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NCDHHS Announces Funds to Expand Treatment to Help Those with Opioid Use Disorder

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) has devoted nearly \$16,000,000 made available as a result of a multi-state settlement with McKinsey & Company to enhance or implement treatment services for individuals living with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). NCDHHS has selected 20 agencies to receive these funds.

Awardees will use these grant funds to respond to the negative impacts of the opioid epidemic within the state of North Carolina:

Anuvia Prevention and Recovery Center, Charlotte Award amount: \$672,797	Anuvia proposes to expand existing pre-arrest and post-arrest diversion programs and create reentry programs to connect individuals exiting incarceration with harm reduction, treatment, and recovery supports. Anuvia will serve individuals with OUDs, including those who are uninsured or underinsured, through treatment including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), Peer Support Services, naloxone, overdose education, and other harm reduction resources.
B&D Integrated Health Services, Durham Award amount: \$800,000	B& D Integrated Health Services proposes to expand its evidence-based treatment supportsspecifically buprenorphine Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT)and to improve connections to care, especially for individuals hospitalized for overdose who are uninsured or underinsured. This expansion will be facilitated by care management services, including the use of peer support specialist care navigators in local hospitals, health departments, detention facilities, departments of social services, and other community-based settings.
Cabarrus Health Alliance, Kannapolis Award amount: \$800,000	Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA) will develop evidence-based supportive housing services that are inclusive of individuals with SUD. CHA will create a Recovery Housing Coalition to establish recovery-supportive housing for mothers using MAT, and their children. Through the convening, training, and technical assistance process, recovery-supportive housing will be established for other individuals in the community with OUD/SUD as well.
Caring Services, High Point Award amount: \$797,680	Caring Services will plan to reach underserved participants, namely those with low income as defined by HUD, no insurance, recent justice involvement, and/or pregnant or recently pregnant women, by providing them with evidence-based treatment through a harm-reduction focused intervention.

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Center for Prevention Services, Queen City Harm	Center for Prevention Services' Queen City Harm Reduction is proposing a Housing First pilot program based on the evidence-based Critical
Reduction, Charlotte	Time Intervention Rapid Re-Housing Model (CTI). The CTI program will be tailored to fit the needs of
Award amount: \$800,000	people who use drugs and will incorporate harm
	reduction principles focusing on providing unconditional support and meeting individuals
	"where they're at." Coastal Horizons Center is proposing an expansion
	of services to adults who are at high risk of opioid
	overdose and opioid death. The proposal will increase access to MAT to uninsured and
Coastal Horizons, Wilmington	underinsured individuals with OUD who are
Coastal Florizons, Williamgton	presenting to Pender, Brunswick and New Hanover
Award amount: \$779,034	Hospitals, Department of Social Services, and to the New Hanover County Detention Center. This
	proposal will directly expand access to care by
	introducing peer support specialists and a benefit specialist to reduce barriers and reduce gaps in
	accessing treatment.
	Freedom House Recovery Center proposes a project to support justice-involved individuals with OUD and
	other SUDs by linking them to a continuum of care
Freedom House Recovery Center, Chapel Hill	beginning at assessment and ending with the provision of appropriate treatment, through a closely
Award amount: \$799,987	managed collaboration between Freedom House,
	Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department (CJRD), local law enforcement, and
	court stakeholders.
	Jubilee Home seeks funding to continue its work offering supportive housing and therapeutic living for
Jubilee Home, Durham	justice-involved persons in the Durham community,
Subject forme, Burnam	helping them to create and meet their own goals on the path to independent living. Their mission is to
Award amount: \$799,840	provide safe housing for up to 10 justice-involved
	individuals at a time coupled with a supportive team, including a social worker and peer support staff.
	The Mediation and Restorative Justice Center is
	seeking funding to implement new strategies to address identified gaps in our local recovery eco-
Mediation & Restorative Justice Center, Boone	system, as well as enhance existing services to meet
Award amount: \$800,000	the needs of those affected by opioid and
Award amount: \$800,000	polysubstance use disorder. Funding will expand capacity and strengthen existing treatment and
	recovery support services for Watauga County by
	establishing a Peer Recovery Community Center. Monarch will expand evidence-based treatment
	supports and improve connections to care by
	providing (MAT) services within its Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic – Nash County. Through the life of
Managaria Albania	the grant, Monarch will support recovery for 60 or
Monarch, Albemarle	more individuals with OUD through FDA-approved medication Buprenorphine (Suboxone) for the
Award amount: \$800,000	treatment of SUDs in combination with
	comprehensive, evidence-based psychosocial therapy services.

Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville Award amount: \$800,000	Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) seeks to increase access to care for OUD for uninsured and underinsured individuals at high risk for opioid overdose death in Western North Carolina by providing low barrier access to medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and outpatient treatment in the primary care setting at MAHEC clinic locations. MAHEC is proposing the Expanding Access to Care and Treatment (EXACT) MAT project. The EXACT project will provide care for 130 unduplicated uninsured and underinsured individuals in MAHEC's catchment area over a 2 year project period.
NC Harm Reduction Coalition, Raleigh Award amount: \$799,898	North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) seeks funding to sustain and expand harm reduction outreach and linkage to care activities at our Syringe Service Programs across North Carolina, with a particular focus on NCHRC's programs in the eastern region of NC, located in New Hanover, Cumberland, and Robeson counties. Our goal is to assist in preventing fatal and non-fatal overdoses, increase connections to care for vulnerable populations, and build local capacity to respond to overdose crises. We propose to expand harm reduction outreach and linkage to care services for people who use drugs by leveraging existing
NC Survivors Union, Greensboro Award amount: \$799,943	partnerships and building new ones. This project will expand access to evidence-based treatment and treatment supports for OUD through a collaboration led by North Carolina Survivors Union (NCSU) and Duke University Health System. This project will build upon established best practices and existing collaboration between NCSU and Duke to expand access to MOUD with buprenorphine through NCSU's syringe services program (SSP), delivering low-barrier access to life saving counseling and complementary care through community health workers based at NCSU and an expanded pool of buprenorphine prescribers based at Duke.
Opportunity House, Concord Award amount: \$730,400	Opportunity House proposes to prevent relapse and possible overdose via the Cabarrus County Community Reentry Program (CCCRP) by providing harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support for individuals released from incarceration or mental health/treatment facilities, and the chronically homeless. The CCCRP will provide comprehensive, wrap around services addressing the root causes of their current situation.
Oxford House, statewide Award amount: \$800,000	Oxford House, Inc. is proposing to expand and enhance its North Carolina Reentry Program, which assists those persons being released from the North Carolina Division of Prisons and all other types of long and short-term incarceration in an Oxford House. The project goal is to help offenders who participate in an Oxford House successfully enter the community and maintain long-term recovery. To attain this goal, this Initiative will use a structured living environment,

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Robeson Health Care Corporation, Pembroke Award amount: \$800,000	Robeson Health Care Corporation (RHCC) proposes to screen, assess, and provide medically responsible interventions for OUD and other SUDs to individuals upon entering the Robeson County Detention Center, during their incarceration, and at release. RHCC will introduce MAT as an intervention, provide NARCAN, and educate the employees on SUD issues and how to identify signs and symptoms of opioid withdrawal.
SouthLight, Raleigh Award amount: \$791,086	SouthLight proposes to expand access to evidence-based, cost-effective low-cost MOUD, to expand case management services through the use of a Transitional Care Peer Support Specialist to connect people with OUD to treatment, and to decrease barriers to care by addressing social determinants of health. SouthLight's proposal to expand its Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) will include a new 7 day per week evening OTP clinic that will meet the needs of this population with a new, unique and innovative expansion. SouthLight will expand services to include afternoon and evening clinic hours with daily dosing of methadone and buprenorphine.
The Mental Health Fund, dba Catawba Valley Healthcare, Hickory Award amount: \$796,981	Catawba Valley Healthcare proposes to expand pre- trial diversion and reentry planning and support for men and women, prioritizing those from marginalized communities; with a history of SUD; and who are involved with the justice system in Burke, Catawba, or Lincoln Counties. The project will utilize evidence- based strategies for SUD treatment, supports for Social Determinants of Health, and strategies to reduce the likelihood of disease transmission.
UNC Chapel Hill, Office of Sponsored Research, Horizons, Chapel Hill Award amount: \$800,000	UNC Horizons proposes to provide re-entry services to 400 women leaving the three women's prison to address the following primary goals: prevent overdose death, improve financial stability and independence with employment, maintain drug abstinence, avoid recidivism, and increase social support. We will engage women before release, meet them at the time of release, provide transportation, connect them to treatment services and other resources, and continue comprehensive case management services for 6 months to help improve their chances for success post-release.
Wilkes Recovery Revolution, North Wilkesboro Award amount: \$799,998	Wilkes Recovery Revolution (WRR) proposes to expand employment and transportation support via employment support services offered by Project HOW, linking a NC Peer Support Specialist (PSS) with participants to obtain wraparound services to address all barriers to finding meaningful and gainful employment including transportation, application support, connection to our community partner agencies, and support through employment. WRR also proposes to support individuals with OUD who are involved in the criminal justice system by hiring and onboarding a NC Certified PSS specific to our justice involved participants.