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$ 5.3 Million Awarded for Substance Abuse Treatment in Communities with Serious Drug Problems

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy G. Thompson today announced approximately $5.3 million in eleven new awards to expand substance abuse treatment services or launch innovative solutions to local substance abuse problems. These awards are part of the Targeted Capacity Expansion program of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT).

“These grants will help fill gaps in treatment capacity in these communities, so those who need substance abuse treatment can get help,” Secretary Thompson said. “We are committed to supporting local programs that combat the personal despair and community disintegration brought on by drug addiction.”

The Targeted Capacity Expansion program addresses rapidly changing community needs, such as a sudden need to treat youth who are abusing Ecstasy or provide treatment for addiction to methamphetamine. Grants are awarded to existing programs to expand or improve their treatment services. The current grants will address community needs that include residential treatment services in some areas and expanded outpatient services in others.

SAMHSA Administrator, Charles G. Curie, pointed out that “Without expanded programs we will be exhorting drug and alcohol users to sign up for treatment programs that cannot accept them. We must have a coordinated strategy with programs in place, so we can encourage people who abuse drugs and alcohol to enter into treatment both for the sake of their families and to save their lives.”

“Drug addiction can jeopardize the future of children, adolescents, minority populations, even the elderly,” said CSAT Director H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H. “Effective, timely treatment can be the answer to full, productive lives. Our grants address specific community needs through culturally-relevant treatment programs.”

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The programs funded include:

$500,000 to the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., Anchorage, AK to treat 41 additional Alaskan Native women with children per year in outpatient care while treating 41 in continuing care.

$500,000 to the Bronx County District Attorney, Bronx Mental Health Court, Diversion Services, Bronx, NY to add 100 clients to their alternative to incarceration component for men and women with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

$500,000 to the Milwaukee County Department of Human Services; Latinas Unidas Project, Milwaukee, WI to support 12 additional residential treatment beds to care for 40 more Hispanic women.

$470,012 to the City of Manchester Wraparound Collaborative Project, Manchester, NH to expand to accommodate 150 more adolescents or young adults ages 12-21.

$500,000 to the Brevard County Board of Commissioners’ Women and Infants Program, Viera, FL to accommodate 30 more clients by expanding to five more residential treatment beds and creating 13 more slots for child-related services.

$498,925 to the City of Fall River Treatment Access Project, Fall River, MA to expand screening services and brief intervention services to male and female adults. The project is slated to expand by 100 clients.

$461,070 to Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, Akron, Ohio to expand by 50 clients to serve 200 clients in 3 years. This project will increase outpatient treatment services for adult males and females over the age of 60.

$394,588 to the Bonneville County Dual Diagnosed Women Project, Idaho Falls, ID to serve 50 more women with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders.

$471,827 to the Superior Court of Maricopa County Residential Treatment for Probationers project, Phoenix, AZ to serve 50 more women in residential treatment.

$500,000 to the City and County of Denver Department of Safety Miracles Program, Denver, CO to expand outpatient treatment, case management and support services to women under criminal justice supervision. The grant will allow the project to serve 125 more Hispanic women.

$500,000 to Douglas County Drug Court Expansion program, Omaha, NE to expand residential treatment slots to accommodate 58 more clients who abuse stimulants.

SAMHSA, a public health agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the lead federal agency for improving the quality and availability of substance abuse prevention, addiction treatment and mental health services in the United States. Information on SAMHSA’s programs is available on the Internet at www.samhsa.gov. News media requests should be directed to Media Services at (800) 487-4890.