

State Opioid Coordinator

Full-Time

Salary \$40,000

This position is Project and is expected to last 2 years. (Could be extended up to five years)

Position Objective:

This position serves as the primary coordination for high priority Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) strategies across agencies. This position leads assigned staff from all levels within various state agencies, provides consultation and technical assistance to leadership and coaching and mentoring to Health Care Authority (HCA) staff. The State Opioid Coordinator consults with internal and external stakeholders to ensure successful reporting and completion of projects, alignment with organizational strategies, and contract management with external contractors as needed.

Some of what you will do:

- Develop opioid recommendations related to the State Opioid Response Plan.
- Coordinate opioid misuse response efforts with other state agencies that address the needs of individuals impacted by opioid misuse (e.g. public health authorities, law enforcement, housing, Medicaid).
- Monitor multiple state and federal funding opportunities related to Opioid Use Disorder services.
- Work with state agencies, providers, Accountable Communities of Health (ACH), Results Washington and others to develop priorities related to state and national legislative issues affecting Washington State.
- Ensure all available resources for services within the state or territory are leveraged for substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support services and coordinate activities with other funding sources for states and providers of these services to avoid duplication of efforts.
- Establish monthly (or bi-monthly) meetings (with related briefing materials) with the Governor's Office Leaders, Department of Health Secretary and State Opioid Plan Co-Leaders, and coordinate Opioid Plan Committee Chairs.
- Coordinate the updating of the Washington State Opioid Response Plan, including status updates on specific strategies.
- Review/Analyze State & Federal opioid legislation and agency projects.

Required Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree in social work, public health, social sciences, public administration, or a related field. A Master's degree is strongly encouraged.
- Three years or more of extensive experience in coordinating and managing federal, state, or private grants.

- Three years or more experience working with federally recognized Tribes or urban Indian programs, ethnic/racial minority communities, sexual minority communities, and/or other marginalized and under-served populations.
- Ability to work collaboratively and communicate effectively with diverse and multiple stakeholders including consumers, advocates, providers, local government official and staff, state staff, legislative staff, and legislators to develop policies and procedures for management of publicly funded behavioral health services.
- Knowledge of federal and state behavioral health statutes, rules and regulations for MAT (e.g., methadone, buprenorphine products, naltrexone products), and Medicaid regulations.
- Knowledge of overdose prevention and education, Medical Assisted Recovery Supports (MARS), office-based opioid treatment, and opioid treatment programs.
- Knowledge of behavioral health programs and models of care based on recovery and resilience and national and local trends in care and practice, including evidence-based and research-based practices.
- An in-depth understanding of contract requirements, management, monitoring, fiscal oversight, continuous quality improvement, and corrective action plans.
- Strong interpersonal and intrapersonal communication skills.
- Strong technical and informative writing skills.
- Project budget development and management experience.
- Strong analytical skills with the ability to understand data analysis, program evaluation and substance use disorder research.
- Small & large group facilitation skills.
- Public presentation skills.

Preferred/Desired Qualifications:

- Ability to direct complex and/or design innovative and new behavioral health programs; and, to design, implement and evaluate strategic and tactical plans, evaluations tools, and public education campaigns.
- Ability to create and promote a supportive team environment, work with diverse staff and communities, maintain high personal and professional standards, work independently, multi-task, and prioritize work, meet deadlines, and promote transparency and open communication.
- Ability to analyze situations, identify policy needs, develop strategies, promote ideas, develop goals and objectives, set priorities, establish benchmarks and use data for decision making.
- Well-versed in the use of evidence-based practices and substance use disorder treatment and prevention policies, procedures, and services.