

## MEMORANDUM

September 8, 2023

**TO:** TTI Listservs

**FROM:** Brian Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director, NASMHPD

David Miller, Senior Operations and Project Director, NASMHPD

**RE: FY 2024 Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI) Applications**

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We are excited to share the good news that SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is funding another year of the Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI). We are pleased to be involved in administering these important transformation efforts for CMHS and look forward to working with this year's awardees to maximize their investment in state mental health systems. The TTI provides, on a competitive basis, flexible funding awards to states, the District of Columbia, and the Territories to strengthen innovative programs.

**Based on needs that states and territories have shared with NASMHPD, SAMHSA is funding 50 TTI awards of \$250,000 to states and territories on the following five (5) topics directly related to implementing and expanding 988 and crisis services:**

1. Establishing same day/rapid access to behavioral health care for crisis prevention and follow-up care
2. State strategies to improve the capacity of the behavioral healthcare workforce
3. Improving access to supported employment for transition age youth
4. Crisis care and suicide prevention for high-risk populations (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, American Indian/Alaskan Native individuals, LGBTQIA+ individuals, individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities, deaf/hard of hearing, children and adolescents, etc.)
5. Improving the interoperability between 911 and 988

States and territories can apply for and receive multiple awards. *All proposals must focus on Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) populations.* Please see examples and more information in the application package attached to this email. **Proposals are due back to NASMHPD by October 10, 2023 at 5pm ET.**

We know that now, more than ever, states and territories are receiving additional federal behavioral health funding that must be expended this fiscal year. TTI does offer the opportunity for funding, but perhaps more importantly, TA, learning opportunities, networking to successes in other states, and enveloping support from NASMHPD staff to help guide your team in achieving successful outcomes transforming your systems on your timeline. Your team will be offered intense TA interaction until August 2024 with TA available as needed the following year, and the TTI allows states to continue their work far beyond their contract conclusion.

During TTI, recipients receive one-on-one support from subject matter experts (SME) on a wide variety of topics, who work to guide and advise all TTIs on their ongoing efforts. These SME will be of your choice, but NASMHPD will perform all of the coordination and use NASMHPD TA funds to contract with the SME directly to avoid any state procurement delays. This cadre of SMEs and staff from other states and territories have walked in your shoes to transform behavioral health systems. You have access to learning communities of other states/territories who face the same hurdles you do. TTI avails you to:

- **Additional TA funds through NASMHPD,**
- **Intense TA with SMEs,**
- **Learning opportunities from other states and territories,** and a
- **Lengthened timeline.**

This combination greatly assists states and territories to build strong partnerships, envision and actualize sustainability of the work, and continue to grow and share efforts with all states and territories. Former TTI recipients have complemented the ease of process, close work of SMEs almost as extra staff, strategies, and encouragement from the NASMHPD team as helping them achieve their goals and outcomes.

NASMHPD will hold FY24 TTI Q&A Zoom sessions on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 3pm EST and 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm EST.** See the following directions below to join the call. Feel free to send any questions in advance of the call to [emmet.bloomer@nasmhpd.org](mailto:emmet.bloomer@nasmhpd.org) or share questions on the call.

Topic: TTI 2024 Q&A Session

Time: Sep 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm EST and 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm EST, 2023 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcevsrD8oGddCijTLxjpHhJPOq-L8xNji>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We thank CMHS for their continued commitment to enhancing state/territorial mental health systems and their assistance to states and territories. 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 Senior Operations and Project Director, our staff lead on this project at [703-399-6892](tel:703-399-6892), or [david.miller@nasmhpd.org](mailto:david.miller@nasmhpd.org).

Thank you.

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