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Foundation for Opioid Response (FORE)

Improving Hospital Inpatient Management
of Opioid Use Disorders in Rural
Communities

Community Partner Toolkit

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Introduction:

A grant from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) has provided an opportunity to explore, in partnership with patients and families, methods to improve care and treatment for people admitted, for any reason, to the hospital who also have problems with substance use. This is a quality improvement pilot project which will happen in four acute care hospitals with learnings being disseminated statewide.

Including the Lived Experience:

An important part of this project is the inclusion of all voices. This project will be using an Experience Based Co-Design model, which is a way to engage patients, families, staff, and clinicians, in the design, implementation and evaluation of initiatives to address the needs of patients. We want to hear from many community members. This is where your help is needed!

We are looking to include individuals who live in rural areas, have an Opioid/Substance Use Disorder (O/SUD) or are in recovery from an O/SUD and have been hospitalized in the last 2 years for any reason. We want to include participants who are representative of the community you serve. We are looking for participants willing and able to participate in two meetings about 2 hours long which will take place in the Fall of 2020. Participants will receive a gift card for each meeting they attend.

How can you help?

We want to hear from those with lived experience!

- Share the Participant Project Invitation within your communities, among colleagues, volunteers, clients or members.
- Encourage participants to contact Carrie McFadden, Project Coordinator *or* with the individuals' permission share their name and contact information with Carrie. Gift cards, meeting invitations and Zoom links will be sent electronically. Individual contact information will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

If individuals want to participate but are not able to access email or Zoom other accommodations can be made on an individual basis. All collected ideas and information about patients and families will be held in confidence. Thank you for your willingness to share and assist in recruiting for this quality improvement project.

More information on the Experienced Based Co-Design (EBCD) Model:

Consists of a series of meetings including the following:

1. Patients, families, staff and clinicians first meet in separate focus groups with the goal of systematically identifying the pain point and opportunities for improvement. Problem statements will be generated and prioritized.
2. Combined Co-Design Group: focus groups that will be combining hospital staff, clinicians with former patients to generate and prioritize solutions.
3. Learning Collaborative and Co-Design Work Groups: These will be on going meetings to implement and evaluate the solutions generated from the Co-Design groups. Patient participants will be invited to attend these meetings.
4. All findings will be shared among all community partners.

Due to COVID-19, the groups will be held virtually through Zoom.

Please reach out with any questions.

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Lend us Your Voice!

We, the Foundation for Healthy Communities, are working on a quality improvement project to improve care in hospitals of patients who have problems with substances.

- **Do you live in a rural area?**
- **Have you been admitted to the hospital in the last two years for any reason, and if so, what was that experience like for you?**
- **Maybe you feel like things went well and that you were provided with just what you needed, or maybe there were some things that could have gone better?**

We believe that the best way to improve care is to bring in people with lived experience to help design a process that consistently provides the best care possible to every patient. Whether your experiences were good or bad, *we want to hear from you!*



Time Commitment
2 Virtual Meetings
2 hours/meeting
Fall 2020



You Will Receive
A \$50 Amazon Gift
for each meeting you
attend



Participation
Sharing your
experience can
improve care for all

By sharing your experience as a patient during a recent hospital stay, your insight will help improve the way care is delivered for other patients.

Contact Carrie today at 603-731-0032 or via email at cmcfadden@healthynh.org for more information.



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Foundation for Healthy Communities Awarded \$586K Grant from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) to Improve Access to Opioid Treatment

One of 19 Organizations Selected Nationwide on the Front Lines of the Opioid Crisis

Concord, NH (March 12, 2020) – The Foundation for Healthy Communities was recently awarded more than \$586,000 in grant funding from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) to enhance access to access to treatment for those with an opioid use disorder in an inpatient hospital setting.

A private, national organization focused on contributing sustainable and scalable solutions to the opioid crisis, FORE awarded \$10.1 million in grants to 19 organizations across the country, supporting projects that address access to opioid use disorder treatment and services in urban, rural, minority, tribal, and low-income communities. Recognizing the urgency of the crisis, FORE wanted to inspire and accelerate action toward ending the overdose epidemic by convening and supporting stakeholders advancing patient-centered, evidence-based solutions to opioid use disorder and overdose.

The FORE grant will help support New Hampshire hospitals in the development and implementation of strategies to care for patients with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in the acute care setting, and as evidence-based solutions to the crisis, are designed to adopted and sustained as best practices.

“We’re extremely honored to have been selected by FORE to be a part of this program and among such distinguished colleagues who are working to address the opioid crisis,” stated FHC Executive Director Peter Ames. “This award is a testament to our current work in implementing solutions to the opioid crisis, and we’re excited to strengthen those efforts with our hospital partners in the inpatient setting.”

The FORE grant will address existing gaps in addiction treatment in New Hampshire for hospital inpatient populations, while engaging this vulnerable population in identifying and testing solution strategies. The project will be implemented through the Experience Based Co-Design (EBCD) model, an approach that includes participation from all stakeholders, including patients, and will provide innovative methods and strategies to further access to lifesaving treatment for OUD patients.

