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Advocacy Series, Session II: Updates on Federal SUD Funding
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Does insurance coverage impact funding?
A: For federal funding, Congress utilizes the annual appropriations process based on input from a variety of sectors. The extent to which private insurance may factor into decisions made by Congress is difficult to tell. However, there are no formal links.

What is STR and SOR. What does that stand for?
A: State Targeted Response to the Opioid Response (STR) and State Opioid Response Grants (SOR)

Will the SOR funding continue? If it does continue, do you anticipate that the SOR grants will continue to increase or will the focus move away from opioids?
A: SOR will continue if Congress votes to forward a bill that includes funding for SOR and the President then signs the bill. At this point, SOR was approved by the House Appropriations Committee for $1.5 billion where opioids and stimulants are allowable uses of funds. The process needs several more steps before a final answer can be given.

I was wondering if Mr. Morrison has any information that indicates the rise of SUD related deaths in the past 4 months during the current pandemic, and how much of an increase the numbers indicate?
A: NASADAD does not have any independent information on this question.

SOR dollars target MAT. With the inclusion of stimulants as well, is SAMHSA promoting a particular evidence based treatment approach since there is not effective medication?
A: The application outlines certain evidence based practices that do exist for stimulant use disorders, including contingency management.

Do any of these DOJ grants support implementation of the SIM model in communities?
A: I will have to do more research on this.

When did department of labor make the decision with December 2007 W4 employer, because there are assigned tasks with that employer form prior neighborhood 1997 and 1995? So where did department of labor make decision prior to internet 1995 on that employer?
A: I do not understand this question.

What phone number can we call if we have questions on which way to go if we have a project, who do we start with for consultation into the process?
A: We traditionally refer residents to their corresponding State alcohol and drug agency. I do not know what State this person is from.

Is there money for recovery residences for those individuals who are willing to go on suboxone or naltrexone or topiramate to support recovery? Where can we call to get grant money to develop recovery residences?
A: We would refer you to your corresponding State alcohol and drug agency. At this point, there is no federal funding program specifically targeted to recovery residences. However, this is an allowable use of SOR funds.
Are there any programs for recovery residences to monitor meds and work on recovery, so that homeless can get off the streets?
A: I would refer you to your State alcohol and drug agency.

Can you define residential services?
A: Different states have different definitions.

Is there money to have certified addiction counselors do telehealth with those individuals who are on monitored medications like naltrexone, suboxone, vivatrol while they are waiting to do trauma work? Who would I call to at what number to talk about this?
A: I would connect with your State alcohol and drug agency.

Why is it that hospitals refuse to give a supply of medications to a person when they are on their way to residential or a program that will be monitoring meds? Is there a barrier in the government rules?
A: I am not aware of any federal rule governing this practice however I would have to do more research.

How can I create a platform to address funding for women with children and single women therapeutic communities; specifically re-entry/reintegration? What can be done to help with this population since they face disparities across the nation?
A: First, consult your State alcohol and drug agency. Second, [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov) and look for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). I would also review information on the web page of Treatment Communities of America ([https://www.treatmentcommunitiesofamerica.org/](https://www.treatmentcommunitiesofamerica.org/))