

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received by the City of Bonney Lake, Washington, for:

### **Proposals for Opioid Abatement Services**

at the office of the City Clerk Bonney Lake Municipal Justice Center, 9002 Main St E, Suite 300, Bonney Lake, WA 98391 by 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 1, 2023.

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Any contractor providing services under this contract shall comply with all federal, state, county and city codes or regulations applicable to such work.

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Dated this 16th day of August 2023.

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### II. SCOPE OF WORK:

The Scope of Work is for any services outlined in Exhibit A (attached).

The City is specifically seeking proposals for the following services, but this is not an exclusive list:

- Addressing the unique needs of Bonney Lake residents and community members in gaining access to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) treatment.
- Providing transportation for criminal justice involved persons to and from Court approved OUD and SUD/MH treatment providers in Pierce County.
- Providing evaluations and treatment for OUD or SUD/MH, including inpatient or outpatient treatment, for criminal justice involved persons.

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### III. SCHEDULE:

The following is the proposed schedule of award:

RFP Release Date Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Submittals Due Friday, September 1, 2023, by 3:00 p.m.

Tentative Interview of Finalists September 5-6, 2023 Tentative Contract Start Date September 18, 2023

### IV. INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS:

All submittals must be received by the City of Bonney Lake on or before 3:00 pm on Friday, September 1, 2023, addressed to the City Clerk located at 9002 Main Street East, Suite 300, Bonney Lake, WA 98391 Or by e-mail to: <a href="mailto:clerk@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us">clerk@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us</a> no later than 3:00 p.m. on September 1, 2023. No faxed or telephone submittals will be accepted. RFPs will not be accepted after the set time and date regardless of postmark.

- A. The City Clerk will send an email confirming receipt. If a confirming email is not received, please call (253) 447-4325 to confirm delivery.
- B. Questions concerning this RFP may be addressed to Dena Burke, Deputy City Attorney-Prosecutor: <a href="mailto:prosecutor@cobl.us">prosecutor@cobl.us</a>.
- C. A successful proposal is expected to be at full staffing capacity, including state licensure and certification requirements met, no later than one (1) month from the date the contract is executed.

### V. CONTRACTOR KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Demonstrated commitment to treating those with OUD or SUD/MH with compassion and humanity.
- Experience interacting with people who are addicted to drugs, criminal justice involved, and experiencing homelessness.
- Demonstrated experience in working with the public in sensitive situations.
- Ability to provide services on Court days, typically Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, but also ongoing through the week.

### VI. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT:

In submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP), each contractor acknowledges that The City of Bonney Lake reserves the right to reject any submissions and to waive irregularities and informalities in the submittal and evaluation process. This Request for Proposals ("RFP") does not obligate the City to pay any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation and submission of a proposal. Furthermore, the RFP does not obligate the City to accept or contract for any expressed or implied services. Each proposal shall include the following:

- A brief letter of interest; please specify which service or set of services you are including in your proposal.
- Outlined approach to your proposed program, including a description of the way the services will be provided (either directly, through sub-contract, or other).
- Proposed cost of services, including the type and fee amount.
- Location and description of facility or facilities.
- Anticipated hours of availability.
- Statement of qualifications and relevant experience of the individuals involved in the project, including detailed resume and any licenses or certifications.
- Ability to meet City's insurance requirement of minimum amount of insurance. Anticipated minimum insurance amount will vary depending on proposed opioid abatement service. Anticipated minimums are as follows, but the City reserves the right to negotiate when the contract is awarded: Commercial General Liability no less than \$2,000,000 for each occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate, \$1,000,000 per accident automobile liability, and \$3,000,000 professional liability insurance.
- Contact information for three references.

### VII. EVALUATION & AWARD:

• A selection committee will review all proposals, select finalists for interviews, and make the final selection.

- The City reserves the right not to award any portion or all of the project if it finds that none of the proposals submitted will meet the specific needs of the project.
- Prior to the commencement of work, the selected contractor(s) will be required to sign a professional services contract with the City.
- The City is not responsible for any costs incurred by the contractor in preparation of the proposal.
- Once submitted to the City, all proposals will become public information.
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#### OPIOID ABATEMENT STRATEGIES

PART ONE: TREATMENT

### A. TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)

Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
- 2. Support and reimburse services that include the full American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) continuum of care for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, including but not limited to:
  - a. Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT);
  - b. Abstinence-based treatment;
  - c. Treatment, recovery, or other services provided by states, subdivisions, community health centers; non-for-profit providers; or for-profit providers;
  - d. Treatment by providers that focus on OUD treatment as well as treatment by providers that offer OUD treatment along with treatment for other SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction; or
  - e. Evidence-informed residential services programs, as noted below.
- 3. Expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, including MAT, as well as counseling, psychiatric support, and other treatment and recovery support services.
- 4. Improve oversight of Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) to assure evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising practices such as adequate methadone dosing.
- 5. Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.
- 6. Support treatment of mental health trauma resulting from the traumatic experiences of the opioid user (e.g., violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose

or overdose fatality), and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma.

