

TAKING ACTION ON OPIOID ABUSE BY INCREASING ACCESS AND QUALITY OF TREATMENT

The Opioid Funders Collaborative, which currently includes six Michigan philanthropic organizations working together to address the opioid epidemic in Michigan, proposes a public-private partnership with the Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (within MDHHS) to enhance OROSC's efforts to establish a diversified system of care for opioid addiction treatment. The Opioid Funders Collaborative has committed \$600,000 and respectfully requests \$1,500,000 to fully develop and implement effective SUD treatment in office-based treatment programs and emergency rooms throughout the state.

The Goal

To increase and enhance access to quality treatment of opioid use disorder.

The Proposal

With funding and technical support from OROSC, the Collaborative will develop, implement and support the state's evaluation of high quality SUD treatment in a diversity of settings across the state, address barriers to effective treatment, and provide education and learning opportunities for providers that supports successful delivery of services and outcomes. The Opioid Abuse Prevention Fund has been created at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM) to receive and distribute funds on behalf of the Collaborative. Once fully implemented, the Fund will provide two types of support:

1) Grantmaking Programs:

Three grantmaking programs will be launched in 2018-19 to support evidence-based quality improvement efforts of opioid abuse prevention programs and strategies, including:

- a. **Direct Provider Support for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT):** A grant program would be launched to support Michigan medical and behavioral health providers to develop and initiate, enhance or expand comprehensive MAT programs that will be sustained after the grant ends. The focus will be on organizations and providers that treat primarily low-income patients with Medicaid insurance or who are uninsured. Grants may be used to address significant administrative and programmatic barriers to offering MAT to their patients, including lack of access to personnel with expertise in delivering MAT, limitations in the number of people they can prescribe to, funding barriers and challenges in identifying licensed substance abuse providers for therapy. These resources will be targeted to organizations who are not already receiving similar support by Collaborative members, including MDHHS.
- b. **Culture Change in Hospitals and Emergency Departments (ED):** A grant program would be launched to support two or more pilot programs at emergency departments and hospitals to address missed opportunities to engage patients with SUD including screening and assessment, support for integration of addiction/behavioral health services, initiation of appropriate treatment and/or referrals, and managing care transitions when patients leave the ED or the hospital.
- c. **Expansion of the MI Opioid Collaborative:** A grant program would support the Michigan Opioid Collaborative to expand capacity to deliver technical assistance, education and training to grantees as they begin or expand MAT programs.

2) Co-Learning Opportunities:

In addition to grantmaking, we propose to initiate learning across providers by convening a learning network for purposes of sharing best practice information; and provision of training and coaching that support effective delivery of services and outcomes. In addition, a communications strategy will be built around the grantmaking and learning programs to share the information to a wider audience.

The Budget

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will be the sole grantee for all of the partner funders, including the OROSC. CFSEM will manage the grantmaking and other programmatic elements, steered by an Advisory Committee that includes representatives from each funding partner. CFSEM has experience managing other such funding collaboratives. Part of CFSEM's job would also be to arrange regular meetings of the funding partners to jointly make grant recommendations, as well as come to consensus on the plan for the Learning Series.

The proposed budget for this project is as follows:

Item	Amount	Notes
Grantmaking: Medical/Behavioral Health Providers	\$1,500,000	RFP will be co-designed with all partners
Grantmaking: Hospital/ED Strategy	\$250,000	Grantmaking for pilot at two or more hospitals/EDs. RFP will be co-designed with funding partners.
Grantmaking: Opioid Collaborative Expansion	\$250,000	Grantmaking for expansion of Michigan Opioid Collaborative to include other partners and/or communities.
Learning Series:	\$35,000	Includes speaker fees, facility rental, audio-visual, food/refreshments, etc. for two half-day events.
Consultant:	\$25,000	CFSEM would like to hire a consultant with expertise in opioid treatment to help craft learning series and guide other content needs of the project. An RFP would be issued, and the funding partners would be involved in the selection of the consultant.
Evaluation:	-	Will be provided in-kind from OROSC
Communications:	\$15,000	Funds for an e-newsletter to keep grantees and funders connected throughout project; photographer and writer to capture stories to share with public on work.
Administration:	\$25,000	This includes cost of implementing learning series, managing grant programs, and coordinating communications plan with funding partners.
TOTAL	\$2,100,000	\$1,500,000 (OROSC) \$600,000 (Collaborative)

About the Opioid Funders Collaborative

The Funders Collaborative has a track record of working together, soliciting and identifying strong projects, providing technical assistance to potential grantees and ensuring that funded projects conduct a rigorous evaluation so that effective models can be replicated around the State. Our first initiative was the 2017 grant program **Taking Action on Opioid and Prescription Drug Abuse in Michigan by Supporting Community Responses**. Over \$570,000 was awarded to community coalitions to address opioid abuse in nine communities.

The individual funding organizations are Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Health Endowment Fund, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Ethel and James Flinn Foundation, and Superior Health Foundation.

A partnership with the OROSC would expand the reach and depth of the initiative, bringing Department resources, including financial support and technical assistance to bear on this initiative.

Attachment: Current Funding Organizations

 <p>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan</p>	<p>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation (the philanthropic affiliate of Blue Cross) have a long history of commitment to increasing access to health care in partnership with safety net health care providers. We have a unique social mission to help ensure access to high-quality medical care for all Michigan residents. We strive to provide leadership, advocacy and resources to reduce barriers and promote quality health for uninsured and underserved people in Michigan. For more information, visit bcbsm.com/safetynet and bcbsm.com/foundation.</p>
<p>MICHIGAN HEALTH ENDOWMENT FUND</p>	<p>The Michigan Health Endowment Fund works to improve the health and wellness of Michigan residents and reduce the cost of health care, with a special focus on children and seniors. For more information about the Health Fund, go to mhealthfund.com.*</p>
<p>Community Foundation <small>FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN</small></p>	<p>The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan is a full-service philanthropic organization leading the way for positive change in our region. As a permanent community endowment built by gifts from thousands of individuals and organizations, the foundation supports a variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs. Since it began, the foundation has distributed nearly \$892 million through more than 59,500 grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties. For more information, visit cfsem.org.*</p>
 <p><small>ETHEL & JAMES</small> FLINN FOUNDATION</p>	<p>The Ethel and James Flinn Foundation is committed to improving the quality, scope and delivery of mental health services in Michigan. The Foundation uses its resources to develop, evaluate and implement best practice treatment programs throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. For more information about the Flinn Foundation, visit www.flinnfoundation.org.</p>
 <p>SUPERIOR Health Foundation</p>	<p>The Superior Health Foundation is a health-centered, nonprofit organization that provides grant funding to health-centered causes and initiatives in the Upper Peninsula. Headquartered in Marquette, the Superior Health Foundation’s mission is to assist with unmet health care needs, with health education, and with programs and research on preventing illness and promoting health. Its vision is “to improve the health of the residents of the Upper Peninsula.” Since it began in 2012, the Superior Health Foundation has provided nearly \$1.2 million in grant funding, and overall with its events, has awarded close to \$1.4 million. SHF recognizes the numerous health issues that affect our society. To that end, it believes strongly in this initiative and is committed to providing philanthropic support to address the burgeoning opioid and prescription drug abuse problem in Michigan. For more information, visit superiorhealthfoundation.org.*</p>