

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Combined Behavioral Health Block Grant

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Approximately \$36 Million Administered by the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health (OBH)

What is SAMHSA?

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

What is OBH?

The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) oversees and purchases substance use and mental health prevention, treatment, and recovery services and provides inpatient care at the state mental health institutes. OBH is responsible for policy development, service provision and coordination, program monitoring and evaluation, and administrative oversight for the Colorado public behavioral health system. OBH executes the state's federal responsibilities as the State Mental Health Authority and the State Substance Abuse Authority for the purposes of administering federal mental health and substance abuse block grant funds.

What is the Behavioral Health Block Grant?

Mandated by Congress, SAMHSA's block grants are noncompetitive grants that provide funding for substance abuse and mental health services. Colorado submits a combined behavioral health assessment and plan every two years, which outlines the services for both the mental health and substance use block grants.

Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

OBH receives approximately \$8 Million (varies annually based on Federal Budget)

Overseen by SAMHSA's Center of Mental Health Services (CMHS), which leads federal efforts to promote the prevention and treatment of mental disorders.

Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)

OBH receives approximately \$28 Million (varies annually based on Federal Budget)

Overseen by SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).

Mental Health Services

Approximately \$8 Million

10% mandatory set aside for First Episode
Psychosis and remainder with a focus on
individuals with serious mental illness and children
with serious emotional disturbance

Treatment Services

Approximately \$21.7
Million

For Treatment and Recovery Support Services

Prevention Services

Approximately \$6.3 Million

20% mandatory set aside for *Primary* Prevention Services

Federal Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Block Grant Goals

	GOAL	BASELINE MEASUREMENT	FIRST-YEAR TARGET	SECOND-YEAR TARGET
1.	Provide core mental health services to adults and older adults with serious mental illness (SMI).	Percent of clients who are engaged in care	Maintain performance at 65% of clients engaged in services	Maintain performance at 65% of clients engaged in services
2.	Provide core mental health services to children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances (SED).	Percent of clients who are engaged in care	Maintain performance at 65% of clients engaged in services	Maintain performance at 65% of clients engaged in services
3.	Assure timely access to effective treatment for any pregnant women struggling with substance use disorders.	Increase access and reduction in use for those receiving services	Improve access performance by 5%. Maintain reduction in use goal of 95.2%	Maintain access and reduction in use goals
4.	Assure timely access to effective treatment services to women with dependent children.	Increase access and reduction in use for those receiving services	Maintain statewide performance and benchmark for access (98%) and reduction in use (92%) for this population from State Fiscal Year (SFY) 17	Maintain statewide performance and benchmark for access and reduction in use for this population from SFY18
5.	Assure accessible and quality treatment services for people who inject drugs.	Accessible and quality treatment services for people who inject drugs	2% increase in number served over the prior SFY	2% increase in number served over the prior SFY
6.	Identification and referral to appropriate care for those with tuberculosis and other communicable diseases.	Colorado will continue to screen all admitted clients for TB and other communicable diseases	Maintain full compliance with this contractual expectation	Maintain full compliance with this contractual expectation
7.	Reduce under-age-18 substance use.	Healthy Kids Colorado Survey data on under- age-18 substance use	Review substance use survey data available in FY18 (survey conducted every two years)	Review substance use survey data available in FY20
8.	Enhance recovery support services for people with mental health and substance use disorders.	Baseline data will be collected FY2017	Dedicate 10% of SABG treatment funding to recovery support services	Maintain 10% of SABG treatment funding to recovery support services
9.	Increase behavioral health screening and referral to treatment in primary care and school-based health centers.	Baseline data will be collected FY2017	Dedicate 5% of SABG prevention funding to this program	Maintain 5% of SABG prevention funding to this program

DEFINITIONS:

Engagement= four services within the first 45 days of admission

Access= appointment within 7 days of first contact

Reduction in Use= number of persons who reduced their use of substances from admission to discharge

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