

Abstract

Organization: Public Health Management Corporation

Program: Recovery + Economic Growth

Geographic Description: Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) proposes to provide Recovery + Economic Growth (R+EG) in the County of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Philadelphia has a population estimated at 1.5 million and has the highest poverty rate of the country's ten largest cities. Philadelphia is at the epicenter of opioid epidemic with a 34% increase in overdose deaths from 2016 to 2017. While overdose deaths dropped slightly in Philadelphia in 2018-with 1,116 people dying of accidental overdoses compared with 1,217 people the previous year, this is largely attributed to the mass distribution of Narcan across the city and remains among the highest rates in the nation. R+EG services will be provided in at least two locations within Opportunity Zones.

Outcomes: R+EG proposes to serve 100 women receiving treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD) providing them with employment training so they may re-enter the workforce.

R+EG Cost: \$497,984 and \$4,979 per client

Project Description: The proposed R+EG represents a new opportunity to provide employment training specifically for women experiencing OUD as part of their recovery plan. In Year 3 of R+EG, PHMC will apply lessons learned from R+EG to further integrate employment training into its SUD/OUD treatment and recovery programming.

PHMC currently operates two programs providing OUD treatment to women: 1) CHANCE and 2) Interim House West. These programs, along with a diverse set of organizations, will serve as referral sources for R+EG. The process for clients for R+EG begins at their thirty day mark in recovery where they will receive an assessment, to be developed, to

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determine the best time to integrate employment training into their recovery plan. When this time arrives, clients will receive 160 hours of employment training of a curriculum developed by PHMC. This curriculum will be based off of the nationally known evidenced-based STRIVE. STRIVE has proven to provide attitudinal changes in clients who complete their curriculums preparing them for the workforce. PHMC has been using STRIVE for over twelve years. After completing the curriculum, clients will receive job placement services. Clients of R+EG can expect to obtain employment earning a median annual salary of \$20,800. Following placement in employment, PHMC will continue to engage clients providing employment retention support.

PHMC is well poised to successfully implement R+EG and take lessons learned from it to build a model that integrates employment training into clients' OUD treatment plan. PHMC has served the Delaware Valley region since 1972 as facilitator, developer, intermediary, manager, advocate, and innovator in the field of public health. PHMC's family of programs and subsidiary organizations includes a portfolio of services that consist of services that include, but are not limited to, the following: physical and behavioral health service delivery, health promotion, early childhood education, after-school programming, workforce development, child welfare, foster care, early intervention and intellectual disability supports, and research and evaluation. Specifically related to OUD/SUD and employment training, PHMC has decades of experience performing each through its programs CHANCES and Interim House West. Lastly, since its founding, PHMC has served more than 25,000 of Philadelphia's low-income adults and youth, helping them to gain the skills to obtain quality jobs in growing industries.