The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: SUPPORT Act Section 1003 Grant

SUPPORT ACT GRANT
MONTHLY STAKEHOLDER MEETING
MARCH 14, 2022

Department of Medical Assistance Services

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) SUPPORT Act Grant projects are supported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling $4,997,093 with 100 percent funded by CMS/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.
Closed Captioning Service

• Automated CC is available for this event with realtime captions that will run simultaneously with the presentation.

• The streaming text is available through: https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=HamiltonRelayRCC-0314-VA3168

• We recommend opening a second window with the link provided and resizing it in such a fashion that it appears below the webinar screen. This allows the viewer to see both the webinar and its associated text/graphics while also being able to comfortably view the realtime captions.

• If you have any questions about this service please send an email to CivilRightsCoordinator@DMAS.Virginia.Gov
Welcome and Meeting Information

• We have an ‘open’ meeting format to allow participation and questions

• Please make sure your line is muted if you are not speaking
  • We will mute all lines if there is a lot of background noise

• If you are having issues with audio, please type questions or comments in the chat box.
How to Mute and Unmute in WebEx

Everyone is muted at the beginning of the webinar – when you are ready to ask a question, please click the red microphone button to unmute. When you are finished, please click it again to mute your line.

When the microphone icon looks like this, you are muted

When the microphone icon looks like this, you are unmuted
# Agenda

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Welcome and Overview</td>
<td>10:00 - 10:10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUPPORT Act Grant Updates</td>
<td>10:10 - 10:20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subaward Presentation: Embrace Health Solutions (EHS)</td>
<td>10:20 – 10:35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subaward Presentation: The Chris Atwood Foundation</td>
<td>10:35 – 10:50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subaward Presentation: Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition</td>
<td>10:50 – 11:05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q&amp;A and Next Steps</td>
<td>11:05 - 11:15</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Overview of SUPPORT Grant Initiatives

Notice of Award: September 18, 2019

Period of Performance: September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2022 (18 months + 18 month no cost extension (NCE))

*Virginia was approved for a second NCE that will go from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

Approved Budget: $4.9 million

Components
1. Need assessment
2. Strengths-based assessment
3. Activities to increase provider capacity
SUPPORT Act Grant Overview

**Virginia Medicaid’s SUPPORT Act Grant Goals:**

- Learn from Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) benefit program
  - Appreciate successes
  - Learn from challenges
- Decrease barriers to enter workforce
- Focus on specific subpopulations
  - Members who have legal/carceral experience
  - Members who are pregnant and parenting
- Maintain our core values
  - Person-centered, strengths-based, recovery-oriented
Grant Team

• Alyssa Ward, Ph.D., LCP, Director, Division of Behavioral Health
• Ashley Harrell, LCSW, Project Director & ARTS Senior Program Advisor
• Jason Lowe, MSW, CPHQ, Grant Manager
• Christine Bethune, MSW, Grant Coordinator
• Paul Brasler, MA, MSW, LCSW, Behavioral Health Addiction Specialist
• Tiarra Ross, Senior Budget Analyst
• Adam Creveling, MSW, CPRS, Grant Program Specialist
SUPPORT ACT GRANT UPDATES
MARCH 2022
SUPPORT Act Grant Updates:

Projects Update – Contracts ending March 2022

• VCU Department of Health Behavior and Policy (DBHP)
  ▪ Continuum of care needs assessment
  ▪ ARTS Members and SUD treatment provider surveys and analysis
  ▪ Data analysis on Medicaid members who have experience with the legal/carceral systems.

