**Template 3**

**Narrative Report for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant**

**Contract Reference:** *Section B1-4.3*

**Frequency:** *Annually*

**Due Date:** *May 30*

**Discussion:** Provide a narrative response to each of the questions below and attach any supporting documentation deemed appropriate to the responses.

1. **The Health Care System, Parity and Integration**
   1. Describe how the ME integrates mental health and primary health care, including services for individuals with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders, in primary care settings or arrangements to provide primary and specialty care services in community -based mental and substance use disorders settings.
   2. Describe how the ME provides services and supports towards integrated systems of care for individuals and families with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders, including management, funding, payment strategies that foster co-occurring capability.
   3. Do your behavioral health providers screen and refer for the following (check all that apply):

Prevention and wellness education

Heart disease

Hypertension

High cholesterol

Diabetes

Recovery supports

* 1. Is the ME involved in the development of alternative payment methodologies, including risk-based contractual relationships that advance coordination of care? Yes No

1. **Health Disparities**
   1. Does the ME have a data-driven plan to address and reduce disparities in access, service use, and outcomes for subpopulations? Yes No
   2. Does the ME have a plan to identify, address, and monitor linguistic disparities/language barriers? Yes No
   3. Does the ME have a workforce-training plan to build the capacity of behavioral health providers to identify disparities in access, services received, and outcomes and provide support for improved culturally and linguistically competent outreach, engagement, prevention, treatment, and recovery services for diverse populations? Yes No
   4. If yes, does this plan include the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards? Yes No
2. **Innovation in Purchasing Decisions**
   1. Is information used regarding evidence-based or promising practices in your purchasing or policy decisions? Yes No
   2. Which value-based purchasing strategies are used by the ME? Check all that apply.

Leadership support, including investment of human and financial resources.

Use of available and credible data to identify better quality and monitored the impact of quality improvement interventions.

Use of financial and non-financial incentives for providers or consumers.

Provider involvement in planning value-based purchasing.

Use of accurate and reliable measures of quality in payment arrangements.

Quality measures focus on consumer outcomes rather than care processes.

Involvement in CMS or commercial insurance value-based purchasing programs (health homes, ACO, all payer/global payments, pay for performance).

The ME has an evaluation plan to assess the impact of its purchasing decisions.

1. **EBPs for Early Interventions to Address Early Serious Mental Illness (ESMI)**
   1. How does the ME promote the use of evidence-based practices for individuals with Early Serious Mental Illness (ESMI) and provide comprehensive individualized treatment or integrated mental and physical health services?
   2. Does the ME provide trainings to increase capacity of providers to deliver interventions related to ESMI? Yes No
   3. Please describe the planned activities for FFY 2026 and FFY 2027 for your ME’s ESMI programs.
   4. Please explain the ME’s plan for collecting and reporting data and demonstrating the impact of the 10 percent set-aside for ESMI.
   5. Please list the diagnostic categories identified for your ESMI programs.
2. **Person Centered Planning**
   1. Does your ME have policies related to person centered planning? Yes No
   2. If no, describe any action steps planned by the ME in developing PCP initiatives in the future.
   3. Describe how your provider network engages consumers and their caregivers in making health care decisions and enhance communication.
   4. Describe the person-centered planning processes used by your provider network.
3. **Primary Prevention**
   1. Does your ME collect the following types of data as part of its primary prevention needs assessment process? Please check all that apply.

Data on consequences of substance-using behaviors

Substance-using behaviors

Intervening variables (including risk and protective factors)

Others (please list):

* 1. Does your ME collect needs assessment data that include analysis of primary prevention needs for the following population groups?

Children under age 12

Youth ages 12-17

Young adults ages 18-26

Adults ages 27-54

Older adults ages 55 and older

Cultural/ethnic minorities

Sexual/gender minorities

Rural communities

Veterans

Other (please specify):

* 1. Does your ME use data from the following sources in its primary prevention needs assessment?

