

LOCAL COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM (LCC) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Washington County Health Department

and

**The Washington County Behavioral Health Board
The Right Path for Washington County, and
The Washington County Family and Children First Council**

PURPOSE and SCOPE

The purpose of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) RCORP-Planning project is to support prevention of and treatment for substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder (OUD). The overall goal of the program is to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdoses in high-risk rural communities by strengthening the capacity of multi-sector consortiums to address one or more of three focus areas at community, county, state, and/or regional levels: (1) Prevention—reducing the occurrence of opioid addiction among new and at-risk users as well as fatal opioid-related overdoses through community and provider education and harm reduction measures including the strategic placement of overdose reversing devices, such as naloxone; (2) Treatment—implementing or expanding access to evidence-based practices for OUD treatment, such as medication-assisted treatment (MAT); and (3) Recovery—expanding peer recovery and treatment options that help people start and stay in recovery.

The Washington County Health Department has been awarded an RCORP-Planning grant that will benefit Washington County and consortium members (hereinafter referred to as “Collaborators”) by:

- Providing leadership to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdoses in the target area by strengthening the capacity of collaboration in the community.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) clearly identifies the roles and responsibilities of the Washington County Health Department and Collaborators.

DURATION

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Collaborators and the Washington County Health Department and will remain in effect for the duration of the funding period for the Communities of Practice for Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (COP-RCORP), unless modified by mutual consent and executed in writing by the authorized representatives of all parties. The MOU is at-will and may be terminated by any party at any time upon written notice to the other party.

FUNDING

There is no funding provided under this MOU.

GENERAL ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES

The Washington County Health Department and its collaborators (the Washington County Behavioral Health Board, the Right Path for Washington County, and Washington County Family and Children First Council) understand that the RCORP-Planning award is to be used for the activities proposed in the COP-RCORP's work plan, that the activities must exclusively benefit populations in the target rural service area, and that funding is not to be used for the exclusive benefit of the Washington County Health Department or any one Collaborator.

ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES OF The Washington County Health Department

The Washington County Health Department will contribute the following expertise toward completion of the COP-RCORP:

- Agency experience with Needs Assessment.
- Agency experience with Strategic Planning and Improvement Planning.

As a COP-RCORP-funding recipient, the Washington County Health Department will undertake the following activities:

- Administer Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funds on behalf of COP-RCORP in a manner consistent with federal grant guidelines.
- Facilitate collaboration toward the completion of the goals, objectives, activities, management, and evaluation of COP-RCORP as submitted for HRSA funding, which will include
 - Developing and strengthening the local community consortium
 - Completing opportunity and gap analysis around OUD
 - Developing a comprehensive strategic plan to address gaps and unmet needs in the target area around OUD prevention, treatment and recovery
 - Developing a workforce plan that addresses identified gaps in the target area's workforce
 - Developing a sustainability plan to ensure that the local community consortium, capacity enhancements, and readiness to implement key initiatives identified through the strategic planning process are sustained beyond the 12-month period of performance

ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES OF COLLABORATORS

The collaborators (Washington County Behavioral Health Board, The Right Path for Washington County, and The Family and Children First Council) will contribute the following expertise toward completion of the COP-RCORP project:

- Knowledge of the community.
- Knowledge of assets, gaps, and needs relating OUD in Washington County.

Collaborators commit to:

- Dedicate staff time for meetings and consultations regarding COP-RCORP project.
- Treat shared information as confidential and agree not to disclose shared information to unauthorized entities.
- Disclose any conflict of interest that may arise in the course of COP-RCORP activities.

- Protect patients and comply with all Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and federal requirements.

Further, the collaborators commit to undertaking the following activities:

- Participating in Local Community Consortium meetings and discussions to produce the COP-RCORP project goals, activities, and objectives outlined above.
- Assist with creating partnerships and linkages to contribute to the overall success of the project.
- Fully endorse and help implement the strategic, workforce and sustainability plans developed through the Community Consortium.

BENEFITS OF COLLABORATION

Collaboration on the COP-RCORP project will enhance prevention, treatment, and recovery service capacity to address the needs of individuals at-risk for and with OUD. Collaboration will expand access to evidence-based treatment for OUD and peer recovery treatment options. Collaborating organizations will benefit from contributing to the reduction in morbidity and mortality related to opioid use and overdose. Furthermore, since these activities are part of a HRSA planning grant, demonstrating competence with the activities outlined in this MOU will lead to a reasonable likelihood of enhancing funding from HRSA in the future to help with OUD activities in Washington County.

GOVERNING STRUCTURE

The collaborators will be responsible for creating the Needs Assessment and the Strategic Plan. The Washington County Health Department will take the lead on document creation for review, editing and approval by the partners. All partners will have an equal voice in decisions made.

To accomplish some of the deliverables, we hope to enlist the input of the Washington County Opiate Hub, formed by ORC - 340.30 (county hub program to combat opioid addiction). The purposes of the Hub are:

- 1) to strengthen county and community efforts to prevent and treat opioid addiction,
- 2) to educate youth and adults about the dangers of opioid addiction and the negative effects it has on society,
- 3) to promote family building and workforce development as ways of combatting opioid addiction in communities,
- 4) to encourage community engagement in efforts to address the purposes specified in 1,2,3 of this section.

The Hub is Co-Chaired by Judge Janet Welch & Robin Bozian. It currently has three Subcommittees: Workforce - chaired by Flite Freimann (Director of Washington County Jobs & Family Services), Education/Prevention - chaired by Stephanie Starcher (Superintendent of Fort Frye Schools), and Treatment - chaired by Doug Pfeifer (Director of Life and Purpose Behavioral Health Services). We expect a Housing Subcommittee to be formed soon. It is our intention to continue to recruit partners for this MOU from the Hub. It is our hope that the Hub will agree with the Needs Assessment and the Strategic Plan.

USE OF COP-RCORP NAME

No party will use the name or logo of COP-RCORP in any advertisement, press release, or other publicity without written prior approval of the Washington County Health Department. The Washington County Health Department has the right to acknowledge Collaborator's support of the work performed under this MOU in public communications.

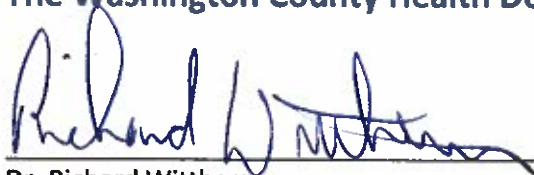
TERMINATION

It is mutually understood and agreed by and among the parties that Collaborators will provide at least 30 days' notice of the intention to withdraw from COP-RCORP. If a Collaborator chooses to withdraw, said Collaborator commits to making arrangements to complete assigned or pending activities before termination.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of each authorized representative listed in this Agreement and will remain in effect for at least the duration of the funding period for COP-RCORP. Parties indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures on the appended Letter of Commitment.

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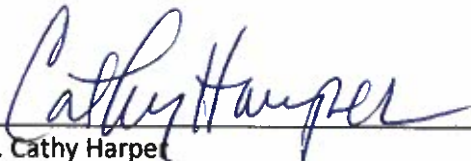
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