

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

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## **1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation Quarterly Report (DY5, Q3)**

### **Project Activities**

During the period defined in this report, Tulane continued regular monthly meetings with its entire research team and quarterly meetings with LDH to ensure consistent project coordination. The research team continued their work on the three sub-analyses: Cost, Quantitative, and Qualitative. Tulane also collaborated with LDH on revisions to the Interim Evaluation Report based on guidance from CMS through a series of weekly meetings.

### **July**

The July Tulane research team internal meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> and the third quarterly meeting with LDH on July 12<sup>th</sup> were both cancelled as there were no agenda items to discuss. Progress on the three sub-analyses continued.

### **August**

The August Tulane research team internal meeting was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- Analysis Status and Needs
  - o Cost Analysis: Results are up to date but pending inputs from the quantitative analysis to finalize.
  - o Quantitative:
    - The lead quantitative researcher is awaiting the 2021 annual data to be updated in the template provided to LDH.
  - o Qualitative: Nothing to report
- Upcoming Report Deadlines
  - o Researchers are aiming to complete their analyses by the end of August for report writing.

A meeting with LDH was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss revising the Interim Evaluation Report per guidance from CMS. The following topics were discussed:

- LDH received feedback from CMS on the Interim Evaluation Report and a revised version was requested before October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- LDH scheduled weekly standing meetings to monitor progress on the revisions.

The next Interim Evaluation Report Revision meeting was held on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- It was agreed to postpone addressing the summative report suggestions as this deliverable may not be required if a continuation of the waiver is granted.
- LDH identified an issue with the database tables for Metrics 13 and 14. The tables had not been updated by the vendor since August 2021. There was no timeline available for when this would be corrected.
- LDH will send the metric data in monthly format this week.

### **September**

The next Interim Evaluation Report Revision meeting was held on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- COVID surge impacts on accessed care.
- Source of DATA-certified physicians totals for Metrics 13 and 14.
- Specialized Behavioral Health fee schedule was used as minimum by the managed care facilities.

The September Tulane research team internal meeting was held on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- Analysis Status and Needs
  - o Cost Analysis: Results are up to date, less the inputs needed from the quantitative analysis
  - o Quantitative:
    - The lead quantitative researcher is awaiting the 2021 annual data to be updated in the template provided to LDH.
  - o Qualitative: Nothing to report
- Upcoming Report Deadlines
  - o Researchers were unable to complete their analyses by the end of August as originally planned. The results report was put on hold until all data was received.

The next Interim Evaluation Report Revision meeting was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- The updates made to the comments and methods sections since the last meeting.
- A final draft for LDH review will be sent on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

As of September 31<sup>st</sup>, the following items have been received from LDH:

- 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver Administrative Cost Report – CY22 – June
- 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver Administrative Cost Report – CY22 – July
- CMS comments on Louisiana Interim Evaluation Report

- 2021 SUD Metric Data in Monthly Format
- 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver Administrative Cost Report – CY22 – August

### **Status of analysis by topic – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

#### Quantitative Analyses (Lead Researcher: Dr. Kevin Callison)

- Final analyses in progress since receipt of the Monthly Metric Data for 2021.

#### Cost Analyses Report (Lead Researcher: Dr. Charles Stoecker):

- Awaiting input from quantitative analyses to complete cost analyses.

#### Care Coordination (Lead researcher: Dr. Janna Wisniewski):

- Analysis complete for the Year 4 Results Report.

### **DELIVERABLE STATUS**

Quarterly and Annual Reports: Quarterly reports have been submitted on deadline and have summarized the evaluation feedback process with LDH and CMS.

Data reports: The Tulane Research team is working to complete analyses for Year 4 Data Analysis Report.

### **USE OF FUNDS**

Funds have been used for this project to cover faculty and staff time to coordinate activity within Tulane and with LDH, and to develop reports and associated deliverables.

Respectfully submitted,



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