

Mid-State Health Center Transportation for Rural Treatment and Recovery Supports

Demographics

Sex: Male: 125 Female: 107

Age: 18-34: 21% 35-64: 74% 65+: 5%

Race:

89% Caucasian/White

1% Black/African American

1% American Indian/Alaska Native 1% Other Pacific Islander

7% Unreported

Ethnicity:

79% Not Hispanic/Latino

2% Hispanic/Latino

19% unreported

An analysis of the impact(s), successes and challenges of the project(s), program(s), and/or service(s) funded.

This year, Mid-State leveraged the funding primarily to for staffing that support enabling and outreach for SUD/ODU participants. The funds support a 1FTE driver and 0.15 FTE of a certified recovery support worker (CRSW).

The funding has made a significant difference for participants who face transportation challenges, particularly for those in

our Intensive Outpatient Program which meets in-person 3 evenings each week. The Recovery Team staff and driver are also providing transport patients to their recovery appointments at the health center primary site as well as provide rides to those who need transportation to outside recovery programs and services, such as an in-patient program or local Doorway.

The health center's CRSW works with current and potential recovery program participants to reduce barriers they face in seeking treatment. The RSW assists with addressing the social determinants of health such as housing, food security, job- seeking, educational opportunities, and accessing health care services.

The addition of these resources to the Mid-State's recovery program increases overall access to substance use disorder treatment for the community.

Mid-State's recovery team has made significant efforts in outreach and established a referral arrangement with the local emergency room as well as several local police departments. The team is currently in discussions with the Department of Corrections on a potential program to assist justice-involved populations with OUD/SUD to establish connections with appropriate outside recovery program/resources as they re- enter their community.

They are also working with the Grafton County Attorney's office and a local police department to explore piloting a LEAD (law

enforcement assisted deferment) model where the law enforcement agency, with support of the county attorney, can defer charges if involved party seeks active treatment and recovery.

Recruitment of qualified recovery staff continues to be challenging, especially master's level Alcohol and Drug Counselors. To this end, Mid-State leveraged a portion of these funds in FY24 to reimburse the course fees for a recovery team member who is seeking their advance degree in mental health counseling and substance use disorder treatment.