- 7. Support detoxification (detox) and withdrawal management services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, including medical detox, referral to treatment, or connections to other services or supports.
- 8. Support training on MAT for health care providers, students, or other supporting professionals, such as peer recovery coaches or recovery outreach specialists, including telementoring to assist community-based providers in rural or underserved areas.
- 9. Support workforce development for addiction professionals who work with persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.
- 10. Provide fellowships for addiction medicine specialists for direct patient care, instructors, and clinical research for treatments.
- 11. Provide funding and training for clinicians to obtain a waiver under the federal Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) to prescribe MAT for OUD, and provide technical assistance and professional support to clinicians who have obtained a DATA 2000 waiver.
- 12. Support the dissemination of web-based training curricula, such as the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry's Provider Clinical Support Service-Opioids web-based training curriculum and motivational interviewing.
- 13. Support the development and dissemination of new curricula, such as the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry's Provider Clinical Support Service for Medication-Assisted Treatment.

### B. <u>SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY</u>

Support people in treatment for and recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Provide the full continuum of care of recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, including supportive housing, residential treatment, medical detox services, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services.
- 2. Provide counseling, peer-support, recovery case management and residential treatment with access to medications for those who need it to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.

- 3. Provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, or training for housing providers.
- 4. Provide community support services, including social and legal services, to assist in deinstitutionalizing persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.
- 5. Support or expand peer-recovery centers, which may include support groups, social events, computer access, or other services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.
- 6. Provide employment training or educational services for persons in treatment for or recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.
- 7. Identify successful recovery programs such as physician, pilot, and college recovery programs, and provide support and technical assistance to increase the number and capacity of high-quality programs to help those in recovery.
- 8. Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their efforts to manage the opioid user in the family.
- 9. Provide training and development of procedures for government staff to appropriately interact and provide social and other services to current and recovering opioid users, including reducing stigma.
- 10. Support stigma reduction efforts regarding treatment and support for persons with OUD, including reducing the stigma on effective treatment.

# C. <u>CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED</u> (CONNECTIONS TO CARE)

Provide connections to care for people who have – or are at risk of developing – OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Ensure that health care providers are screening for OUD and other risk factors and know how to appropriately counsel and treat (or refer if necessary) a patient for OUD treatment.
- 2. Support Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) programs to reduce the transition from use to disorders.
- 3. Provide training and long-term implementation of SBIRT in key systems (health, schools, colleges, criminal justice, and probation), with a focus on youth and young adults when transition from misuse to opioid disorder is common.

- 4. Purchase automated versions of SBIRT and support ongoing costs of the technology.
- 5. Support training for emergency room personnel treating opioid overdose patients on post-discharge planning, including community referrals for MAT, recovery case management or support services.
- 6. Support hospital programs that transition persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, or persons who have experienced an opioid overdose, into community treatment or recovery services through a bridge clinic or similar approach.
- 7. Support crisis stabilization centers that serve as an alternative to hospital emergency departments for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction or persons that have experienced an opioid overdose.
- 8. Support the work of Emergency Medical Systems, including peer support specialists, to connect individuals to treatment or other appropriate services following an opioid overdose or other opioid-related adverse event.
- 9. Provide funding for peer support specialists or recovery coaches in emergency departments, detox facilities, recovery centers, recovery housing, or similar settings; offer services, supports, or connections to care to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction or to persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.
- 10. Provide funding for peer navigators, recovery coaches, care coordinators, or care managers that offer assistance to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction or to persons who have experienced on opioid overdose.
- 11. Create or support school-based contacts that parents can engage with to seek immediate treatment services for their child; and support prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery programs focused on young people.
- 12. Develop and support best practices on addressing OUD in the workplace.
- 13. Support assistance programs for health care providers with OUD.
- 14. Engage non-profits and the faith community as a system to support outreach for treatment.
- 15. Support centralized call centers that provide information and connections to appropriate services and supports for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.
- 16. Create or support intake and call centers to facilitate education and access to treatment, prevention, and recovery services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.

