

Tribal Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Funds Grant/Contract Deliverables and Expectations

Name of Organization: **2024 Tribal MHBG Funds Contract**

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Background

The Tribal-State Collaboration for Positive Change (TSCPC) is a working collaborative formed in 2007 which consists of appointed behavioral health designees from each of the 11 federally-recognized Wisconsin Tribes, State Department of Health Services members and community partners. The project has been funded by a Mental Health Block Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

TSCPC makes it possible to bring Tribal and State representatives together with other strong allies to discuss, share strategies, provide professional support and advocate for change regarding the complex, and often chronic, substance abuse and mental health issues that disproportionately affect American Indian (AI) people—specifically children with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and adults with serious mental illnesses (SMI) in Wisconsin tribal communities.

American Indian (AI) individuals are reported as having the lowest income, least education and highest poverty level of any group—minority or majority—in the United States (Denny, Holtzman, Goins and Croft, 2005) and the lowest life expectancy of any other population in the United States (CDC, 2010). In Wisconsin Tribes, the accumulation of economic, academic and social risk factors lead to disproportionate health outcomes in Tribal communities. AI people comprise 0.9% of the total Wisconsin population. However, AI youth and adults suffer disproportionate alcohol and drug abuse, alongside co-occurring mental health disorders, severely stressing tribal families, not to mention tribal and county budgets. These co-occurring disorders are most pronounced in the tribal SED and SMI populations. These groups require the most attention and resources within Tribal communities in Wisconsin.

Funding Per Tribe or Generalized Funding Statement

Each tribal agency receives \$8,775 in Mental Health Block Grant funding. Lac Du Flambeau receives \$12,250 to allow for a coordinated effort and facilitator of the monthly group meetings focused on systems change. The contract runs from **October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024**. The MHBG requires tribes to serve clients with SED and SMI needs and focus the systems change work in these areas. Below are the definitions for the required services.

Definitions of Children and Adolescents with Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED)

Pursuant to Section 1911(c) of the Public Health Service Act "children with a serious emotional disturbance" are (1) from birth up to age 18 and (2) who currently have, or at any time during the last year, had a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified within DSM-III-R. Federal Register Volume 58 No. 96 published Thursday, May 20, 1993, pages 29422 through 29425.

Definition of Adults with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)

Pursuant to Section 1912(c) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by Public Law 102-321, "adults with a serious mental illness" are persons: (1) age 18 and over and (2) who currently have, or at any time during the past year, had a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified within DSM-IV or their ICD-9-CM equivalent (and subsequent revisions) with the exception of DSM-IV "V" codes, substance use disorders, and developmental disorders, which are excluded, unless they co-occur with another diagnosable serious mental illness, and (3) that has resulted in functional impairment, which substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities. Federal Register Volume 58 No. 96 published Thursday, May 20, 1993, pages 29422 through 29425.

Scope of Work Summary

- Provide regular and ongoing, real time and person-to-person communication between the Tribes and the state on the most critical behavioral health issues facing American Indian peoples in Wisconsin and culturally responsive, actionable steps to alleviate them.
- TSCPC will focus specifically on adults with serious mental illnesses (SMI) and children with serious emotional disturbances (SED)-as defined in Section 1912(c) of the Public Health Service Act.
- Provide a direct conduit to discuss issues and needs between the state and Tribes regarding the range of SMI and SED issues that disproportionately impacts Tribal communities.
- Provide an ongoing forum for Tribes to share "what works" in their communities with one another, and within their own governments and communities that improves upon current intervention and treatment strategies for tribal SMI and SED populations.
- Provides a forum for Tribal behavioral health directors to collectively advocate to state and Tribal leadership for policy and system change strategies that improves the mental health, and associated substance abuse environment, and reduces the negative stigma associated with mental health and associated substance abuse issues in SMI and SED populations in Tribal communities.
- Provides funding and innovative ideas for local and inter-tribal efforts for staff trainings, community awareness events, implementing evidence and practice-based programming and other strategies that serve to improve the mental health and substance use environments within the SMI and SED populations in tribal communities across Wisconsin.
- Meet all data and reporting requirements in a timely and accurate manner including PPS.
- Measure the effectiveness and impact of the initiative for the adults with SMI and children with SED.
- Requirements herein stated and in the base contract apply to any sub-grants or grants. The contracting agency has primary responsibility to take constructive steps to ensure the compliance of its subcontractors. The county/tribe must inform the sub-grantees of the award information set forth.
- Semi-annual program and progress reports on each program goal and objective including fiscal reports on budget line items shall be submitted to the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR) by April 30th and October 31st of the following year in a format provided by the BPTR (Form # F-20389).

Contract Period of Performance:

October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024

Reporting Requirements	Due Date
6 month performance review	April 30, 2024

