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NHSC Combatting the Opioid Epidemic

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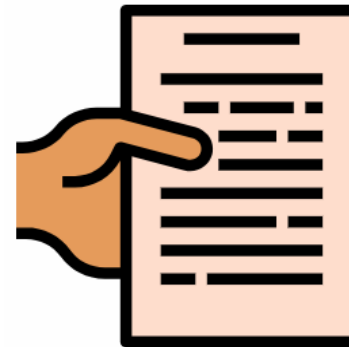
Purpose and Update

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The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the DNHSC initiatives to combat the opioid epidemic.

Updates

- ✓ NHSC Strategic Overview
- ✓ NHSC's Initiatives in combating the opioid epidemic
- ✓ NHSC's Challenges in addressing these initiatives
- ✓ Accomplishments
- ✓ Next Step



NHSC Strategic Overview

FY19 LRP Continuation Awards

- \$5K award enhancement for NHSC participants with DATA 2000 waivers
- Benchmarking data on NHSC influence on providers treating substance abuse
- Addressing the stigmas to care
- **Cycle: Fall 2018**

FY19 New LRP Awards

- Traditional cycle using FY19 Funding
- Capture applicant data for future initiatives
- Overview of thousands of NHSC providers
- **Cycle: Fall 2018**

FY19/FY20 National SUD Expansion

- \$75 million to award providers practicing in evidence-based substance abuse treatment
- Substance Use Disorder professionals will be eligible
- **Cycle: Fall 2018**

FY19/FY20 Rural Opioid Focus

- Dedicate \$30 million to FORHP grantees and other high risk rural communities
- Awards to be nominated grantees
- Awards made to high risk communities will be ranked by overdose rates within the state
- **Cycle: 3rd Qtr. FY19**

Award Enhancement - FY19 LRP Continuation Awards

- A supplemental award of \$5,000 will be granted to eligible participants providing substance use disorder treatment.
 - This includes continuation participants certified in Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) who plan to continue to provide health care services at NHSC approved sites.
 - Additional loan repayment up to a maximum of \$25,000 (full-time), \$15,000 (half-time) will be awarded in exchange for an additional year of service to qualified NHSC participants who possess a DATA 2000 waiver.





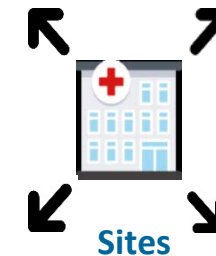
FY19 New LRP Awards

- Traditional LRP – Full-Time and Half-Time Award
 - Application now includes questions to capture those who are providing Opioid Use Disorder services.
- The disciplines and site types will NOT be expanded for traditional LRP, but the applicant data collected will help to direct and shape future initiatives and guide division policies and activities.
- Global perspective of the health workforce and NHSC applicant pool



FY19/FY20 National SUD Expansion

- **Expand traditional LRP disciplines to include SUD professionals:**
 - Licensed Health Professional (includes pharmacist and registered nurses) with SUD Certification
 - State Licensed or SUD Counselor with Master's Education or higher
- **Expand traditional NHSC-approved sites and services:**
 - Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) , Office-based Opioid Treatment Facilities (OBOT), Non-opioid Outpatient Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Facilities
- **Service Obligation & Award Amount**
 - 3-year service commitment
 - \$75,000/award



FY19/FY20 Rural Opioid Focus

- \$30 million - Rural communities and communities impacted by a high overdose rate
- \$100,000/award
- 3-year service commitment
- Same requirements as NHSC SUD Expansion



NHSC SUD Challenges

- Identification and engagement of internal and external stakeholders
- Development of the SUD Professional definition
 - Who is included in the care team?
 - Who is excluded?
 - Do the members of the care team see themselves in this definition?
- Navigating the Stigmas to Care
- Understanding the universe of providers
- Realigning our application cycles to accommodate SUD awards



Accomplishments

- Development of the National SUD Expansion Program
- Developed the Award Enhancement Opportunity
 - Established partnerships with SAMSHA and PCSS
 - Expanded NHSC's footprint to include training, mentorship and clinical support
 - Opportunity to increase workforce available to address the current opioid epidemic



Next Steps

- Publishing the APGs –Fall 2018
- Reviewing application and award
- Use data and lessons learned from FY19 to direct and shape future initiatives.



Questions



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