

VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

Title: VISTA Community Planning and Education
Sponsoring Organization: OACBHA Foundation
Project Name: Addressing Crawford-Marion's Opioid Epidemic
Project Number: 18OHXXX
Project Period: 07/23/2018 – 07/23/2019
Site Name (if applicable): Crawford-Marion ADAMH board
Focus Area(s) Primary: Capacity Building Secondary: Healthy Futures
Note: <i>If your VAD is not accepted, the State Office will note the reason(s) why here.</i>

VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

Goal of the Project: To strengthen county and community efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in Crawford-Marion County.

Objective of the Assignment (07-23-18 – 07-23-19)

Research and write educational materials and papers related to opioid addiction.

Member Activities:

1. Research promising prevention, treatment, and recovery support approaches as directed by leadership
 - a. Determine data needs to inform research
 - b. Survey state and local partners about promising practices
2. Develop educational materials to be shared with County Hub members and the community
 - a. Assess educational priorities of County Hub members and work with supervisor to prioritize them.
 - b. Write and edit educational one-pagers on identified topics
 - c. Develop digital and social media education packets to be distributed via web and social media channels.
3. Develop an information distribution plan and timeline for how materials will be shared.

Objective of the Assignment (07-23-18 – 07-23-19)

Research and write grants in support of efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.

Member Activities:

1. Identify funding needs of County Hub.
 - a. Identify top priorities of the Hub and what types of funding will be needed to support these priorities.
 - b. Review grants already received by Hub organizations to learn about current funders, grant reporting structures, etc.
2. Conduct philanthropic research on potential supporters for community organizations working to address the opioid epidemic
 - a. Research possible federal, state, and local grants to support community efforts.
 - b. Determine data needs for potential grant applications.

- c. Develop a grant database to track potential grants, deadlines, and reporting requirements.
3. Write grant applications to support local efforts to combat opioid epidemic
 - a. Develop grant proposals in response to appropriate RFPs, RFIs, and available grants.
4. Develop a grant-seeking plan outlining how grant research will be conducted and how proposals will be developed.
5. Develop new community giving opportunities.

Objective of the Assignment (07-23-18 – 07-23-19)

Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to recruit, engage, and train individuals in recovery to become certified Peer Recovery Supporters in Ohio.

Member Activities:

1. Learn about the Peer Recovery Supporters program by meeting with Supporters and reviewing training materials. Attend a Peer Recovery Supporter training (if possible).
2. Develop a recruitment plan to identify and engage individuals in recovery who are interested in becoming Peer Recovery Supporters.
3. Research and evaluate current efforts to engage and train Peer Recovery Supporters and propose strategies and ideas for process improvement.
4. Develop educational materials about Peer Recovery Support services for agencies, individuals, and the community.
5. Develop a mechanism to track and provide technical assistance related to the process and steps necessary for an individual to become certified as a Peer Recovery Supporter.
6. Develop the plan for existing agency organizations to start including mental health peer supporters in their existing programs.
7. Assist with data collection of recovery supporters and mental health peer supporters at local partner agencies
8. Attend agency meetings for Peer Supporter, as indicated

Objective of the Assignment (07-23-18 – 07-23-19)

Assist the Director and Associate Director in the development of the ADAMH board's Community Plan. Assist with data collection of existing programming of County Hub organizations.

1. Project DAWN data entry
2. OHBH data entry
3. ATP data entry to assist local providers
4. Develop comprehensive reports of data collection results to share with County Hub organizations
5. Research and evaluate the needs of the local community to assist with development of the Community Plan
6. Assist with the promotion and data collection for the Community Plan
7. Attend quarterly meetings, board meetings, and other community meetings/trainings as assigned
8. Provide information to community members in person or by phone