

LOCAL COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM (LCC) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Fairfield County ADAMH Board

and

The Recovery Supports Committee of the Fairfield County Opiate Task Force 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 Fairfield County ADAMH Board has been awarded an RCORP-Planning grant that will benefit the following Fairfield County Communities: Bremen, Carroll, Lancaster, Pleasantville, Rushville, and Sugar Grove 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 Fairfield ADAMH Board and Collaborators.

DURATION

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Collaborators and Fairfield County ADAMH Board 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 Fairfield County ADAMH Board and the Collaborator 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 Fairfield County ADAMH Board or any one Collaborator.

ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES OF the Fairfield County ADAMH Board

The Fairfield County ADAMH Board will contribute the following expertise toward completion of the COP-RCORP:

The knowledge and experience of being the county agency designated responsible for the planning, funding, and monitoring of mental health, addiction, and recovery services in Fairfield County.

As a COP-RCORP-funding recipient, Fairfield County ADAMH 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 will contribute the following expertise toward completion of the COP-RCORP project:

- Knowledge about and expertise in all aspects of the provision of Recovery Supports in the community, including but not limited to: Recovery Housing, Food, Transportation, Peer Support, Parent and Family Supports Groups, 12 step programs, as these are made available to persons in the community who are experiencing opiate abuse and dependence disorders.

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 Collaborator commits to undertaking the following activities:

- Participating in the Recovery Support Committee of the Fairfield County Opiate Task Force meetings and discussions to produce the COP-RCORP project goals, activities, and objectives outlined above.
- Making the Committee aware of any partners in the aforementioned Fairfield County Communities: Bremen, Carroll, Lancaster, Pleasantville, Rushville, and Sugar Grove who can enhance the work of the Committee.

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.

GOVERNING STRUCTURE The Fairfield County ADAMH Board is the backbone organization for the Fairfield Opiate Task Force and is the convener. The Fairfield County ADAMH Board is a county Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Board with 14 members representing various sectors in the community. Some of the members are appointed by the County Commissioners, some are community members who apply, are vetted, and are approved through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services. The Board meets monthly, operates using Roberts Rules of Order, has subcommittees which are responsible to the full Board.

The Fairfield Opiate Task Force was created in 2011 by the Fairfield County ADAMH Board and community partners in order to bring awareness to the opiate epidemic in the county. By-Laws were created and strategic planning has taken place every two years. The Task Force operates with a governing Steering Committee comprised of 9 members. The recent work has been to expand the Task Force to include additional subcommittees. The original subcommittee of Education and Prevention has remained active throughout and most recently the Advocacy Committee has begun to seek new membership. The Treatment and Recovery Resources Committees are new and have developed robust and active membership.

Decision making is begun at the subcommittee level in which ideas are generated by members who represent organizations and groups as well as individual consumers and family members. The Fairfield County ADAMH Board staff are represented on each of the subcommittees and are able to provide guidance and structure including agendas and minutes. Often the agenda includes tasks that need to be accomplished through the working of the subcommittees. Once the subcommittee has agreed through vote, on actions to be taken, and has assigned individuals to various tasks, this information is then shared with the larger Steering Committee and given approval through a quorum, or are tabled until more information can be provided.

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 Fairfield County ADAMH and the Fairfield County Opiate Task Force

has/have 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.

Fairfield County ADAMH

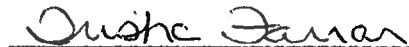


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