National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS)

Monitoring the Future (MTF)

Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS)

Other (please list):

* 1. Does your ME use needs assessment data to make decisions about the allocation of Substance Abuse Block Grant primary prevention funds? If yes, please explain. If no, please explain how primary prevention funds are allocated.
  2. Does your ME have a formal mechanism to assess community readiness to implement prevention strategies? If yes, please describe.
  3. Please list the specific primary prevention programs, practices, and strategies that are funded with Block Grant primary prevention dollars in each of the six strategies listed below:
* Information Dissemination:
* Education:
* Alternatives:
* Problem Identification and Referral:
* Community-Based Processes:
* Environmental:
  1. Does your ME have a process in place to ensure that Block Grant primary prevention dollars are only used to fund primary prevention services not funded through other means? If yes, please describe.
  2. Does your ME have a prevention evaluation plan? If yes, please check all the components that apply:

Establishes methods for monitoring progress towards outcomes, such as targeted benchmarks

Includes evaluation information from subrecipients

Includes SAMHSA National Outcome Measurement requirements

Establishes a process for providing timely evaluation information to stakeholders

Formalizes processes for incorporating evaluation findings into resource allocation and decision-making

Other (please describe):

* 1. Does your ME have a strategic plan that addresses prevention? If yes, please provide a link to it and describe how you use it to make decisions about the use of your primary prevention set-aside allocation.

1. **Statutory Criterion for Mental Health Block Grant**
   1. Describe available services and resources to enable individuals with mental illness, including those with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders to function outside of inpatient or residential institutions to the maximum extent of their capabilities.
   2. Describe the way you and your contracted providers will coordinate services to maximize the efficiency, effectiveness, quality, and cost-effectiveness of services and programs to produce the best possible outcomes with other agencies to enable consumers to function outside of inpatient or residential institutions, including services to be provided by local school systems under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
   3. Describe activities intended to reduce hospitalizations and hospital stays.
   4. Describe your services that are targeted to rural populations.
   5. Describe your services that are targeted to homeless populations.
   6. Describe your services that are targeted to older adults.
   7. Describe your management systems (financial resources, staffing, and training) for mental health service providers.
2. **Substance Use Disorder Treatment**
   1. MEs are required to monitor program compliance related to activities and services for pregnant women and women with dependent children. Please provide a detailed description of the specific strategies used by the ME to identify compliance issues and corrective actions required to address identified problems.
   2. MEs are required to monitor program compliance related to activities and services for individuals who inject drugs. Please provide a detailed description of the specific strategies used by the ME to identify compliance issues and corrective actions required to address identified problems.
   3. Does your ME have a current system of coordination and collaboration related to the provision of person-centered and person-directed care? Yes No
   4. Does your ME have an agreement to improve the process for referring individuals to the treatment modality that is most appropriate for their needs? Yes No
3. **Trauma**
   * 1. Does the ME have a plan or policy for behavioral health providers that guide how they will address individuals with trauma-related issues? Yes No
     2. Does the ME provide information on trauma-specific assessment tools and interventions for behavioral health providers? Yes No
     3. Does the ME have a plan to build the capacity of behavioral health providers and organizations to implement a trauma-informed approach to care? Yes No
     4. Does the ME encourage employment of peers with lived experience of trauma in developing trauma-informed organizations? Yes No
4. **Criminal and Juvenile Justice**
   * 1. Does the ME have a plan for coordinating with the criminal and juvenile justice systems on diversion of individuals with mental and/or substance use disorders from incarceration to community treatment, and for those incarcerated, a plan for re-entry into the community that includes connecting to behavioral health services? Yes No
     2. Does the ME have a plan for working with law enforcement to deploy emerging strategies (e.g. civil citations, mobile crisis intervention, behavioral health provider ride-along, CIT, linkage with treatment services, etc.) to reduce the number of individuals with mental and/or substance use problems in jails and emergency rooms? Yes No
5. **Medication Assisted Treatment**
   * 1. Has the ME implemented a plan to educate and raise awareness within treatment programs regarding MAT for substance use disorders? Yes No
     2. Has the ME implemented a plan to educate and raise awareness of the use of MAT within special target audiences, particularly pregnant women? Yes No
     3. Does the ME have an implemented education or quality assurance program to assure that evidence-based MAT with the use of FDA-approved medications for treatment of substance use disorders are used appropriately? Yes No
     4. Does the ME purchase any of the following medications with Substance Abuse Block Grant funds?

Methadone

Buprenorphine

Disulfiram

Acamprosate

Naltrexone

Naloxone

1. **Suicide Prevention**
   * 1. Describe activities intended to reduce suicide in your catchment area.
     2. Have your providers incorporated any strategies supportive of Zero Suicide? Yes No
     3. Do you have any initiatives focused on improving care transitions for suicidal patients being discharged from inpatient units or emergency departments? Yes No