

Opioid Abatement Funds: Best Practices in the Criminal Legal System

**THE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL
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MEDICATION EXPANSION RFP AND COSTS

KRS § 15.291(5)A(1A,B); KRS § 15.291(5)B(1,25-27); KRS § 15.291(5)B(4)

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Example of Request for Proposals (RFP) Language for Contracted Medical Providers: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Treatment Integration

Developed by faculty and clinicians supporting the HEALing Communities Study at the University of Kentucky, the following contractual language can be copied into medical provider Requests for Proposals (RFP) to support correctional facilities integrating MOUD treatment into their standard of care. These guidelines have been developed to ensure the contracted medical provider is equipped to offer and support MOUD.

Requirements for Proposals

Below are the minimum criteria used to evaluate medical provider proposals for MOUD treatment. The failure to meet any of the following criteria may, in the discretion of the Jailer, disqualify a proposal from further consideration:

- Available services must include evidence-based treatment of substance use disorder, including but not limited to treatment of opioid use disorder utilizing

- Copy our template language into your contracted medical provider RFP to incorporate medication treatment from intake to reentry into your regular medical services.
- RFP language used by Lexington Community Corrections and Louisville Metro Detention Center for latest medical contract
- Budgeting tool:
<https://cherishresearch.org/news-and-events/news/budget-impact-tool-for-the-incorporation-of-medications-for-opioid-use-disorder-into-jail-prison-facilities/>

PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS

KRS § 15.291(5)A(1A,B); KRS § 15.291(5)B(1,25-27); KRS § 15.291(5)B(4)

- Embedding Peer Support Specialists (PSS) and/or social workers into Criminal Legal System agencies such as county jails and specialty court offices is crucial in providing reentry support and supporting the meaningful recovery of individuals with substance use disorder.

- **Peer Support Specialist (PSS)**

- Someone in recovery from a substance use and/or mental health condition who provides support to others experiencing similar challenges
- Requires individual to receive a state-level PSS certification
 - Cost of certification is ~\$350 depending on the organization used
 - Options for certification: Mental Health of America, New Vista, NKU
- Voices of Hope is a Lexington-based agency that employs PSS and partners with agencies across the state to embed PSS into their agency
 - Partnering with Voices of Hope to employ a PSS is approximately **\$47,228/year**
 - Other PSS employers include Kentucky Partnership for Children and Families, the Pier, Turning Points, Pathways

- **Social Worker**

- Provide reentry support such as connecting individuals to medication treatment so they can enter remission and stay in recovery, reducing opioid-involved overdose deaths.
- Assist with insurance reinstatement, drivers' licenses, food insecurity, transportation, housing, and other social needs
- The average annual cost of a social work salary is **~\$63,473**

NARCAN VENDING MACHINE

KRS § 15.291(5)A(3) AND KRS § 15.291(5)B(24)

- A Narcan vending machine is a hands-off, judgment free way to distribute Narcan without adding work to agency staff
- Vending machine is available in a variety of sizes
 - Common sizes: H45"xW25.33"xD9"; H72"xW31.5"xD36.5"; H72"xW28.5"xD29"
 - Can be free-standing or wall-mounted
- Price varies from \$3,000-\$12,000 depending on the style and capabilities of machine
- Machine can be modified to not require payment and limit number of items distributed
- www.findnaloxone.ky.gov can be used to locate no-cost Narcan and keep machine stocked

Options for Vending Machine distributors:

1. DMVI: www.digitalmediavending.com; 800-490- 1109
2. Vendnovation: www.vendnovation.com; 425-243- 1120
3. Shaffer Distributing Company- www.shafferdistributing.com; 800- 282- 0194



Louisville Metro Department of Corrections, 2023
<https://spectrumnews1.com/ky/louisville/news/2023/12/05/free-narcan-vending-machine-at-louisville-jail-has-dispensed-nearly-270-units>

RITA HUB INFRASTRUCTURE



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Consulting UK faculty currently involved with HCS-Kentucky to refine EBP SOPs and provide on-demand tailored subject-matter expertise:

- College of Public Health (community engagement/assessment specialists, epidemiologists, biostatisticians)
- College of Medicine (physicians, implementation scientists)
- College of Pharmacy (pharmacists, pharmacy policy experts)
- College of Arts and Sciences (criminologists, psychologists)
- College of Nursing (peer support specialist training/supervision)



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