Opioid Settlement Recommendations

Substance Awareness Center

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Possible Strategies to Address the Opioid Crisis in IRC

- 1. Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan
- 2. Jail Treatment Program
- 3. Mobile Outreach Van
- 4. Training
- 5. Expanding SAC Treatment and Prevention Services



The Issue: 2021 NSDUH Data



of people aged 12 and older with a Substance Use Disorder did not receive treatment.

Reasons for not receiving treatment:

- No health care coverage and not being able to afford the cost of treatment
- Not knowing where to go for treatment
- Not being able to find a program that offered the type of treatment they wanted
- They could handle the problem without treatment
- Concerned that getting treatment might have a negative effect on their job

Substance Use Needs Assessment

Goal: Understand the unique needs of Indian River County and persons

most impacted by the opioid crisis.

Areas of Focus:

- Comprehensive data analysis
- Key Informant/Focus Group Interviews with those directly impacted by the opioid epidemic
- Update the Sequential Intercept Mapping done by USF in 2018
- Strategic planning meeting to strengthen the system of care in IRC from prevention to recovery.



Estimated Cost: \$35,000 to 50,000 Quote provided by CARE Team



Jail Treatment Program

Goal: Reduce the Impact of Substance Use Disorder

- Estimated 65% of the United States jail/prison population has an active Substance Use Disorder.
- Lack of treatment services in jail was identified as a gap on the 2018 Sequential Intercept Mapping

Recommendation:

- Intensive jail-based treatment program
 (DCF License IOP or Day Treatment 9-16 hours of services per week)
- Include MAT services in collaboration with TCCH
- Data from current SAC programming highlights need to expand services.
- Several comments from May-August 2023 cohorts expressed wanting longer sessions and more services.

Mobile Outreach Van

Goal: Reduce barriers and increase access to services.

- Mobile Outreach Vans are an effective tool to engage hard to reach populations
- Can provide variety of services related to substance use treatment and prevention.
- Service suggestions for a Mobile Outreach Van in Indian River County:
 - Mobile urine collections
 - Overdose education including Narcan dissemination
 - Screening and referrals for Treatment
 - Peer Outreach and Support





Training

Goal: Reduce stigma and increase knowledge about SUD

Stigma can have a significant impact individuals with SUD

- Can reduce willingness for persons with SUD to seek treatment
- Can also impact care provided by health care providers

Recommendation:

- Form task force or committee
- Create a training plan to meet community needs
 - Focus on training for healthcare providers, businesses, law enforcement, and the judicial system.



Expanding SAC Treatment and Prevention

Goal: Reduce the Impact of Substance Use Disorder

- Provides treatment and prevention services in Indian River County since 1989.
- Provides services regardless of ability to pay.
 - Treatment clients pay an average of \$3 a visit.
- All programs offered under Prevention Works! and Recovery Works!
 are acceptable uses of Settlement Funds.
- Current capacity is limited due to lack of space.
- Additional funding can increase the capacity of Substance Awareness
 Center to provide treatment and prevention services to Indian River
 County.

Key Takeaways

Focus: Increase community capacity to better serve individuals with Substance Use Disorder

- 1. Needs Assessment- Road Map for Long Term Success
- 2. Jail Treatment Program- Reduce recidivism, relapse, misconduct, and increase positive engagement
- 3. Mobile Outreach Van- Reduce barriers, increase access and engagement
- 4. System-wide Trainings- Change knowledge and attitudes
- **5. Expand SAC Treatment and Prevention-** Reduce substance misuse, increase positive coping skills, resistance skills, and functioning.

