

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care
Date of Final Award – June 4, 2021

Name of Program: Collaborative HIV/HCV Opioid Care (CHHOC) Initiative

Purpose:

The New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) was awarded a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for \$2 million per year for the period of March 30, 2020 to March 31, 2025 to implement a Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care (PIPBHC) initiative.

Two awards were made in 2020 to implement this initiative. The DMHAS re-issued this Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) to increase the numbers patients served through this project. This initiative implemented from these awards will address barriers to medical services and related care for People Who Inject Drugs (PWIDs) who are at risk for HIV and Hepatitis C (HCV) by developing an integrated system of care between participating Opioid Treatment Providers (OTPs) and primary care providers. To ensure that the initiative reaches those PWIDs at highest risk for HIV/HCV, these entities shall arrange to receive referrals from Harm Reduction Centers (HRCs) in their counties. DMHAS is interested in developing and comparing effectiveness of two different service models; one model is a collaboration between an OTP and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and the other is a single provider that has a co-located OTP and FQHC or other primary care clinic. In the event that no vendor has a co-located model of primary care and OTP, DMHAS reserves the right to select another collaborative proposal.

Through care at the participating agencies, PWIDs will receive antiviral therapy that is coordinated with treatment for their substance use disorder. The goal is to eliminate HCV and slow the progression of HIV and engage individuals in substance use disorder treatment services, thus helping to prevent the transmission of these diseases and decrease deaths in PWIDs. Eligible providers must be licensed as an Ambulatory Care facility from NJ Department of Health (DOH) and must develop a formal agreement with an Opioid Treatment Program or hold a current OTP license from DOH. To be considered for this opportunity the provider must be sited in a county with a Harm Reduction Center from which referrals will be made for HIV/HCV treatment services. The primary care provider must be enrolled in the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

DMHAS awarded one contract in the amount of \$583,550.

Agency Name	CEO/ Executive Director	Amount Funded	County of Award
John Brooks Recovery Center	Michael Santillo, CEO	\$583,550	Atlantic