



Federal Block Grants:

It takes a whole state to keep them

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
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OUTLINE

- Overview of Block Grants
- Requirements
 - Department
 - Managing Entities
 - Providers
- Why does it matter to me?



OVERVIEW:

What are the Block Grants?

- Block grants are noncompetitive, formula grants appropriated by Congress.
- This provides the foundation for safety net services in Florida.
- Federal grants with federal legal requirements that apply to every aspect of the process
 - Department
 - SAMH Program
 - Contracts
 - Licensing
 - Revenue Management
 - Budgeting
 - Managing Entities
 - Providers that receive federal dollars (That's all providers that receive Department funding).
- **Everybody's responsibility.**



OVERVIEW:

Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

- Approximately \$30,000,000 each year
- Funds community based mental health services for:
 - Adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
 - Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)
- Planning Council requirement
- Spending requirement:
 - Services for first episode of psychosis (FEP)



OVERVIEW:

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPTBG)

- Approximately \$100,000,000 each year
- Funds substance abuse:
 - Prevention;
 - Treatment; and
 - Recovery support.
- Prioritizes:
 - Pregnant Women;
 - Women with Dependant Children; and
 - Intravenous Drug users.



OVERVIEW:

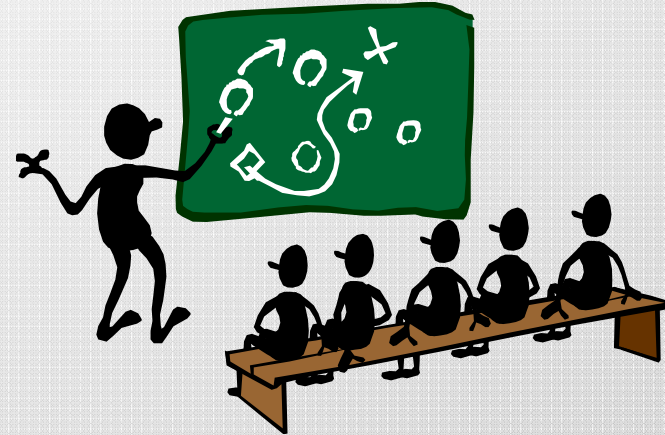
SAPTBG Requirements

- Pregnant Women and Injection Drug Users
 - Requires capacity management (waitlists)
 - Requires interim services (48 hrs for pregnant women)
- SYNAR and Tobacco reporting
- Spending requirements:
 - Prevention
 - Intervention Services for HIV / TB
 - Women's Services



DEPARTMENT

- SAMH
 - Tallahassee – apply and report
 - Regions – monitor and collect
- CFO Group
 - Revenue Management
 - Fiscal Accountability
 - Budget
- Operations
 - Contract Managers



Federal Question:

Who is overseeing the managing entities and block grant requirements?



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MANAGING ENTITIES

The Managing Entity assumes the responsibility for:

- Implementation
- Administration
- Monitoring
- Associated maintenance of effort requirements
- Any federal or state requirement associated with receiving funding



PROVIDERS

- For CMHBG:
 - FEP set aside
 - Prioritize SMI, and SED
- For SAPTBG:
 - Prioritize Pregnant Women, Women with Children, and Injection Drug Users
 - HIV/TB Services
 - Participate in peer review
 - Prevention - based on CSAP, IOM, and EBP



RECIPIENTS OF SAPTBG FUNDING

Priority Populations

Pregnant Women & Women
with Dependent Children

- Primary medical care
- Pediatric care
- Gender-specific treatment
- Preference in admissions
- Waiting list
- Interim services within 48 hrs

HIV/TB
individuals in
treatment

- Risk assessment
- On-site HIV testing
- Pre/post test counseling

Injecting Drug Users

- 14-120 days for admission
- Interim services within 48 hrs



HIV SERVICES

- Early Intervention Services (EIS)
- Why has this been included?
- Federal law requires:
 - Pre-test counseling;
 - Testing; and
 - Post-testing counseling.
- Note – Florida regulatory requirement...



TUBERCULOSIS SERVICES

- Florida's set aside = \$1,107. (Not a typo)
- Note connection with HIV services...
- Note also – Florida regulations...
 - Rule 65D-30.004, F.A.C., Common Licensing Standards



PREVENTION SERVICES

- Primary Prevention
 - Aimed at a person who does not have a diagnosis
- Must be reported based on the following:
 - CSAP Strategy;
 - IOM Classification; and
 - The evidence based strategy used.



PRIORITY POPULATION:

Intravenous Drug Users

- One of the federal priority populations
- Waitlist requirements
- Interim services
- How to implement?



PRIORITY POPULATION:

Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children

- The second priority population
- Immediate priority for services
 - Waitlist
 - Interim Services
- Services for children
 - Family treated together where possible
- Residency doesn't matter



ADDITIONALLY...

- Providers that receive block grant funding:
 - CEUs;
 - Process Improvement;
 - Peer Review Process; and
 - OMB A-133...



WHAT HAPPENS IF....

- The state misses a spending target:
 - Payback of deficiency
- The state cannot demonstrate compliance with a requirement:
 - Payback or penalty
 - Quarterly release not certified for payment
 - Audit (site visit)



Does this actually happen? Ask GA, NC, SC, MS, LA, AZ, NY...and Florida.



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RESOURCES

- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant:

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants/sabg>

- Community Mental Health Block Grant:

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants/mhbg>

- SYNAR:

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/synar>

GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS



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