

SAMHSA TRIBAL UPDATE

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Session Overview

- SAMHSA's Work with Tribes
- Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy
- National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda (TBHA)
- SAMHSA Tribal-Only Grant Programs
- Tribal Entities are Eligible for Many Programs
- Improving Tribal Access to Grants
- Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application
- Tribal Opioid Response Grant
- Data Collection Tool
- AI/AN Technology Transfer Centers
- Technical and Other Assistance

SAMHSA'S WORK WITH TRIBES

- SAMHSA is committed to improving the behavioral health of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs)
- This is partially reflected by:
 - Administrative establishment of the Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy
 - Response to the Tribal Law and Order Act to address Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse
 - Response to advice from the SAMHSA Tribal Technical Advisory Committee and other tribal leaders
 - Improvement in the discretionary grants that tribes are eligible for
 - Tribal-only programs and set asides in discretionary grants for tribes
 - Technical assistance resources

OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS AND POLICY (OTAP)

- Established in August 2014
- New OTAP Director, Dr. Alec Thundercloud
- Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use on tribal matters
 - Serves as the internal and external SAMHSA point of contact for tribal, tribal organization, and urban Indian organization behavioral health policy and program matters
 - Oversees SAMHSA tribal consultation policy and related matters
 - Leads SAMHSA outreach, education, and engagement Initiatives
- Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse (IASA)
 - Leads coordination of IASA efforts with IHS and Departments of Justice and Interior in response to the Tribal Law and Order Act

National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda

- SAMHSA released the first TBHA in 2016 in collaboration with tribal leaders, IHS, and NIHB.
- TBHA is a roadmap that establishes collaborative priorities to improve tribal behavioral health.
- TBHA includes a Cultural Wisdom Declaration which addresses barriers to implementing culturally relevant health promotion and healing interventions into initiatives by Tribes, Federal agencies, and others.
- Tribes can address the TBHA's foundational elements, priorities, and strategies in SAMHSA grant applications.

SAMHSA Tribal Only Grant Programs

- **Tribal Behavioral Health Grant (TBHG/Native Connections)**

Purpose is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance use, reduce Impact of trauma, and promote mental health among AI/AN young people up to and including age 24

- **Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Grant Program**

- Intent is to reduce unmet treatment need and opioid overdose-related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and/or recovery activities for opioid use disorder

SAMHSA TRIBAL ONLY GRANT PROGRAMS (cont'd)

Circles of Care (COC) Program

Intent is to reduce the gap between the need for mental health services; availability and coordination of mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders; and, impact of historical trauma

TRIBAL ENTITIES ELIGIBLE FOR MANY PROGRAMS

- **Mental Health**
 - Suicide Prevention, Integrated Care, Children's Mental Health, Peer Support Services, Treatment/Support for Youth and Young Adults with Serious Emotional Disturbances/Serious Mental Illness, and Homelessness
- **Substance Abuse Prevention**
 - Prevention of use of underage drinking, Substance use/HIV prevention
- **Substance Abuse Treatment**
 - Drug courts (adults, family, tribal), Offender re-entry, Recovery support, Homelessness, Substance Use/HIV, Treatment for Pregnant/Postpartum Women, Treatment for Opioid Abuse

IMPROVING TRIBAL ACCESS TO GRANTS

- In FY 2019, SAMHSA substantially improved opportunities for tribes by establishing set-asides in 10 out of 25 new FOAs.
 - Systems of Care: Out of 24 awards 5 tribal set-asides
 - Project Launch: Out of 15 awards 3 tribal set-asides
 - Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success Program: Out of 127 awards 25 tribal set-asides
 - Minority AIDS Initiative – Out of 24 awards 3 tribal set asides

IMPROVING TRIBAL ACCESS (cont'd)

- Medication Assisted Treatment for Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (MAT-PDOA) (FY18)
 - Intended to expand/enhance access to medication-assisted treatment services for persons with an opioid use disorder
 - 7 Tribal entities received funding
 - Averaging \$450,000 to \$1.5 million
- State Opioid Response (SOR) grant program
 - Requires states to assess the needs of tribes and ensure those are incorporated into state SOR plans
 - SAMHSA's Assistant Secretary, Elinore McCance-Katz sent a second letter to Governors requesting they ensure tribes, tribal organizations, and AI/ANs are engaged and involved in state programs.

SAMSHA AI/AN ATTC

- Serves as national subject matter experts and key authorities on resources for the adoption of culturally appropriate addiction treatment/recovery services.
- Focuses specifically on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI & AN) communities
- Support professionals working with AI & AN clients suffering from substance use and other behavioral health disorders, prominently including the AI & AN behavioral health workforce, using recognized state-of-the-art technology transfer principles.
- Provides specific training and technical assistance to TOR grantees
- <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/home>

Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application

- In response to feedback from tribal representatives.
- SAMHSA hosted two webinars (March, June 2019) designed for tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations on how to develop a competitive SAMHSA grant application.
- Webinar series provides clarification on specific requirements on submitting a grant application, preparing a grant budget, completing standard government forms, and providing information on the grant review process.

