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Kim Keaton: CSH has a new data integration opportunity, Scaling Data Integration: Advancing Pay for Success, System Change, and Supportive Housing for Vulnerable, Justice-Involved Populations. CSH will select four communities that will receive access to a tool that integrates both criminal justice and homelessness data. Jurisdictions will also receive technical assistance to use this technology to accelerate the development of Pay for Success projects that use supportive housing as an intervention. The full RFP and its requirements is available through this link: http://www.csh.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/170308_CSH_CNCS_SIF_LJAF_PFS2_RFP_FINAL.pdf. Please send questions about the opportunity to pfs@csh.org.

Kayvon Behroozian: SAMHSA will soon announce a meeting they will host in September that will help counties set up and implement a successful data-driven system of diversion. The two-and-a-half-day meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. Topics of the meeting include the legal framework of data systems, how to set up data systems for action and how to make sense of that information. Counties will come in teams so that they can design their ideal data system with subject matter experts and faculty. More information is to come soon. Please send questions to kbehroozian@gmail.com. An official SAMHSA email address for Kayvon is forthcoming.

Questions and Answers

Q. Do counties have to pay for the SAMHSA meeting?
A. Travel accommodations will be paid for by SAMHSA. There will be an application process and county teams will be selected.

Q. How many people can be on a team for the SAMHSA meeting?
A. The number is not yet finalized, but it may be about 6-8 people. There will be specific criteria that has not yet been determined, but the goal is to have representation from each critical part of the system present.

Q. Is there a date that the SAMHSA meeting will be held?
A. Right now there are a range of dates in September under consideration. The dates have not been finalized.

Q. What if you're interested in speaking at the SAMHSA meeting or want to provide input on the type of information covered in the meeting?
A. Send Kayvon an email at kbehroozian@gmail.com. An official SAMHSA email address is forthcoming.

Q. Has the application timeframe been determined for the SAMHSA meeting?
A. This information has not yet been determined.

Q. For the CSH RFP, are jurisdictions able to use any of the funding to house individuals?
A. No, this funding is really for building the technical piece to integrate the data and then providing TA to communities to form a successful Pay for Success model.

Q. Will the CSH funding opportunity help build supportive housing or support existing housing?
A. Pay for Success financing models are a way to expand and scale up an initiative communities may already have. An issue that communities tend to have is they run out of money and the point of this new project is to help support the data and TA piece to create a successful Pay for Success model. It also seeks to demonstrate the true cost of high utilizers to systems and to attract end payers who will want to invest in these types of programs.

Q. Can a community apply to the CSH program if they already have a data system in place?
A. Absolutely.

Q. How is the CSH tool related to the Amazon data platform?
A. CHS' expertise and the project they are working on is the combination of jail data with homelessness data; think of it as a module that would be complementary to larger data sharing efforts.