Social Service Block Grant (SSBG)

Mental Health and Addictions Providers

Quarterly Meeting

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 Funds available to states with a Presidential disaster declaration due to Sandy

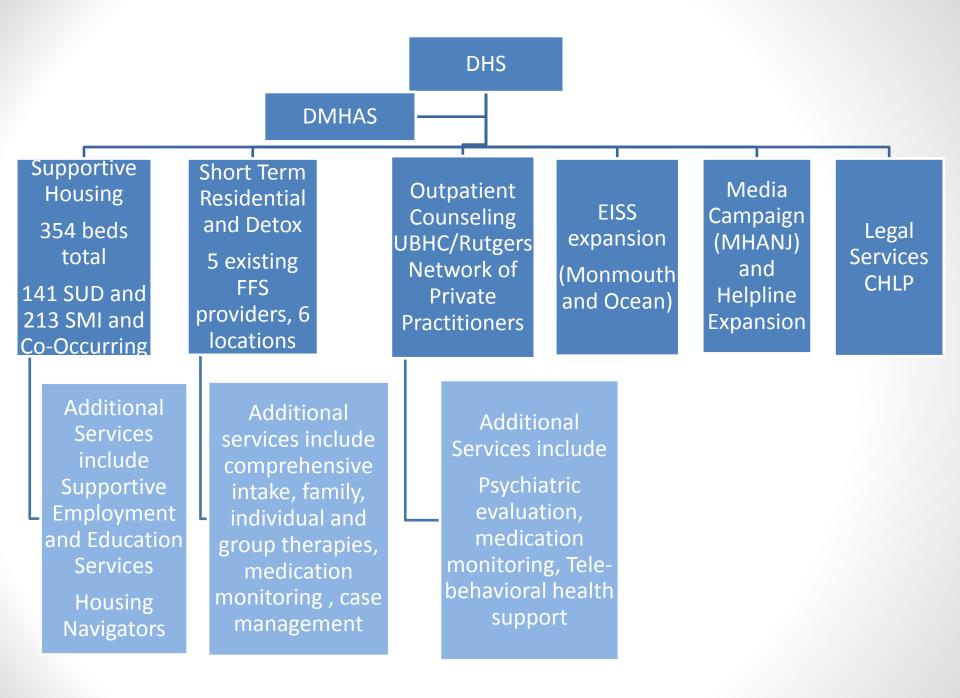
NJ received a total allocation of \$226,794,105

 Mental Health and Addiction Services portion is \$49,384,000

Funding ends September 30, 2015

Who is Eligible?

- 18 years of age or older
- US citizen or legal resident
- No health insurance benefit, either private or public
- Lived in one of the following 10 counties between 10/28/12 and 10/30/12:
 - Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Union



Detox and Short Term Residential

- Started on November 11, 2013
- To eligible for services in addition to criteria previously outlined, consumers must also meet American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria
- Using existing Fee-for-Service Providers, who are licensed by the Office of Licensure
- 5 providers in 6 locations:
 - Maryville 1903 Grant Avenue, Williamstown, Gloucester County
 - Turning Point 680 Broadway, Paterson, Passaic County
 - Sunrise House 47 Main Street, Franklin, Sussex County
 - New Hope Foundation 80 Conover Road, Marlboro, Monmouth County
 - Straight and Narrow (2 locations) -
 - Alpha House AND Dismas House 396 Straight Street,
 Paterson, Passaic County

Public Education Campaign and Helpline Expansion

- Public education campaign to help connect people to needed treatment, PSAs, bus posters, newspaper ads, web banners, etc.
- Expansion of NJ Mental Health Cares Helpline hours, offering a point of entry to SSBG funded services/programs
 - 8 am to 12 am 7 days a week (started November 20, 2013)



Outpatient Counseling

 Rutgers-UBHC offering counseling through a panel of credentialed private practitioners

Initial intake evaluation

10 sessions

Tele-health services also available

Early Intervention Support Services (EISS)

- Contract expansions of 2 existing EISS programs started on December 1, 2013:
 - Monmouth County
 - Monmouth Medical Center 300 additional consumers to be served
 - Ocean County
 - Ocean Mental Health 350 additional consumers to be served

Supportive Housing Vouchers

- Total of 354 vouchers available, will be awarded via RFP process
 - 213 for consumers with mental health and co-occurring disorders
 - 141 for consumers with substance use disorders
- Key elements:
 - Supported employment and education will be provided
 - Housing navigators to assist in locating appropriate, safe, clean housing
 - Providers must work towards assisting consumers to work towards sustain housing after voucher expires

Legal Services

- Community Health Law Project (CHLP) will expand existing services by:
 - Serving an additional 225 individuals
 - Provide services throughout the state
 - Offsite, not just office-based, appointments to meet consumers' needs

How to Access Services

211 Information and Referral Hotline

 NJ Mental Health Cares Information and Referral Helpline 866-202-HELP (4357)

Questions

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