17. Develop or support a National Treatment Availability Clearinghouse – a multistate/nationally accessible database whereby health care providers can list locations for currently available in-patient and out-patient OUD treatment services that are accessible on a real-time basis by persons who seek treatment.

### D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL-JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS

Address the needs of persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction who are involved – or are at risk of becoming involved – in the criminal justice system through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Support pre-arrest or post-arrest diversion and deflection strategies for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, including established strategies such as:
  - a. Self-referral strategies such as the Angel Programs or the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI);
  - b. Active outreach strategies such as the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) model;
  - c. "Naloxone Plus" strategies, which work to ensure that individuals who have received naloxone to reverse the effects of an overdose are then linked to treatment programs or other appropriate services;
  - d. Officer prevention strategies, such as the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) model;
  - e. Officer intervention strategies such as the Leon County, Florida Adult Civil Citation Network or the Chicago Westside Narcotics Diversion to Treatment Initiative;
  - f. Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise and to reduce perceived barriers associated with law enforcement 911 responses; or
  - g. County prosecution diversion programs, including diversion officer salary, only for counties with a population of 50,000 or less. Any diversion services in matters involving opioids must include drug testing, monitoring, or treatment.
- 2. Support pre-trial services that connect individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction to evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, and related services.
- 3. Support treatment and recovery courts for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, but only if these courts provide referrals to evidence-informed treatment, including MAT.

- 4. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction who are incarcerated in jail or prison.
- 5. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction who are leaving jail or prison have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.
- 6. Support critical time interventions (CTI), particularly for individuals living with dual-diagnosis OUD/serious mental illness, and services for individuals who face immediate risks and service needs and risks upon release from correctional settings.
- 7. Provide training on best practices for addressing the needs of criminal-justice-involved persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction to law enforcement, correctional, or judicial personnel or to providers of treatment, recovery, case management, or other services offered in connection with any of the strategies described in this section.

# E. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PREGNANT OR PARENTING WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING BABIES WITH NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME

Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, and the needs of their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome, through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Support evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising treatment, including MAT, recovery services and supports, and prevention services for pregnant women or women who could become pregnant who have OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, and other measures to educate and provide support to families affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.
- 2. Provide training for obstetricians or other healthcare personnel that work with pregnant women and their families regarding treatment of OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.
- 3. Provide training to health care providers who work with pregnant or parenting women on best practices for compliance with federal requirements that children born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome get referred to appropriate services and receive a plan of safe care.
- 4. Provide enhanced support for children and family members suffering trauma as a result of addiction in the family; and offer trauma-informed behavioral health treatment for adverse childhood events.

- 5. Offer enhanced family supports and home-based wrap-around services to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, including but not limited to parent skills training.
- 6. Support for Children's Services Fund additional positions and services, including supportive housing and other residential services, relating to children being removed from the home and/or placed in foster care due to custodial opioid use.

PART TWO: PREVENTION

## F. PREVENT OVER-PRESCRIBING AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS

Support efforts to prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Training for health care providers regarding safe and responsible opioid prescribing, dosing, and tapering patients off opioids.
- 2. Academic counter-detailing to educate prescribers on appropriate opioid prescribing.
- 3. Continuing Medical Education (CME) on appropriate prescribing of opioids.
- 4. Support for non-opioid pain treatment alternatives, including training providers to offer or refer to multi-modal, evidence-informed treatment of pain.
- 5. Support enhancements or improvements to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs), including but not limited to improvements that:
  - a. Increase the number of prescribers using PDMPs;
  - b. Improve point-of-care decision-making by increasing the quantity, quality, or format of data available to prescribers using PDMPs or by improving the interface that prescribers use to access PDMP data, or both; or
  - c. Enable states to use PDMP data in support of surveillance or intervention strategies, including MAT referrals and follow-up for individuals identified within PDMP data as likely to experience OUD.
- 6. Development and implementation of a national PDMP Fund development of a multistate/national PDMP that permits information sharing while providing appropriate safeguards on sharing of private health information, including but not limited to:
  - a. Integration of PDMP data with electronic health records, overdose episodes, and decision support tools for health care providers relating to OUD.

- b. Ensuring PDMPs incorporate available overdose/naloxone deployment data, including the United States Department of Transportation's Emergency Medical Technician overdose database.
- 7. Increase electronic prescribing to prevent diversion or forgery.
- 8. Educate Dispensers on appropriate opioid dispensing.