• Health Management Associates (HMA)- Legal/Carceral System, SUD, and Medicaid
  ▪ Demonstration projects with two DOC sites and three local/regional jails
  ▪ Working on Findings Reports and “Best Practices” document

• Subawards
  ▪ Six awards remaining
  ▪ Expand SUD treatment capacity
Projects Update – Contracts ending March 2022

- Carilion Clinic: Emergency Department Bridge Clinic
  - Expanding and enhancing current Bridge Clinic services
  - Developing a curriculum for EDs interested in building their own ED Bridge to Care program
  - Offering technical assistance to up to four hospital systems interested in starting an ED Bridge Clinic
Projects Update – Contracts ending September 2022

• VCU Wright Center and Institute for Drug and Alcohol Studies
  ▪ Provider webinar survey
  ▪ Brightspot Assessment

• Emergency Department Virtual Bridge Clinic Model
  ▪ VCU Emergency Department Virtual Bridge Clinic (VBC)
    ▪ Implementing a VBC at VCU ED to VCU MOTIVATE Clinic

▪ **New Contract**: Virginia Department of Health – Harm Reduction Organizations
  ▪ Medicaid enrollment
  ▪ Telemedicine: connecting to MOUD, hepatitis C and HIV treatment, and behavioral health treatment
  ▪ “One stop shop” approach
Winter 2022 Webinar Schedule

• **FREE** webinars for anyone who serves Medicaid Member
• Registration is now open. Use links in schedule to register and access the webinars.

New Topic: **Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Adolescents**
Presented on: March 22nd and March 24th

Revisiting Topics:
- Opioids, Stimulants & Cannabis
- ASAM Criteria Assessment Dimensions 1 - 6 (Five part series)**
- Urine Drug Screenings: Purpose & Practice
- Suicide Assessment
- SUD & Trauma
- Co-Occurring Disorders (Two parts series)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Presenter(s)</th>
<th>Links to Register and Access the Webinar</th>
<th>Remote Conference Captioning (RCC) Links</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, January 18, 2022</td>
<td>10:00 AM-11:00 AM</td>
<td>Opioids, Stimulants &amp; Cannabis</td>
<td>Paul Brasler</td>
<td><a href="https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=m12189b615d7dc1009d00466413001f67">https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=m12189b615d7dc1009d00466413001f67</a></td>
<td><a href="https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=HamiltonRelayRCC-0118-VA3241">https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=HamiltonRelayRCC-0118-VA3241</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday, January 20, 2022</td>
<td>1:00 PM-2:00 PM</td>
<td>Opioids, Stimulants &amp; Cannabis</td>
<td>Paul Brasler</td>
<td><a href="https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=mrd29d357cfb2b0ae793575b6216bce171e">https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=mrd29d357cfb2b0ae793575b6216bce171e</a></td>
<td><a href="https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=HamiltonRelayRCC-0120-VA3243">https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=HamiltonRelayRCC-0120-VA3243</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, January 25, 2022</td>
<td>10:00 AM-11:00 AM</td>
<td>ASAM Criteria Assessment Dimensions 1 &amp; 2</td>
<td>Paul Brasler</td>
<td><a href="https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=m24ac38f83f7e2194fb97ad56a09e00d">https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=m24ac38f83f7e2194fb97ad56a09e00d</a></td>
<td><a href="https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=HamiltonRelayRCC-0125-VA3242">https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=HamiltonRelayRCC-0125-VA3242</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday, January 27, 2021</td>
<td>1:00 PM-2:00 PM</td>
<td>ASAM Criteria Assessment Dimensions 1 &amp; 2</td>
<td>Paul Brasler</td>
<td><a href="https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=ma01d17f5d4do8957308d541fa66bbd9d">https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=ma01d17f5d4do8957308d541fa66bbd9d</a></td>
<td><a href="https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=HamiltonRelayRCC-0127-VA3240">https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=HamiltonRelayRCC-0127-VA3240</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ehs, embrace recovery

Improving the quality of our Addiction and Recovery Services
Mission, Vision, Values

To build a stronger community by providing quality services through training, support, and advocacy, to empower individuals in the pursuit of happiness, to be who they want to be, and embrace healthy solutions to live their best lives now.

