

Guidance for SOR Prevention Specialist Position

Overview

In order to build the capacity of contractors to address overdose prevention efforts, the Year 2 State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant is providing funding to support one, 1.0 FTE prevention specialist. This position can be split into multiple positions but cannot replace a position(s) currently being funded by the Integrated Provider Network (IPN) Grant.

Funded staff will be expected to partner with agencies receiving the IPN Prevention Grant and Strategic Initiatives to Prevention Drug Overdoses (SIPDO) Grant (funded in Appanoose, Clinton, Keokuk, Linn, Mahaska, Polk, Scott, Wapello and Webster Counties). Funded staff should connect with these grants through regular meetings to discuss progress on the Strategic Prevention Framework and opportunities for collaboration.

Services

This position will provide the following prevention services every month throughout the contract year. These services cannot duplicate the work being provided through the IPN Prevention Grant or SIPDO Grant. To ensure effective implementation, trainings will be provided on the required services below and dates will be provided in November 2020.

The following services will be documented in the SOR Prevention Work Plan (details are noted below). All trainings, media campaign materials as well as other resources to support this position will be provided in November 2020.

Service	Topic	Details
Training	StimUD/OD MAT opioids and stimulants overdose trainings Naloxone distribution Stigma Others, as determined by IDPH	Training audiences must focus on clients and families, first responders, and healthcare providers (including SUD staff). Trainings must be provided in each county in the service area with appropriate dosage and frequency. Contractors must utilize the training materials created by IDPH for all trainings. Adaptation of training materials to address service area needs will be permitted. Live trainings are required.
Media Campaign Distribution	See the Person, Not the Addiction Media Campaign	Must ensure service area coverage over the entire contract year. Contractors should fund the media campaign to increase coverage in the service area by selecting the media placement options that best engage an adult population. Use of agency/coalition websites and/or social media accounts are

		encouraged for media campaign placement, but cannot be used as a paid media service and/or solely be used for dissemination.
Promotion of Tele-Naloxone and Local Pharmacy Naloxone Programs	Naloxone: Be Prepared to Save a Life, Overdose Prevention Harm reduction	Trainings and technical assistance offered to local organizations, businesses, groups, etc. to understand the services available regarding naloxone access.

Reporting

Contractors will need to report services provided by this position through the following:

- SOR Quarterly Progress Report
- SOR Monthly Training Services Reporting form

Additional reporting may be required as determined by IDPH and SAMHSA. Reporting forms will be provided in November 2020.

Meetings

SOR funded prevention staff are required to attend the SOR Monthly Provider Meetings.

Prevention Services Impacted by COVID-19

Prevention services provided through SOR, to some degree, may look different due to the direct impact of COVID-19. While the coming months may seem unclear, the prevention services offered by each contractor may be needed now more than ever before.

The following outlines IDPH expectations regarding prevention services:

- The decision to provide face-to-face services is an independent agency decision. Program staff will need to communicate directly with their agency leadership to understand expectations related to return-to-work policies as well as transitional planning for community-based services
- Virtual presentations/trainings must be conducted in real-time. Contractors may choose to record their virtual presentations/meetings to share with stakeholders following the initial “live” training
- Contractors must have access to a web conferencing system in order to provide virtual prevention services. Contractors may use SOR Grant funds to purchase a license to their chosen web-conferencing system. Due to limitations with free web-conferencing systems, contractors must utilize a paid account when providing services

Next Steps

In order to utilize these funds, contractors must complete the following items:

- Hire or assign equivalent of 1.0 FTE staff
- Submit a Prevention Work Plan using the template provided by November 13 via lowagrants.gov correspondence detailing how the prevention services to be provided by SOR funds will not supplant IPN prevention or SIPDO efforts
- IDPH staff will review the work plan to ensure compliance of the above guidelines and will request revisions as needed