Goals and Objectives of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program

The goals of BJA’s Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program are twofold. First, the program aims to reduce opioid misuse and the number of overdose fatalities. Second, the program supports the implementation, enhancement, and proactive use of prescription drug monitoring programs to support clinical decision-making and prevent the misuse and diversion of controlled substances.

The objectives of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program are to:

- Encourage and support comprehensive cross-system planning and collaboration among officials who work in law enforcement, pretrial services, the courts, probation and parole, child welfare, reentry, PDMPs, emergency medical services and health care providers, public health partners, and agencies that provide substance misuse treatment and recovery support services.
- Develop and implement strategies to identify and provide treatment and recovery support services to “high frequency” utilizers of multiple systems (e.g., health care, child welfare, criminal justice, etc.) who have a history of opioid misuse.
- Expand diversion and alternatives to incarceration programs.
- Expand the availability of treatment and recovery support services in rural or tribal communities by expanding the use to technology-assisted treatment and recovery support services.
- Implement and enhance prescription drug monitoring programs.
- Develop multi-disciplinary projects that leverage key public health and public safety data sets (e.g., de-identified PDMP data, naloxone administrations, fatal and non-fatal overdose data, drug arrests, etc.) to create a holistic view of the environment and develop interventions based on this information.
- Objectively assess and/or evaluate the impact of innovative and evidence-based strategies to engage and serve justice-involved individuals with a history of opioid misuse.

Category 5: Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Category 5 grants may be used to establish or enhance a PDMP system. PDMP enhancements may include facilitating the exchange of information and collected prescription data and other scheduled chemical products among states; developing a training program for system users; producing and disseminating educational materials; supporting collaborations with law enforcement, prosecutors, public health officials, treatment providers and/or drug courts; improving the quality and accuracy of PDMP data; and/or developing or enhancing the capacity to provide unsolicited reports of controlled substance prescribing to authorized individuals or entities. Awards are for a project period of 24 months.
Awards have been made to the following communities:

**2017-H1342-AK-PM State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services $255,462**
Grant funds will assist Alaska in assessing levels of awareness of the PDMP among health care practitioners; identifying statewide trends in controlled substance prescribing; increasing provider self-awareness of prescribing habits; expanding the data collected by increasing usage of the PDMP, and recommending policy changes to prevent opioid overuse, misuse, abuse, and overdose. The current PDMP program will be enhanced by adding a Prescriber Report Card function to track prescribing habits.

**2017-H1268-IA-PM State of Iowa – Iowa Department of Public Health $400,000**
Iowa’s proposed project to enhance the Iowa PMP is a partnership between the IDPH Bureau of Substance Abuse and the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, as well as the Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy. Goals include increasing prescriber registration, increasing access and admission to treatment and recovery support, and implementing multi-system planning and program development. A new part-time Data Analyst position is proposed to act as a liaison between the state PMP team and other providers and to conduct analysis.

**2017-H1153-MA-PM Massachusetts Department of Public Health $400,000**
The Massachusetts Department of Public Health will enhance its Prescription Monitoring Program to accomplish three goals: maximizing the capabilities of law enforcement officials to identify individuals involved in illicit prescription drug activity, to develop enhancements to the online Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT), and to improve the quality of prescription information. The Department of Public Health will accomplish these goals by developing law enforcement and regulatory agency trainings on the MA Online PMP, evaluating and reporting the impact of MassPat, and monitoring the reporting frequency.

**2017-H1211-MO-PM St. Louis County Department of Public Health (Missouri) $400,000**
Missouri is the only state in the U.S. without a prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP). With this grant, the St. Louis County PDMP developed by the Department of Public Health, will become cross-jurisdictional and will include 9 counties and 5 cities. Project goals include delivering technical assistance and support to promote engagement and use of PDMP information, educating and recruiting additional subscribers to improve the value and utility of the PDMP database, and designing and refining utilization data and reports. A Biostatistician will be hired in Year 1 of the project period to establish the data infrastructure for reports and data analysis made possible by the PDMP. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet quarterly throughout the project period with the Project Director.

