
- 8.3 The contractor shall **make referrals and cooperate with appropriate entities to ensure coordinated treatment, as appropriate, is provided for any consumers with positive tests.**
- 8.4 The contractor shall **ensure staff providing pre-test and post-test counseling services are knowledgeable about communicable diseases including HIV, TB, and STDs through training and/or previous employment experience.**
  - a. The contractor’s staff’s **knowledge shall include awareness of risks, disease management/treatment and resources for care, and confidentiality requirements when working with special populations.**

b. The contractor's staff providing these services shall also be competent to therapeutically assist consumers to understand and appropriately respond to test results.

8.5 The contractor shall provide or arrange individual post-test counseling for consumers who test positive for HIV or TB. Contractor staff providing post-test counseling must be knowledgeable about additional services and care coordination available through the DHSS.

8.6 The contractor shall arrange and coordinate, as necessary, post-test follow-up for consumers who test positive for STDs or Hepatitis.

8.7 The contractor shall provide group education with substance users and/or significant others of substance users to discuss risk reduction and the myths and facts about HIV/TB/STD/Hepatitis and the risk factors for contracting these diseases.

5. **LGBT Resource** – Increasingly, providers are having to problem-solve on how to ensure all clients, including those in the LGBT community, receive the best care in a supportive environment. *A Provider's Introduction to Substance Abuse Treatment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Individuals* is available from SAMHSA. (Obviously I didn't name it!) <https://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA12-4104/SMA12-4104.pdf>.

This document seeks to inform administrators and clinicians about appropriate diagnosis and treatment approaches that will help ensure the development or enhancement of effective LGBT-sensitive programs. Serving as both a reference tool and program guide, it provides statistical and demographic information, prevalence data, case examples and suggested interventions, treatment guidelines and approaches, and organizational policies and procedures.

6. **Women's Services Coordinator** – Just an FYI, **Natalie Cook**, Manager of Integrated Care, has taken on an additional area of specialty: Women's Substance Use Disorders. Currently, she's involved in numerous collaboratives that are focusing on pregnant and post-partum women with OUD and the issues surrounding the births of babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).
7. **Opioid Crisis Management Team Training** - The next Opioid Crisis Management Training will be held in Kansas City on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 (1pm to 5pm). The focus of the trainings will be on the Medical, Psychosocial, and Administrative aspects of implementing evidence-based opioid treatment programs. Each event will include brief presentations, followed by topic-specific breakout sessions and group dialogue about barriers and solutions. Please register at the link below, and please send this to colleagues who you think would be interested:

The Aladdin Holiday Inn Hotel  
Roof Garden Ballroom 16th Floor  
1215 Wyandotte Street  
Kansas City, MO 64105

Register here: <https://katiehorst.wufoo.com/forms/mfumvbb0m3phgd/>

***Look for updates on different topics/initiatives next Friday!***