

Opioid-Counseling Consultant

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In response to increasing rates of opioid analgesic (OA)-involved overdose deaths, several interventions have been implemented aimed at reducing OA prescribing. In 2011, New York City developed and disseminated judicious opioid prescribing guidelines. Additionally, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene conducted three targeted provider educational campaigns using a public health detailing model to promote judicious prescribing of opioid analgesics. In 2013, the New York State legislature mandated prescribers to electronically review patients' prescription histories before prescribing a Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance. Most recently, the Centers for Disease Control released guidelines for the treatment of chronic pain.

Negative attitudes held by both laypeople and clinicians about people who use drugs or have SUDs adversely affect their health outcomes. Public opinion polling from 2018 found that 74% of NYC residents reported believing that the opioid epidemic is the result of "the moral failings of individuals," and 49% reported believing that people with OUD should "pay the price for their choices." Pervasive stigma toward people who use drugs leads people with SUD to under-engage with the healthcare system. The stigma associated with opioid use worsens patient relationships with clinicians and health care systems and on medical services uptake for people who use opioids.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

This is a contracted position. The consultant will assist the Anti-Stigma Specialist with the development of two projects to address the stigma associated with OUD and to enhance opioid-related counseling among clinicians. The first project consists of developing materials for a clinician-facing detailing campaign with a contact-based intervention approach to reduce stigma. The second project consists of developing a "coaching toolkit" of educational materials for clinicians to use in addressing opioid use among their patients in a non-stigmatizing way.

The scope of work includes providing the following support to the Anti-Stigma Specialist:

1. Assist with the development of an anti-stigma training curriculum
2. Assist with the development of anti-stigma resources and learning materials
3. Assist with the development of a Coaching Toolkit to be used by healthcare providers
4. Revise Coaching Toolkit in response to clinician feedback
5. Assist with training to use of Coaching Toolkit
6. Assist with the evaluation of Coaching
7. Participate in conference calls/liaison with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

It is expected that the consultant will devote a total of 40 hours of work per year to this work.

TO APPLY

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