

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Mason Transit Authority

And Mason County Community Services-Public Health

Regarding

Mason County's Opioid Response Plan

The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Project supports the Mason County Opioid Response plan in helping to develop a system level change that creates a no-wrong-door approach for opioid/substance use disorder treatment and recovery. The overarching goal of the Mason County Opioid Response is to reduce opioid use, misuse and overdose death. The project will look to work with representatives from partnering and supporting entities, and will carry out the following program components:

Purpose-

- **Outreach and Education:** Expand opioid outreach and education efforts across the county. Develop a campaign for community and stakeholder awareness, building trust between those with substance use disorder and the greater community. Outreach and education will reach a wide range of audiences including but not limited to healthcare and treatment providers, individuals with opioid use disorders and their family and friends, law enforcement and courts, and faith-based groups.
- **Coordinated Access to Resources:** Engaging and collaborating with providers and partners to set up standardized policies and practices to have a focused, systems approach to opioid outreach and prevention. Initiate relationships with treatment and service providers to establish coordinated access to treatment between and among stakeholders including a system for treatment referrals, engagement, and coordination.
- **Data Collection and Analysis:** Working with an external evaluator to inform a multi-disciplinary, collaborative approach to addressing the needs of individuals with a history of opioid misuse and document the gaps, barriers and strengths based on local, regional, and state-level data.
- **Sequential Intercept Model (SIM):** Encouraging justice partners to focus on earlier intervention services (Intercept 0) for individuals who are opioid abusers to prevent overdose death and reduce criminal justice involvement or recidivism. This includes coordination with law enforcement and justice partners in intercepts 1-5 when appropriate, while also addressing needs of high-risk individuals at reentry.

Scope of Work-

Mason County Community Services-Public Health-

- Will provide information for potential referrals
- Will organize and conduct quarterly stakeholder meetings
- Will analyze data and provide updates relevant to Mason County's Opioid Response plan

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- Will be open to explore community partnerships that fill gaps in Opioid Response Plan
- Will have at least one representative at quarterly stakeholder meetings and/or be in contact with COAP program coordinator
- When appropriate will refer participants to local treatment providers and recovery services

Duration-

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from Mason Transit Authority and Mason County Community Services-Public Health Department. This MOU shall become effective upon signatures by authorized officials and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners or by mutual consent.

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