To empower individuals to embrace recovery and wellness

Integrity, Transparency, Compassion
A little about ehs

HISTORY

LOCATIONS

SERVICES
Mental Health Services

Mental Health Skill-Building

Community Stabilization
Addiction & Recovery Services

- Partial Hospitalization (coming soon)
- Intensive Outpatient
- Outpatient
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Case Management
- Peer Recovery
Enhancing ARTS through Grant funding
Expanded Telehealth Services

• Computers and Necessary Equipment
• Telehealth platform and audio/visual speakers
• Expanded access to client care in our rural area locations
• Set-up Office Spaces for Onsite and Telehealth individual/group sessions
Hired a SUD Counselor

Adding forms to EHR for Partial Hospitalization
Outcomes
Thank you for all that you do and for this opportunity!
Comprehensive Harm Reduction Program: Syringe Access and Peer Services for Northern Virginia
The Chris Atwood Foundation

- Founded in 2013 by The Atwood Family following the loss of Christopher to an accidental overdose at the age of 21.

- The Mission: To save lives and support recovery from substance use disorder.

- We have documented over 1000 overdose reversals with naloxone that we have distributed.

- We provide: short term recovery housing grants, harm reduction, naloxone training, CPRS coaching, CPRS training, support groups, peer and family warmlines, a re-entry program, advocacy and more.

- In summer of 2021, we launched a comprehensive harm reduction program with a mobile unit.
Harm Reduction:
a set of beliefs and strategies aimed at reducing the negative consequences of potentially harmful behaviors

- Accepts that drug use is part of our world and focuses on mitigating the attendant harms without judging the risky behaviors.
- Views improvement in quality of life and community well being as markers of success, not necessarily cessation of use.
- Does not minimize or ignore the very real harm and danger that can be involved with drug use.

- Syringe provision and exchange is a harm reduction practice.
- 1 in 10 new cases of HIV is acquired through drug injection.
- Drug injection is also the leading cause in Hep C transmission and a significant cause of Hep B transmission.
- Injecting with used needles can cause abscesses and potentially fatal bacterial endocarditis.
Our Program

- Mobile Unit Only.
- Currently stops in Fairfax and Prince William Counties.
- Staffed by CPRS
- Distribute up to 6 kits of 30 syringes each per person. We encourage redistribution.
- Anonymous Program, no ID, proof of residency or real names required.
- Members get an enrollment card and protection from arrest for paraphernalia in Virginia
- Needs-based exchange as best-practice. We will remove used syringes from the community but do not require you to give us a syringe to get a new one.
Our Kits

- Our syringe kits are intended to last one person who injects drugs one week. Each kit contains:
  - 30 syringes, choice of long or shorts
  - 20 alcohol swabs
  - 1 tourniquet
  - 1 bag of cottons
  - 1 cooker
  - 5 condoms
  - Harm reduction fact sheet and treatment resources

Much More than just syringes!
We also distribute:
- Safer snorting kits (494 last year)
- Safer Smoking kits (480 last year)
- Condoms and lube (in every kit)
- Fentanyl Testing Strips (3145)
- Sharps Containers (273 last year)
- Wound Care Kits (261)
- Naloxone (1604)
- Feminine Supply Kits and Pregnancy Tests
- Direct Service Items and More!
We also Provide

- Connection with a Peer Recovery Specialist who can provide recovery coaching, case management, assistance in Medicaid enrollment, and other services.
- Referral to HIV and Hepatitis testing and treatment.
- Referral to substance use treatment services
- Help with housing and other resources
- We collect ‘bad batch’ information and share it with people that need it.
- We collect data from our members and share it with the Virginia Department of Health
The small decision to take care of your health by getting a new syringe can snowball into big decisions and big changes in the lives of people who use drugs.
How we used the grant

Partially funded two new positions:

Sean Fitzgerald, CSAC
- CHR Program Coordinator
- Masters in Public Policy with focus in drug policy
- 8 years experience working in addiction treatment in Northern Virginia
- Oversees policy and day to day operations of CHR

Jenny Hagerup, PRS
- Care Coordinator
- Familiar with resources across the region
- Streamlines connection to services

- Expansion of our services to include a stop in Prince William County, an under resourced county with little access to harm reduction services.

- Our members in Fairfax report that they can obtain syringes in DC, but our members in Prince William report that they are not familiar with any alternatives to our program.
Prince William #'s

• We serve Prince William County every Wednesday from 7-10 am at the Woodbridge Methadone Treatment Center. We periodically serve other PWC locations as well.

