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**Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)
FFY23 Mini Application Overview**

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The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) is part of the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP) within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). Pursuant to NRS 458.025 and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 458, SAPTA has the regulatory authority to govern the substance-related prevention and treatment programs and services. As such, SAPTA serves as the SSA for the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. The role of the SSA with respect to the delivery of substance use disorder services includes: 1) formulation and implementation of a state plan for prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support; 2) statewide coordination and distribution of all state and federal funding (tax dollars, general fund, and grants) for community-based public and nonprofit organizations; 3) development and publication of standards for certification, such as the requirement that certified programs adopt evidenced-based programs and practices; and 4) certification of facilities, programs, and services.

The State of Nevada has a comprehensive process to oversee the statewide substance use prevention and treatment programs. Programs receiving any state or federal funding through DPBH must be certified by the Division as required in NRS 458/NAC 458, which relates to operational; personnel; programmatic; and clinical services. In addition, Medicaid Chapter 400 requires any programs seeking reimbursement for substance use treatment and/or co-occurring treatment under Provider Type 17-215 be certified through SAPTA under NAC 458 and Division Criteria established through NAC 458. SAPTA, through its contractor, the University of Nevada, Reno's Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) certifies the coalitions, prevention, and treatment programs based on the types of services they provide. SAPTA maintains an on-line database for treatment services with quality indicators to assist individuals in locating treatment programs across the state.

Program Funding

Financing behavioral health services in Nevada depends on state general fund revenue with contributions from grants and Medicaid. Each service system has its own budget established within the state system. The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), also known as Nevada Medicaid, operates Medicaid Fee-For-Service (rural Nevada); the Managed Care Organizations (MCO) (urban Nevada); and the Care Management Organization (CMO) for patient centered care in rural Nevada. The prioritization of projects and funding is based on the Governor's performance-based budgeting, state strategic and need based plans, as approved by the Nevada State Legislature. With the cross-over of systems and supports, Nevada can utilize the sources of funding and resources most effectively. State General fund dollars are primarily used for funding infrastructure to expand services, prevention and treatment services, services for justice involved individuals, the re-entry population, and individuals/families with social services referrals in the state of Nevada.

Collaboration with our state Medicaid agency resulted in the addition of Medicaid coverage of substance use disorder services effective January 2014. This has offset the need for general fund and block grant funding for treatment services

provided in the Medicaid-approved model. Medicaid generously worked with SAPTA to develop a Provider Type 17 agency model that resulted in all providers being able to bill and be reimbursed by Medicaid.

In response to the changing needs of the treatment delivery system, SAPTA has shifted its block grant funding previously needed for outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment that are now Medicaid-reimbursable, to enhancing “gap” services. Some of these gap services include residential, transitional care, recovery-oriented systems of care, and expanding access to recovery support services for adolescents and adults.

Relating to Prevention Services, Nevada has developed a strong relationship with sister agencies and works diligently in bridging gaps between their community partners and stakeholders. This work continues to enhance the prevention elements from a primary foundation of prevention. Nevada is working toward stronger Evidence-Based Practice (EBP), policies, and programs already implemented. We continue to work towards sustainability. In the upcoming year, Nevada is increasing their program oversight with new Quality Assurance structure in place. Prevention not only has a place in the primary funding as the SABG minimum carve-out of 20% but also continues to have a place in the supplemental funding for COVID and ARPA. One of Nevada’s goals within the Planning Tables of the upcoming mini application includes to reach 25% of prevention carve out efforts and to support prevention services statewide. This goal will exceed our minimum requirement and reflect the level of importance for prevention services within Nevada.

For the upcoming federal fiscal year 2023, SAPTA is submitting a mini application for the Substance Abuse Block Grant. SAPTA intends to continue supporting the current programs through September 30, 2023. As always, our priority focus areas are pregnant women and women with children and individuals who inject drugs. For prevention, focusing on CSAP priorities, EBP programs, enhancing the work already in place and moving towards sustainability in our programs. All funded agencies must ensure they are utilizing proper capacity management techniques to ensure priority populations are addressed appropriately.

Some highlights of the upcoming mini application include:

- State level support for personnel and administration
- On-going substance use treatment and prevention certification support
- Support for data collection and analysis
- Enhance support for Synar efforts
- TB services specifically for those receiving residential care in Northern, Southern and Rural Nevada
- Rate study for recovery housing
- Direct treatment and prevention services
- Supporting substance use working groups
- Quality Assurance and Program Evaluation
- Efforts by regional coordinators
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Marketing and re-branding

In closing, the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, is looking forward to continued efforts in supporting Nevadans in substance use treatment and prevention services through way of the SAMHSA Substance Abuse Block Grant. These funds assist in the services and supports for those in critical need throughout our State. Our relationships and partners Statewide provide the expertise and services to bridge gaps recognized through multiple means. Nevada continues to pave the way for on-going supports for substance use treatment and prevention.

Questions, concerns, or comments regarding this Substance Abuse Block Grant presentation can be sent to Stephanie Cook, Treatment Services Program Manager, s.cook@health.nv.gov.

Thank you for your time and attention.

