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1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation Quarterly Report (DY6, Q2)

This report contains a summary of activity on the 1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation project from April 2023 – June 2023.

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 Evaluation Design for the renewal period based on guidance from CMS through a series of regular meetings.

April

The Tulane research team met internally on April 4th, April 11th, and April 25th to discuss ongoing work to revise the Evaluation Design. The following topics were discussed:

- Quantitative
 - o Exploring potential sources of data to perform cross-state comparison analyses.
 - o Review of state evaluations that are utilizing cross-state comparison analyses.
 - o Justification for performing cross-state comparison analyses.
 - o Revised Monitoring Protocol for the renewal period.
- Qualitative
 - o Exploring subpopulation analysis approaches.
 - o Availability of subgroup data, as it is currently not part of the evaluation.
 - o Propose travel for in-person meetings with stakeholders, in areas across the state.
 - o Connecting with providers and beneficiaries to implement qualitative methods.
- Progress of Evaluation Design Revision
 - o Confirmation that the revised goals and milestones should align with the renewal STCs.
 - o Reconciling the driver diagram with the revised goals and milestones.
- Privacy and IRB
- Data Storage
 - o Requirements in the new CEA
 - o Potential revision of the Data Sharing Agreement

The second draft of the revised Evaluation Design was submitted to LDH on April 14th.

A quarterly meeting with LDH was held on April 14th. The primary goal of this meeting was to review the terms of the new CEA for the renewal period. The following topics were discussed:

- Addition of technical assistance work by the Quality office.
- Deliverable schedule and associated costs.
- Tulane data storage platform.
- Potential revisions to the Data Sharing Agreement.

A joint meeting with LDH was held on April 24th to discuss mutual feedback on the revisions to the Evaluation Design. The following topics were discussed:

- Shifting the focus of the evaluation from the previous goals to the ones established in the renewal STCs.
- Identifying an intervention and metric for measuring goal #7.
- How to utilize sub-population stratification within the metrics.
- Use of Medicaid data from another state to create a comparison group for analysis.
- Proposal for the sourcing and use of T-MSIS data for cross-state comparison analysis.
- Inclusion of evaluator expenses as administrative costs in the cost analysis.
- Potential for expanding Medicaid SUD treatment to incarcerated populations.

May

The Tulane research team met internally on May 2nd and May 11th to discuss ongoing work to revise the Evaluation Design. The following topics were discussed:

- Quantitative
 - o Plan for sourcing T-MSIS data and accessing the data quality, to be presented to LDH at the next joint meeting.
- Qualitative
 - o Plan for analyzing sup-populations to be included in the next set of revisions.
- Progress of Evaluation Design Revision
 - o Alignment of the driver diagram and table with the set of goals from the renewal STCs and metric directional changes.
- Data Storage

A joint meeting with LDH was held on May 10th. The primary goal was to discuss the use of T-MSIS Medicaid claims data from other comparable state(s) to perform a difference in difference analysis. The following topics were discussed:

- Current evaluation methods are limited to pre-post analysis using only Louisiana Medicaid claims data, which limits the impact of the results because we are unable to

separate the waiver's impact from national trends. Using this data as a control group would allow us to isolate the effect of the waiver.

- TMSIS data quality assessment
- Revising the Evaluation Plan
 - o Language will be added to the next draft of the evaluation plan for the addition of difference-in-difference analysis.
 - o Tulane will prepare a scope of work for this analysis including specifics around the data source and usage, to be presented to CMS.
 - o LDH also requested specific examples of how the comparisons will be made to share with their Executive Management Team.

The third draft of the revised Evaluation Design was submitted to LDH on May 14th.

A joint meeting with LDH was held on May 16th to discuss mutual feedback on the revisions to the Evaluation Design.

The Tulane research team met internally on May 22nd to discuss ongoing work to revise the Evaluation Design.

The fourth draft of the revised Evaluation Design was submitted to LDH on May 22nd.

A joint meeting with LDH was held on May 26th to discuss pending issues and revisions to the Evaluation Design. The following topics were discussed:

- Addition of a separate table showing the goal of reducing overdose deaths (Evaluation Question 4).
- Update the driver diagram to the most recent version.
- Remove the sub-population analysis of indigenous people, as this data is currently not available or measured.
- Remove the difference-in-difference analysis utilizing T-MSIS data for cross-state comparison.

The final draft of the revised Evaluation Design was submitted to LDH on May 27th.

June

The Tulane research team did not meet internally in June as there were no agenda items to discuss while awaiting CMS feedback on the Evaluation Design for year 6-10.

As of June 30th, the following items have been received from LDH:

- Draft CEA Effective July 2023

Status of analysis by topic – June 30th, 2023

Quantitative Analyses (Lead Researcher: Dr. Kevin Callison)

- Work has begun on the Quantitative Analyses through 2022. Data from LDH and ULM is required to complete the analysis for DY5.

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

- Work has begun on the Cost Analyses through 2022. Input from the quantitative analyses is required to complete the analysis for DY5.

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

- Work has begun on the Care Coordination Analyses through 2022. The data collected is being analyzed by the lead research and research assistant.

DELIVERABLE STATUS

Quarterly and Annual Reports: Quarterly reports have been submitted on deadline and have summarized the evaluation feedback process with LDH and CMS. This is the first quarterly report being submitted for DY6.

Data reports: The Demonstration Year 4 Data Analyses Reports were submitted in July 2023. The submission of these reports was deferred due to the delay in receipt of the Year 4 data set, and the prioritization of work on the Interim Evaluation Report revisions. The analyses results for Demonstration Year 5 will be incorporated into the Summative Evaluation Report for Year 1-5.

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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