Federal Block Grants:

*It takes a whole state to keep them*

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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)

Mental Health 42 U.S.C. s. 300x
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.

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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?*
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

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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.*
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
Questions?

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