

MEMORANDUM

November 2, 2020

TO: State Mental Health Program Directors/Commissioners

FROM: Brian Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director, NASMHPD
David W. Miller, Project Director, NASMHPD

RE: FY 2021 Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI) Applications

We are excited to share the good news that the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is funding another year of the Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI). We are pleased to be involved in administering this important transformation program for CMHS and look forward to working with this year's awardees to maximize their investment in state mental health transformation. The TTI provides, on a competitive basis, flexible funding awards to states, the District of Columbia, and the Territories to strengthen innovative programs. **For Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021, SAMHSA will award 40 TTI grants of up to \$150,000 on the following three topics for states or territories. For each topic of interest an application is required. If you apply for all three topics then three applications are required. All proposals must focus on Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) populations.**

- **Application A: Bed Registries** - Following up on the FY 2019 TTI project, SAMHSA will fund up to 10 additional TTIs to establish and expand comprehensive, crisis psychiatric bed registry programs. Such efforts should track and monitor the availability of psychiatric beds but can also include the tracking of other crisis service supports such as crisis assessment centers, crisis residential programs, respites, mobile crisis teams, and centralized crisis call centers.
The following previous TTI Bed Registry recipients are not eligible to apply: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, ID, IN, MA, MD, MS, NE, NV, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OH, OK, RI, TN, UT, WV, VT
- **Application B: Diversion from Jail** - Building on the success of SAMHSA's 2020 Crisis Services Guidelines and Toolkit, SAMHSA will fund up to 15 states or territories to use these Guidelines to develop or expand state or territorial diversion programs. *All states and territories are eligible to apply.*
- **Application C: Improving Mental Health Services within Jails** - SAMHSA will fund up to 15 states or territories to expand or develop better services within correctional facilities and enhance their coordination between behind the walls treatment and transitioning back into the community. *All states and territories are eligible to apply.*

The application package is attached, and all proposals are due back to NASMHPD by **December 1, 2020**.

Given that there are multiple topics this year, which may generate questions, **we will be holding a ZOOM Question and Answer session on Tuesday, November 10th from 3p-4p ET**. We will be available for any questions concerning possible initiatives to propose, as well as, proposal logistics and requirements. The ZOOM log-on information is below:

Topic: *TTI 2021 Question & Answer Session*

Time: Nov 10, 2020 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6146055783>

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We thank CMHS for their continued commitment to enhancing mental health systems and their assistance to states. If you or your staff have any questions regarding the attached TTI application or your proposal, please do not hesitate to contact David Miller, NASMHPD Project Director, our staff lead on this project. He can be reached at [703-399-6892](tel:703-399-6892), or david.miller@nasmhpd.org.

Thank you.

cc: Commissioners' Assistants
NASMHPD Senior Staff