A survey conducted by the Foundation for Healthy Communities in August 2019 revealed that only 9 of the 26 acute care hospitals in the state are currently providing OUD medications for addiction treatment in the inpatient setting. Anecdotal reports from hospitals in NH suggest that OUD affected patients in inpatient settings are more likely to leave the hospital against medical advice, inappropriately receive pain medications,

experience disruptions in their established care, or whose recovery from the admission illness or injury was impaired by unidentified or unmanaged OUD.

Karen Scott, M.D., M.P.H., President of FORE, said, “Our objective is to identify and fund patient-centered, innovative, and evidence-based projects that will expand learning and offer solutions. These initial 19 grantees meet that objective. They are strong examples of piloting or expanding innovative approaches for improving access to treatment for populations at high risk of overdose.”

In response to its first request for proposals, FORE received responses from 443 organizations from 46 states. The 19 projects were selected after rigorous review by a panel of 50 independent experts from across the country. They include several projects that are developing or expanding models to better deliver treatment services to adults, adolescents, pregnant or parenting women, justice-involved persons, and uninsured populations. Other funded projects are addressing payment and regulatory policies to increase access to treatment or provide telehealth, mobile, and rural hospital services. In addition, a consortium of leading national organizations is receiving funding for initiatives to improve care delivery in emergency departments across the country.

“FORE is committed to determining what works, where it works, and why so that best practices can be disseminated and sustained,” Dr. Scott added.

The 19 grantees with their project service areas and titles are:

NATIONAL INITIATIVES

National Emergency Medicine Consortium

These three organizations are leaders in improving care of patients with opioid use disorder in the emergency department and will work collaboratively to further advance that work across the country.

- **American College of Emergency Physicians/Emergency Medicine Foundation**: Meeting Patients at the Front Door—Initiating Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery in Our Nation’s Emergency Department
- **Massachusetts General Hospital**: ‘Get Waivered’ National: Increasing the number of emergency department physicians able to prescribe buprenorphine for treatment of opioid use disorder
- **Public Health Institute (National and California)**: California Bridge: Emergency Department Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Initiative

National Academy for State Health Policy: State Policy Center for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Access

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey: Integrating Medications for Opioid Use Disorder into Primary Care: Innovative Payer and Provider Strategies for Improving Treatment, Engagement, Retention, Outcomes, and Disparities

Urban Institute: Improving Access to the Continuum of Care for Opioid Use Disorder for Low-Income Adolescents and Young Adults

STATE AND LOCAL INITIATIVES

Alabama

University of Alabama at Birmingham: Strategic Plans to Combat Opioid Use Disorder in the State of Alabama

Alaska

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium: Opioid Use Recovery, Honoring & Empowering Local Providers (OUR HELP)

Illinois

Illinois Association of Free & Charitable Clinics: Illinois Free and Charitable Clinics Response to Opioid Use Disorder

Maryland and Michigan

Michigan State University: Training Peer Recovery Coaches to Promote Retention and Adherence to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Among Low-Income Adults

University of Maryland: Treatment with Buprenorphine through Telemedicine in a Rural Criminal Justice Setting

New Hampshire

Foundation for Healthy Communities: Improving Hospital Inpatient Management of Opioid Use Disorders in Rural Communities

New York

Housing Works (New York City): Scaling up a Toolkit to Improve Retention and Adherence in Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment

North Carolina

Mountain Area Health Education Center: Building Access to Care Through Community Health Centers to Treat Opioid Use Disorder/Establishment of North Carolina Regional Addiction Medicine Programs

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Horizons Program: Jenna's Project: Supporting Women's Re-entry to Society from Prison and Re-connection with Children

North Dakota

University of North Dakota: Don't Quit the Quit: Treatment Services and Culturally-Responsive Community Support for Pregnant and Parenting Women with Opioid Use Disorder

Pennsylvania

Allegheny Health Network (Pittsburgh & Western Pennsylvania): Mobile Community-Based Engagement and Retention for Persons with Opioid Use Disorder

Thomas Jefferson University (Philadelphia): Lowering Barriers, Saving Lives, Reclaiming Health: Integrating Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

West Virginia

Cabin Creek Health Systems: Enhancing and Expanding Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Southern Appalachia Communities

About FORE

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ORGANIZATION LOGO

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Contact: NAME, TITLE

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ORGANIZATION SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE GRANT DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO OPIOID TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS

CITY / TOWN, NH (AUGUST XX, 2020) – ORGANIZATION NAME was recently selected to work with the Foundation for Healthy Communities as part of a new grant project that aims to enhance access to access to treatment for those with an opioid use disorder in an inpatient hospital setting.

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The Foundation for Healthy Communities is a leader in convening diverse partners around the common goal of health improvement. We believe that everyone has a right to better health no matter who you are or where you live. With the help of our funding partners, we empower people and organizations with the tools and strategies to effectively improve health and address the needs of our state.

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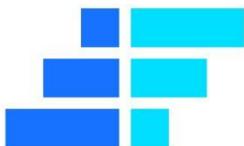
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