• PW is our busiest location. We serve between 15 and 25 individuals and distribute 1,500-3,000 sterile syringes in Prince William every week.

• 72 of 338 or 21% of our members identified as Prince William County residents at enrollment.

• 32 of the 72 PWC residents live in Manassas, 22 live in Manassas Park, No other PWC zip code is represented by more than four members.

• Expansion into Prince William County increased the number of individuals served by our program by 27%
• We have linked 9 PW residents to HIV testing and 4 positive individuals (may have identified as positive before enrolling) not currently in care to treatment for HIV
• We have linked 10 PW residents to HCV testing and 3 positive individuals to GMU MAP clinic for treatment

Medicaid Members

■ 52 of 72 PWC residents (72%) report having Medicaid. 26 of those 52 (50%) have visited the CHR 3 or more times. 7 of those 26 (26%) have visited the CHR 7 or more times. The highest number of visits by one PWC resident is 19 visits since June 2021.
■ 26 of the 52 PWC residents with Medicaid have reported being unhoused or staying with friends (50%)
■ 10 PWC members with Medicaid have been documented to have received additional services beyond CHR including Peer Services from the CAF.
We are grateful for the support!
Organization Overview

- Est. Dec 2018 in Roanoke, VA
- Expanded to Virginia Beach Dec 2020
- 9 Paid Staff
- 2268 Clients

Services Offered
- Syringe Exchange
- Narcan Distribution
- Case Management
- Patient Navigation
- Connection to Care
Project Overview

- Test 200 people for HCV in Virginia Beach
- Engage 20 people in SUD treatment in Virginia Beach
- Refer 34 clients to HCV treatment in Virginia Beach
- Track number of newly enrolled VHRC clients in Virginia Beach
Project Success

- Enrolled 689 new clients into services in Virginia Beach
- Referred or connected 75 clients to SUD treatment services
- Confirmed 29 clients initiated SUD treatment
- 2,581 client visits with provision of sterile drug use supplies and naloxone
- VHRC clients reported reversing 1,167 opioid overdose with naloxone
- 534 (46%) reversal completed on site without calling 911
- Referred one client to HCV treatment
Project Challenges

- Law enforcement
- Tourism-focused businesses
- Mobile HCV Testing
- Provider stigma/refusal
- Advocacy through Virginia Hepatitis Coalition
- Staff Capacity
Project Future

- Medicaid Enrollment
- Testing partnership with Virginia Beach Health Department
- Treatment through UVA telehealth (Dr. Dillingham)
- STI testing and birth control
- Hep A/B and Covid-19 Vaccine Drives
Questions?

Danny Clawson
Executive Director, VHRC

danny@carrynaloxone.org

434-264-7510
Please unmute yourself or use the chat feature in WebEx to submit your questions.
DMAS Home Page: https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/
SUPPORT Grant: https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/artssupport
Want a copy of today’s slides?

*Reminder: Stakeholder Meetings are now held every other month! Our next meeting will be in May!

**Monthly Stakeholder Meetings**

- March 2021
- February 2021
- January 2021
- December 2020
- November 2020
- October 2020
- September 2020
- August 2020
- July 2020
- June 2020
- May 2020
- April 2020

ARTS Questions:
• ARTS Helpline number: 804-593-2453
• Email: SUD@dmas.Virginia.gov
• Website: https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-providers/addiction-and-recovery-treatment-services/

SUPPORT Act Grant Questions:
• SUPPORTgrant@dmas.virginia.gov

ARTS Treatment Questions:
• SUD Behavioral Health: Paul Brasler
  ▪ Paul.Brasler@dmas.Virginia.gov
  ▪ 804.401.5241
• Addiction Medicine: SUPPORT Team
  ▪ SUPPORTgrant@dmas.Virginia.gov
Thank you for calling in!

Your participation in the Monthly Stakeholder meetings is vital to the success of the SUPPORT Act Grant in Virginia.

**Next Meeting**

Monday, May 9th, 2022

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM