

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: October 25, 2023

FROM: Sheriff John Matz

RE: Solutions Recovery, Inc contract funded by National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund

General Description:

Authorize the use of \$52,500 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund for the Sheriff's Office program contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc. to provide a Solutions Peer Response Team administrative position for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) program. This will cover the costs of the contract for all of 2023 (\$7,500 per month from June-December 2023).

Action Requested:

Motion to approve resolution to authorize the use of \$52,500 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund to the program contracted between the Sheriff's Office and Solutions Recovery, Inc. to provide a Solutions Peer Response Team administrative position for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) program.

Procedural Steps:

(Show each level of committee and board approval needed, with meeting dates.)

Committee of Jurisdiction: Judiciary_____ Meeting date: 11/06/23

Action taken: APPROVED_____ Vote: 5-0

Other Committee: Personnel and Finance_____ Meeting date: 12/07/23

Action taken: APPROVED_____ Vote: 5-0

County Board Meeting date: 12/19/23

Background:

In 2022, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office implemented a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program to offer naltrexone (Vivitrol), an FDA-approved medication to treat substance use disorders (SUD) to eligible individuals housed within the Winnebago County Jail, which provided treatment for SUD to individuals immediately prior to their release from custody. The program has evolved and has been a collaborative effort and involves a partnership among the Health Services Unit of the Winnebago County Jail, Winnebago County Jail Corrections Deputies, Winnebago County Department of Human Services, and Solutions Recovery Center.

The response to MAT was overwhelming and quickly had immense growth. After several months of MAT, jail staff recognized the missing piece to being successful in recovery was the human piece, and it was agreed that the recovery community would be the best partner for this piece. Coming from data reviewed and recommendations from the Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team, the program was also created based on community stakeholder conversations, and the need to meet people where they're at. The Solutions Peer Response Team (SPRT) was started as an innovative program targeted at quicker responses to immediate substance use concerns within Winnebago County. The SPRT is a peer-driven program made up of staff who all have lived experience and are trained recovery coaches.

Within the jail, the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) program was born in the summer of 2023, and connects peers support recovery coaches with people where they are – our jail population. Peers are available 24/7 to respond to any substance use related need within our population at no cost.

Policy Discussion:

The growth was so rapid, and the program so very successful, that an on-site liaison for the Recovery Coaches working directly with the inmates was needed, and an agreement with Solutions Recovery, Inc. was reached in the Spring of 2023, with the following parameters:

A. PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS

1. *Solutions Recovery, Inc. will administer and oversee the Vivitrol MAT program in the jail. This is a one-year position that may be renewed yearly to maintain the MAT Program continuously through April 30th, 2024. The Provider agrees to the following:*
 - a. *Provider will maintain and oversee the program and provide direct supervision of the Recovery Coaches.*
 - b. *Provider will determine the eligibility for inmates to receive a Vivitrol injection and make the referral to the Winnebago County Jail Health Services Unit.*
 - c. *Provider will work with Winnebago County Human Services staff to coordinate county resident post release treatment.*
 - d. *Provider will make referrals to the county of residence for those inmates living outside of Winnebago County.*
 - e. *Provider or designee will participate in grant reporting as required and a minimum of quarterly meetings with the Corrections Administration.*
 - i. *Provider will report aggregate data to include: shots administered, served, and billing for Recovery Coach time with inmates.*

B. MUTUAL OBLIGATION(S)

1. *The Provider and Purchaser will agree to communicate updates as needed. Both parties will agree to a future meeting schedule.*
2. *Provider and Purchaser agree to meet quarterly, or as needed, to review program progress and responsibility updates.*

It's noteworthy that this agreement was reached in April 2023 with the original parameters of a one-year trial period. It is astoundingly clear that not only will this program continue beyond the one-year trial period, but expansion to increase capacity within the STAR program is already being planned.

Attachments:

Attachment 1-Resolution

Attachment 2-Purchase of Services Contract