### G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS

Support efforts to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Corrective advertising or affirmative public education campaigns based on evidence.
- 2. Public education relating to drug disposal.
- 3. Drug take-back disposal or destruction programs.
- 4. Fund community anti-drug coalitions that engage in drug prevention efforts.
- 5. Support community coalitions in implementing evidence-informed prevention, such as reduced social access and physical access, stigma reduction including staffing, educational campaigns, support for people in treatment or recovery, or training of coalitions in evidence-informed implementation, including the Strategic Prevention Framework developed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- 6. Engage non-profits and faith-based communities as systems to support prevention.
- 7. Support evidence-informed school and community education programs and campaigns for students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, parent-teacher and student associations, and others.
- 8. School-based or youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing drug misuse and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake and use of opioids.
- 9. Support community-based education or intervention services for families, youth, and adolescents at risk for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.
- 10. Support evidence-informed programs or curricula to address mental health needs of young people who may be at risk of misusing opioids or other drugs, including emotional modulation and resilience skills.
- 11. Support greater access to mental health services and supports for young people, including services and supports provided by school nurses or other school staff, to

address mental health needs in young people that (when not properly addressed) increase the risk of opioid or other drug misuse.

### H. PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND OTHER HARMS

Support efforts to prevent or reduce overdose deaths or other opioid-related harms through evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Increase availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, opioid users, families and friends of opioid users, schools, community navigators and outreach workers, drug offenders upon release from jail/prison, or other members of the general public.
- 2. Provision by public health entities of free naloxone to anyone in the community, including but not limited to provision of intra-nasal naloxone in settings where other options are not available or allowed.
- 3. Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, and other members of the general public.
- 4. Enable school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses, and provide them with naloxone, training, and support.
- 5. Expand, improve, or develop data tracking software and applications for overdoses/naloxone revivals.
- 6. Public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses.
- 7. Public education relating to immunity and Good Samaritan laws.
- 8. Educate first responders regarding the existence and operation of immunity and Good Samaritan laws.
- 9. Expand access to testing and treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C resulting from intravenous opioid use.
- 10. Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to treatment, recovery supports, health care, or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.
- 11. Provide training in treatment and recovery strategies to health care providers, students, peer recovery coaches, recovery outreach specialists, or other professionals that provide care to persons who use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction.
- 12. Support screening for fentanyl in routine clinical toxicology testing.

### PART THREE: OTHER STRATEGIES

### I. <u>FIRST RESPONDERS</u>

In addition to items C8, D1 through D7, H1, H3, and H8, support the following:

- 1. Current and future law enforcement expenditures relating to the opioid epidemic.
- 2. Educate law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs.

### J. LEADERSHIP, PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Support efforts to provide leadership, planning, and coordination to abate the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Community regional planning to identify goals for reducing harms related to the opioid epidemic, to identify areas and populations with the greatest needs for treatment intervention services, or to support other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
- 2. A government dashboard to track key opioid-related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative community processes.
- 3. Invest in infrastructure or staffing at government or not-for-profit agencies to support collaborative, cross-system coordination with the purpose of preventing overprescribing, opioid misuse, or opioid overdoses, treating those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, supporting them in treatment or recovery, connecting them to care, or implementing other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
- 4. Provide resources to staff government oversight and management of opioid abatement programs.

### K. TRAINING

In addition to the training referred to in various items above, support training to abate the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Provide funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community, and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis.
- 2. Invest in infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-system coordination to prevent opioid misuse, prevent overdoses, and treat those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, co-usage, and/or co-addiction, or implement other

strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list (e.g., health care, primary care, pharmacies, PDMPs, etc.).

### L. <u>RESEARC</u>H

Support opioid abatement research that may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. Monitoring, surveillance, and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
- 2. Research non-opioid treatment of chronic pain.
- 3. Research on improved service delivery for modalities such as SBIRT that demonstrate promising but mixed results in populations vulnerable to opioid use disorders.
- 4. Research on innovative supply-side enforcement efforts such as improved detection of mail-based delivery of synthetic opioids.
- 5. Expanded research on swift/certain/fair models to reduce and deter opioid misuse within criminal justice populations that build upon promising approaches used to address other substances (e.g. Hawaii HOPE and Dakota 24/7).
- 6. Research on expanded modalities such as prescription methadone that can expand access to MAT.