

2013 SCIENCE AND SERVICE AWARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED DISORDERS

Application Materials

As part of its mission of building resilience and facilitating recovery, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has advanced a Science and Service Initiative to facilitate knowledge dissemination, promote implementation of effective, evidenced-based mental health and substance abuse interventions into routine clinical and community-based practice, and strengthen feedback from the field to influence services research programs. SAMHSA has been in the forefront of developing, expanding, and adopting innovative substance abuse treatment practices in treatment settings. In support of this, as part of the awards initiative, SAMHSA has created a Science and Service Award Program for the Treatment of Opioid-Related Disorders. This award is designed to recognize excellence in opioid treatment programs and providers who use medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid-related disorders and who have successfully implemented innovative services and/or practices that resulted in improved outcomes. It is meant to promote excellence in the treatment of opioid-related disorders by increasing the integration of innovative approaches in opioid treatment services, including administrative, counseling and medical protocols. Of particular interest for the award, is the implementation of services and practices that support SAMHSA's priorities: recovery support services, integrated behavioral and primary health care services, hepatitis prevention and treatment services, availability of all FDA approved medications for the treatment of opioid dependence, practices that encourage patient choice in treatment planning, administrative practices that promote retention, access to care, and service/cost effectiveness and efficiency, and the use of electronic health records.

Eligibility

Two categories of providers are eligible: Opioid treatment programs (OTPs) and office-based opioid treatment (OBOT) practitioners. To be eligible, OTPs must be: certified by SAMHSA; accredited by a SAMHSA-approved accreditation body; and, in good standing with their State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA). OBOT practitioners must: use, as part of their treatment protocol, medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid-related disorders; if using buprenorphine, be in compliance with the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000); and, be in good standing with their State licensing board. The award is specifically designed to recognize excellence in opioid treatment services and not in educational efforts. The application for the award may be submitted to recognize a program, a medical office/center, or an individual who provides direct care/services within those entities. In addition to the criteria noted above, eligible candidates must be able to demonstrate the successful implementation of an innovative evidence-based or promising practice/intervention that has been in effect in their clinical or administrative practice for a minimum of one year and can be shown to have improved program/practice outcomes.

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OTPs or OBOT practitioners wishing to voluntarily submit information regarding their implementation of an evidence-based or promising intervention are eligible for award selection. Both public sector (Federal, State, local, territorial, and tribal) and private sector organizations are eligible to compete for these awards. Interested organizations should use the format outlined below (in “Application Process”) to provide relevant information. The cover sheets should be completed and emailed to sasaward@samhsa.hhs.gov along with the five page application. Only one application per OTP and OBOT will be accepted for consideration. **Past recipients of a Science and Service Award are not eligible to apply for the 2013 Science and Service Award.**

Awards

Up to five awards will be made in each of the two categories listed above (OTPs and OBOTs). Award winners will be notified in April 2013. Winning applicants will receive recognition for their accomplishments in a ceremony at the SAMHSA office building located in Rockville, Maryland, in May 2013. All recipients (except those who are Federal employees) will be traveled Rockville and provided with lodging. Additionally, awardees will be prominently highlighted on SAMHSA’s website as well as featured in the acclaimed SAMHSA News publication. Descriptions and contact information of current and past award winners are available at <http://www.samhsa.gov/scienceandservice>.

Rating Criteria and Review Process

An external and independent panel of experts will be convened for each of the two award categories to review the applications. All applications will be rated using the following criteria:

Statement of Need (10 points): A brief description of the explicit need or problem being addressed, the reason(s) for selecting and implementing the specific evidence-based/promising practice intervention, and the perceived short- and long-term benefits to the patient population derived from implementing the intervention.

Sustainability (25 points): Documentation that the innovative practice/intervention has been implemented for at least one (1) year, including a description of how the intervention is currently or is likely to be institutionalized or sustained in the future.

Implementation (25 points): Documentation that the innovation adopted has been used with reasonable degrees of fidelity across time and staff members involved in its use. Description of the major challenges and successes you experienced in the adoption, implementation and integration of the innovation into the day-to-day operations of the program/office/center .

SAMHSA Priorities (10 points): A brief description of how the innovative practice or service supports one of the following SAMSHA priorities: recovery supports services, integrated behavioral health and primary health care services, hepatitis prevention and treatment services, availability of all FDA approved medications for the treatment of opioid dependence; practices that encourage patient choice in treatment planning, and administrative practices that promote retention, access to care, and service/cost

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Results (30 points): Documentation that the innovation has produced benefits for the population served in terms of clinical or administrative outcomes. The documentation may consist of evidence of risk reduction, pre-post measures of change, improved retention rates, cost-benefit analyses, or other forms of evidence that demonstrates measureable benefits derived from the intervention.

Each application will be reviewed by three members of the panel. Each panel member will score the application, based on the criteria noted above, using a standardized scoring tool. Any scoring ties will be resolved within the review panel. SAMHSA's Office of the Administrator and the Office of the Director for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment will review, approve and select the award finalists. Finalist may also be site-visited by one or more reviewers prior to the announcement of the award recipients.

Application Process

1. Notify SAMHSA in writing via e-mail at sasaward@samhsa.hhs.gov of your intent to apply for the award no later than November 29, 2012 11:00 p.m. (EST)
2. Complete the Cover Sheets that follow this announcement. Be sure to include the name of the innovation that was implemented and any relevant citations from the scientific literature.
3. Attach the covers sheet to your narrative. In your narrative, be sure to include information specific to the five rating criteria described above (Need, Sustainability, Implementation, SAMHSA Priority, and Results). The narrative is not to exceed 5 pages - single spaced, 12-point font (new times roman or similar), one-inch margins.

Questions regarding the application process should be submitted in writing via e-mail to sasaward@samhsa.hhs.gov by December 12, 2012. Answers to all questions will be posted on SAMHSA's website (www.samhsa.gov/scienceandservice) by COB on December 14, 2012.

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Submission of an application or selection as an award winner is not associated with any other current or future funding from SAMHSA or any other federal agency.

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COVER PAGES

Program/ Office/Center/Individual Nominee:

Nominee's Name	
Address	
Phone / Fax	
Website	

Contact Person:

Name	
Position Title	
Phone	
Email	

Award Category Applying For:

- Opioid Treatment Program
 Office-based Opioid Treatment

Name of Evidence-Based or Promising Practice(s): Include the name of the evidence-based intervention that was implemented, any relevant information from the scientific literature, and if applicable, the specific Federal, and/or State registry (including URL address) where the evidence-based intervention is listed. Note: Provide only the name(s) of the evidence-based intervention that your agency is featuring in this application and for which you have data.



*Behavioral Health is Essential to Health
Prevention Works
Treatment is Effective
People Recover*

Program Abstract: Write a description of your program and your innovation as you would like it to appear on websites and publications. (250 words or less)

Write the name of the Program/Practice/Individual who is to receive the award EXACTLY as you want it to appear on the certificate:

Office use only: Reference # _____ Date Received: _____ Staff Initials _____

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