

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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TO: Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **An informational report from the DHHS Director’s Office, Department of Health and Human Services, on the status of the HIV/AIDS Prevention, Awareness and Outreach Initiative as adopted in the 2019 budget**

Background

The 2019 Adopted Budget includes an allocation of \$96,213 to support research and help increase HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention in zip codes: 53205, 53206, 53208, 53210, 53213, 53216, and 53233 which have been identified by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) as being the highest zip codes at risk for HIV/AIDS. This work is currently being addressed under a contract between ARCW and the Behavioral Health Division (BHD). For the past several years, BHD has contracted with the ARCW to operate an outreach program to help promote prevention efforts at the ARCW. These efforts include the following services:

- Street outreach targeting injection and other drug users
- Harm reduction needle exchange program
- Fatal opiate overdose prevention education
- Free, anonymous, and confidential HIV and HCV counseling, testing, and referrals services

The scope of work was designed in conjunction with Milwaukee County BHD-CARS Prevention Programming standards, which provide a platform to address a variety of substance abuse and mental health challenges facing this population, with a comprehensive public health approach. This emphasizes primary prevention, evidence-based practices, geographical locations and/or specific populations, and public education efforts. Documentation is requested quarterly and annually. Providers are required to participate in BHD-CARS community activities, trainings, and monthly coalition meetings.

Discussion

In addition to the services described above, the allocation also supports the tracking of client-level data using the Service Point Database. This collects data for each individual interaction that includes race/ethnicity, age, gender, risk behaviors, individuals trained on fatal opiate overdose prevention, number of HIV and HCV tests completed with results, and number of individuals receiving referrals (e.g., substance abuse treatment, HIV treatment, HCV treatment, social services).

This data is stored with strict adherence to all Wisconsin Division of Public Health procedures and protocols. Any information is coded numerically to ensure anonymity of participants. Where hard copies exist of forms, they are physically locked and secured, consistent with HIPPA regulation. The outputs achieved January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018 for individuals residing in Milwaukee County include the following:

- Individuals receiving HIV tests: 992 HIV tests
- Individuals receiving HCV tests: 388 HCV tests
- Individuals receiving fatal opiate overdose prevention training and naloxone: 3,848 individuals
- Individuals attending community group opioid overdose prevention training: 516 individuals
- Reported peer reversals: 286 peer reversals

The State Department of Health Services (DHS) requires the following demographic documentation annually for prevention funding:

Age	15-17	18-20	21-24	25-44	45-64	65 and up	Age Unknown	Total
	15	148	494	3,737	675	38	121	5,228

Gender	Male	Female	Unknown	Total
	3,051	2,103	74	5,228

Race	White	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Asian	American Indian/Alaska Native	More than One Race	Race Not Known or Other	Total
	4,117	928	1	38	49	41	54	5,228

Ongoing evaluation is conducted through monthly review of project implementation. This allows staff to adjust implementation strategies as needed to ensure deliverables are being achieved. ARCW regularly receives input in the development, implementation and evaluation of its programs from clients, annual client needs assessment surveys, annual client satisfaction surveys and periodic focus groups.

Recommendation

This report is informational, and no action is required.



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