

Miami Police Department: Implementation Plan for Opioid Settlement Partnership with Jessie Trice Community Health System

Overview

The Miami Police Department (MPD) is partnering with Jessie Trice Community Health System, a Federally Qualified Health Center, to address the ongoing opioid crisis affecting Miami's vulnerable populations. This collaboration seeks to provide essential medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and recovery support to individuals struggling with addiction, focusing on those who are uninsured or underinsured. Jessie Trice will leverage its expertise and resources to offer harm reduction services, education, Narcan distribution, and MAT to individuals in need, particularly among unhoused populations, individuals with mental health challenges, and those involved in the criminal justice system.

Purpose

This implementation plan outlines MPD's funding disbursement and evaluation framework to support Jessie Trice's initiative. The plan prioritizes providing Buprenorphine/Suboxone to patients who lack the means to afford these life-saving medications. The initiative aligns with Jessie Trice's goal of helping individuals recover from addiction and lead stable lives while addressing systemic barriers such as lack of insurance and access to care. By focusing on this partnership, MPD aims to strengthen the city's response to the opioid epidemic and provide comprehensive support to the most affected communities.

Schedule A: Core Strategies Focus

This plan addresses **Schedule A: Core Strategies**, with a particular focus on **Treatment and Recovery Support**. The partnership emphasizes access to **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)** for 58 uninsured or underinsured patients. MAT is a proven method for reducing opioid dependency and supporting long-term recovery.

Key elements include:

- Sponsoring 58 clients for one year (January 1 to September 30, 2024).
 - Allocating \$3,621 per client for Buprenorphine/Suboxone and associated support services.
 - Enhancing recovery outcomes by ensuring medication access and addressing underlying health and social barriers.
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Disbursement Plan

The MPD will allocate \$210,000 in opioid settlement funds to Jessie Trice for the 12-month period. Disbursements will be made quarterly to ensure accountability and maintain operational continuity.

Funding Details:

- **Total Funds:** \$210,000

- **Cost Per Client:** \$3,621 (for 58 patients)
- **Disbursement Period:** January 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024
- **Disbursement Schedule:**
 - **Q1:** \$52,500
 - **Q2:** \$52,500
 - **Q3:** \$52,500
 - **Q4:** \$52,500

Client Residency Requirement:

To qualify for sponsorship under this program:

1. Clients must reside in the City of Miami.
2. If unhoused, clients must be verifiably associated with the City of Miami through documented outreach efforts or other records linking them to Miami-based services.

Jessie Trice will receive funds at the beginning of each quarter contingent upon meeting evaluation and reporting requirements.

Evaluation and Accountability

To ensure transparency and the effective use of funds, Jessie Trice will submit **quarterly receipts** detailing expenses per client. These receipts must include:

1. Patient-specific costs for Buprenorphine/Suboxone.
2. Documentation of outreach and recovery support activities.
3. Verification of client residency in or association with the City of Miami.
4. Proof of service delivery to the 58 sponsored clients.

Additionally, MPD and Jessie Trice will review outcomes during each quarterly evaluation, addressing challenges and identifying opportunities for improvement.

Conclusion

This partnership reflects MPD's commitment to tackling the opioid epidemic through collaboration and innovation. By funding MAT for 58 patients and ensuring accountability through quarterly evaluations, this initiative will provide immediate relief to those affected while contributing to long-term community health and stability. Together, MPD and Jessie Trice will take a significant step toward reducing the impact of the opioid crisis in Miami.
