Medication-Assisted Treatment

Understanding How NC Sheriffs can help break cycles of addiction and positively impact the Criminal Justice System



What is MAT? And what funding is advocated by the NC Sheriff's Association from the NC Department of Public Safety? 0

What is MAT



Medication Assisted Treatment is an effective treatment for alcohol and opioid dependance that combines the use of prescription medication with counseling, peer support and education.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved different medications therapy, peer support and education to treat Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorders. The NC Sheriff's Grant is approved only for Vivitrol.

Medication in conjunction with is a powerful tool to combat addiction.

Vivitrol is a NON OPIOID medication which safely treats alcohol and opioid use disorders.

How this Opportunity offers A NON-OPIOID RESPONSE



How is Vivitrol Administered?

Vivitrol is an Opioid antagonist. It is non-addictive and non-narcotic.

Vivitrol contains naltrexone, an opioid antagonist. It completely blocks the subjective effects of exogenous opioids. It works on those who abuse alcohol, as well.

It is a once a month injection given by a health care provider. It is not administered intravenously or subcutaneously. It must be delivered intramuscularly every 4 weeks.



Less than 10 years ago, criminal justicerelated costs attributed to Opioid overdose/abuse and dependance totaled 7.7 billion dollars

According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, MAT strategies are underused within the criminal justice system despite the evidence of their effectiveness.



2nd Round MAT funding:

The NC Department of Public Safety is administering this grant to Sheriff's Offices. The first round of funding awarded 5 grants to Sheriff's Offices in the State.

There is \$1,481,364.00 Available.

With the cost of the medication, this would likely result in one additional site receiving funds.

There may be future funds to maintain the existing MAT programs.

Prioritization of Apppications

NC DPS will award the grant based on: The rate of opioid-related deaths. The rate of Opioid-related hospital admissions. The rate of violations of probation/parole. The accessibility of mental and physical health care.

Grant funds must be used for employee expenses, services, contract expenses, goods administrative fees .

Funds may NOT be used to pay for vehicles, fund constructions, purchase weapons or any other law enforcement related equipment.



Unique attributes of this grant:

The grant is awarded in an up front paymenttherefore, the Sheriff's Office does not have to wait on reimbursements. .

The Sheriff's Office may charge up to 15% of the entire grant as an "Administrative Fee". This money can go back into the Sheriff's Office Budget

ADDICTION

In progressive, modern law enforcement, it is becoming evident that addressing addiction, treatment and especially reentry can reduce recidivism.

Law Enforcement Leaders who understand how addiction works-can impact the very fabric of their community. By reducing recidivism and the costs associated with addiction, creating safer communities often happen one 'offender' at a time.





Questions?