FY18 TRIBAL OPIOID RESPONSE (TOR) GRANTS

- In FY18, 132 tribal grants were awarded for \$50,000,000
- Tribes applied individually and others formed partnerships
- Some tribal grantees were awarded multi-year funds
- Grant distribution methodology was based on the service population

FY19 TRIBAL OPIOID RESPONSE (TOR) GRANTS

- FY19 TOR FOA was released on June 7, 2019.
Application deadline is August 6, 2019!
- SAMHSA anticipates awarding 163 tribal grants for \$35,985,372.
- Eligibility is limited to federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations. Tribes and tribal organizations may elect to apply as part of a consortia or in partnership with urban Indian organizations. Tribes and tribal organizations may only be included in one grant application.
- FY19 TOR is available only to tribal entities that were **NOT** awarded in FY18.
- **If you did not receive a TOR grant in 2018 and your is not listed in Appendix K (Page 77) of the FOA, you apply for \$50,000.**

DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data collection tool approved for the TOR grant.
- SAMHSA's Performance Accountability and Reporting System (SPARS).
- Virtual session will be announced soon.

SAMHSA TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTERS

- Technology Transfer Centers (TTCs) focusing on addiction, prevention, and treatment
- Develop and strengthen the specialized behavioral healthcare and primary healthcare workforce that provides substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health prevention, treatment and recovery support services.
- The TTCs include dedicated Centers that focuses on improving service delivery to American Indian Alaska Native populations.

SAMHSA AI/AN MHTTC

- Works with treatment practitioners to improve the delivery of mental health services to AI/AN individuals, families, and tribal and urban Indian communities.
- Provides education and training for certification exams and clinical supervision opportunities for mental health professionals
- Recently published the first newsletter issue entitled "Our Youth and their Trauma".
- Website:<https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-mhttc/home>

- Provide training and technical assistance services to the substance abuse prevention field including professionals, para-professionals, organizations and others in the prevention community focused on AI/AN communities.
- Recently, a publication entitled, "Connecting Prevention Specialists to Native Communities".
- Website:<https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-alaska-native-pttc/home>

ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) provides a virtual learning lab designed to help state- and community-level partnerships build and improve more effective prevention efforts. The center also include resources for suicide prevention in specific settings such as schools, college campuses, and American Indian/Alaska Native communities.
Website:<http://www.sprc.org/>
- **National Toll-Free Line**
 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (link is external) Free and confidential support for people in distress, 24/7: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
 - Disaster Distress Helpline Immediate crisis counseling related to disasters, 24/7: 1-800-985-5990
 - National Helpline Treatment referral and information, 24/7: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

SAMHSA's Evidenced Based Resource Center

- Aims to provide communities, clinicians, policy-makers and others in the field with the information and tools they need to incorporate evidence-based practices into their communities or clinical settings
- Contains a collection of scientifically-based resources for a broad range of audiences, including Treatment Improvement Protocols, toolkits, resource guides, clinical practice guidelines, and other science-based resources
- www.samhsa.gov/ebp-resource-center

SAMHSA Knowledge Network

SAMHSA's premier library of behavioral health training, technical assistance, collaboration, and workforce development resources for the health care community.

- <https://knowledge.samhsa.gov>

Collaborative Approach to Treatment of Pregnant Women

- This document offers best practices to states, tribes, and local communities on collaborative treatment approaches for pregnant women living with opioid use disorders, and the risks and benefits associated with MAT
- <https://store.samhsa.gov/system/files/sma16-4978.pdf>

Provider Clinical Support System

- **PCSS provides evidence-based training and resources** to give healthcare providers the skills and knowledge they need to treat patients with OUD. Join the dedicated health professionals who are making a difference in millions of lives.
- <https://pcssnow.org/>

- This initiative has one simple mission. To advance the use of a person-centered approach to care for people who have serious mental illness (SMI). How do we do that? Better clinical support. Better resources for families. Better answers when you need to know what to do next.
- EDUCATION, CONSULTATIONS, *ANSWERS, FOR CLINICIANS*
- <https://smiadviser.org/>

Opioid Response Network

- The Opioid Response Network (ORN) provides training and technical assistance via local experts across the country, focusing on applying evidence-based practices in prevention, treatment and recovery to meet locally identified needs.
- <https://opioidresponsenetwork.org/SubmitTARequest.aspx>

Thank You!

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