**2017-H1178-NH-PM New Hampshire Department of Justice $400,000**
The New Hampshire Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is committed to reducing abuse and diversion of prescription controlled substances through the following goals: expand the implementation of information sharing between state PDMPs, improve the quality and accuracy of PDMP data, integrate and examine the effectiveness of PDMP utilization, examine the effectiveness of prescriber- and pharmacist-mandated enrollment of PDMPs, develop training for practitioners and users of the PDMP, and evaluate the impact of PDMP data on drug courts. The PDMP will work with Institute of Health Policy and Practice and members of the Advisory Council to examine through data collection the effectiveness of the prescriber mandate to query the PDMP.

**2017-H1235-OH-PM State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy $399,918**
The goal of this project is to utilize Ohio’s PDMP to support cross-system collaboration and data sharing between prescribers, law enforcement and treatment professionals to reduce opioid misuse. Ohio’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, known as OARRS, is operated by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy.
who intends to use federal funds to implement the following program enhancements: a new pre-criminal intervention program run by two OARRS intervention agents, and a new method that supports clinical decision making by drug court participants to OARRS. To break down these silos, the Board plans to collaborate with the Supreme Court of Ohio to report active drug court participants to OARRS.

2017-H1189-PR-PM Mental Health and Anti-Addiction Services Administration (Puerto Rico) $400,000

Puerto Rico is currently without a PDMP but with the passage of PR Senate Bill #33, a monitoring system is set to be established. The Mental Health and Anti-Addiction Services Administration (MHAASA) will initiate the PDMP of Puerto Rico in conjunction with partnering agencies like the Puerto Rico Senate, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (PRDCR) and Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDoH). The project contemplates a network of 13,554 licensed prescribers and dispensers under the Office of Controlled Substances of the Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDoH) by accomplishing the following: establishing a new PDMP within the MHAASA, creating and facilitating an interagency Advisory Commission between MHAASA and law enforcement, substance abuse treatment, prescribers and more, enhancing the technological capacity of the current MHAASA Management Information System (MIS) in order to collect data, and training all PR PDMP system users to promote full compliance with the reporting standards.

2017-H1343-WA-PM Washington State Department of Social and Health Services $333,489

The Washington Department of Federal Health will hire a PDMP Onboarding Coordinator (Management Analyst) who will perform outreach, education and provide onboarding assistance to facilities interested in integrating PDMP query to their Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. Washington’s Emergency Department Information Exchange (EDIE) is a care management tool that has been largely successful in integrated PDMP data in their reports. By supporting more EHR-PDMP integration, it is expected more healthcare organizations to uptake the technology and fully adopt the Agency Medical Directors Group (AMDG) Interagency Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain.

2017-H1296-IN-PM Indiana Criminal Justice Institute $399,383

INSPECT is Indiana’s PDMP administered by the Indiana Board of Pharmacy. The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) will partner with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA), which oversees INSPECT’s day-to-day operation, and the Indiana Department of Mental Health and Addiction to enhance INSPECT by providing better training resources, better access to INSPECT for some rural dispensers, and the production and dissemination of educational materials mainly about new INSPECT integration software. The project will include online tutorials, webinars, improved access for rural pharmacies, and a multi-media campaign to spread awareness. IPLA and INSPECT staff will gather and report data performance measurements from the INSPECT database.

2017-H1322-KS-PM Kansas State Board of Pharmacy $178,680

The Kansas State Board of Pharmacy will improve the existing Kansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) by adding a Prescriber Report/Score Card. The report will show the statistics of a practitioner’s prescribing behavior along with his/her PDMP usage rates. The goal is to improve prescriber knowledge of their own practices (historical and current) and provide peer-to-peer comparisons for Kansans prescribing controlled substances, ultimately leading to increased patient care and public safety.

2017-H1285-WI-PM WI Department of Safety and Professional Services $400,000

This project will enhance the Wisconsin Prescription Drug Monitoring Program by promoting the use of the PDMP to stakeholders and the public at in- and out-of-state conferences, meetings, and events; and advise the board overseeing the PDMP on procedural, legislative support services to the board overseeing the PDMP and the department.