

February 2025

### **1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation Quarterly Report (DY7)**

This report contains a summary of activity on the 1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation project from January 2024 – December 2024.

#### **Project Activities**

During the period defined in this report, Tulane continued regular monthly meetings with its research team and quarterly meetings with LDH to ensure consistent project coordination. The research team continued their work on the three sub-analyses: the Quantitative Analysis, Qualitative Analysis, and Cost Analysis. The Tulane research team also completed the Summative Evaluation Report for DY1-DY5 and collaborated with LDH to incorporate CMS feedback on the Evaluation Design for DY6-DY10.

#### **January – March 2024**

The quarterly meeting with LDH was scheduled for January 9. The following topics were discussed:

- Discussion on issues with metrics data in the Summative Evaluation Report and plans for data analysis.
- Review of CMS comments on the draft Evaluation Design for DY6-10.
- Request for an updated Administrative Cost Report.
- LDH approved the data collection on qualitative analysis before the Evaluation Design was approved.

The January meeting of the Tulane research team was held on January 16. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of the work plan for the Summative Evaluation report.
- Request for reports, tables, and metric data from LDH.
- Discussion on actions for qualitative analysis before IRB approval.
- Discussion on the work plan for Evaluation Design revisions.

The quarterly meeting with LDH was scheduled for January 26. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of LDH comments on the first Summative Evaluation Report draft.

- Discussion on metrics discrepancies, limitations, and changes in the Summative Evaluation Report.
- Incorporation of CMS's proposed denominators, case study approach, and budget/timeline into the Evaluation Design draft.

The February meeting of the Tulane research team was held on February 9. The following topics were discussed:

- Discussion on monthly data for IET & FUA measures, including plans to calculate using a new method and back-calculate prior years for reports due in years 6-10.
- Updated description of the TMSIS data control group.
- Notice/invitation to be sent to Local Governing Entities to gain participation in interviews for qualitative analysis.
- Addition of case studies to the IRB and amendment of the Tulane application.
- Discussion on the preparation of the Data Sharing Agreement.

The quarterly meeting with LDH was scheduled for February 23. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of Tulane's updates and LDH's feedback for the Evaluation Design draft.
- Discussion on seeking guidance from CMS to address specific sections while the Summative Evaluation is in process.
- The Summative Evaluation Report will be put on hold until the revised metric data is received.

The March meeting of the Tulane research team was held on March 20. The following topics were discussed:

- Awaiting updated data from LDH.
- Discussion on reaching out to RESDAC for further guidance from CMS to understand the cost structure.
- Solicited support from LDH for facilitating qualitative interview participation.
- Preparation of documentation for amendments to include case studies in the IRB protocol.
- Discussion on the process for obtaining Factual Letters and Letters of Support.

As of March 30, the following items had been received from LDH:

- Revised Summative Evaluation Work Plan
- Feedback for LA Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Eval Design

### **April – June 2024**

The Tulane research team revised Evaluation Design for DY6-10 and submitted it to LDH on April 5.

The Summative Evaluation Report Meeting with LDH was held on April 8. The following topics were discussed:

- Issues with metrics and data in the Summative Evaluation Report.
- Request for an update on the data for the annual metrics.
- Request for revision and update on quarterly metrics.

The April meeting of the Tulane research team was held on April 24. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of the work plan for the Summative Evaluation report.
- Request for reports, tables, and metric data from LDH for Summative Evaluation report
- Action on qualitative and quantitative IRB approval.
- Progress and plan on qualitative and quantitative analysis.

The updated metrics data for the Summative Evaluation Report was received on April 25.

The Summative Evaluation Report Meeting with LDH on April 29 was canceled.

The May meeting of the Tulane research team was held on May 9. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of the updated metrics data and progress for the Summative Evaluation Report.
- Discussion on the progress and plan on cost analysis.
- Actions for IRB approval on quantitative analysis data.

The updated Summative Evaluation Report was submitted to LDH on May 13.

The second May meeting of the Tulane research team was held on May 15. The primary goal was to discuss the plan for qualitative analysis and sourcing T-MSIS data.

The revised Summative Evaluation Report was submitted to LDH on May 22.

The Summative Evaluation Report Meeting with LDH was held on June 4. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of Tulane's updates on Summative Evaluation report draft.
- Discussion on the revisions based on previous feedback.
- Use of specific terminology and the format and presentation of specific statistical analysis tables.

The final draft of the revised Summative Evaluation Report was submitted to LDH on June 22.

### **July – September 2024**

The July meeting of the Tulane research team was held on July 17. The following topics were discussed:

- Progress on the demonstration year 6 results
- Request for updates on the annual and monthly metrics data.
- Data synthesis plan discussion.

The August meeting of the Tulane research team was held on August 26. The following topics were discussed:

- Progress on the demonstration year 6 results
- Discussion on the plan for SUD interview for qualitative evaluation.
- Request for updates on the annual and monthly metrics data.
- Request for assistance and approval on SUD interview recruitment for qualitative evaluation

The September meeting of the Tulane research team was canceled. The following topics were discussed by email:

- Review and discuss the demonstration year 6 results.
- Progress on the SUD interview recruitment for qualitative evaluation.
- Request for updates on the monthly metrics data.
- IRB application action for qualitative evaluation.

### **October-December 2024**

The quarterly meeting with LDH was scheduled for October 8. The following topics were discussed:

- Discussion on the selection of calculation methods for the evaluation metrics.
- Discussion on the timeline for deliverables.
- Data requests for the evaluation report.
- Discussion on the progress of qualitative analysis interviews.

The update on Monthly Metric Data was received from LDH on October 8.

The October meeting of the Tulane research team was canceled. The following topics were discussed by email:

- Review and discussion of the Cost Analysis Report, Qualitative Results Report, and Quantitative Results Report.
- Progress on SUD interview recruitment for qualitative evaluation.
- Updates on the IRB application for qualitative evaluation.

The Cost Analysis Report, Qualitative Results Report, and Quantitative Results Report for DY 6 were submitted to LDH on November 25.

The November meeting of the Tulane research team was held on November 19. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of DY6 results and discussion of the qualitative evaluation plan for DY7.
- Discussion on the evaluation plan for quantitative and cost analyses for DY7.
- Planning for T-MSIS data acquisition.

The December Tulane research team meeting was canceled.

#### **Status of analysis by topic – December 31, 2024**

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

- The Quantitative Analyses through 2023 were completed for all metrics. The results were presented in the Baseline Year 6 report.

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

- Cost analyses are being readied pending availability of encounter and waiver effort data from 2024. Analyses have been completed through December 2023.

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

- With facilitation from LDH, the team has begun conducting interviews with individuals working in the SUD treatment system. Additionally, they have established a partnership through which additional treatment providers will be recruited, and patients will be recruited for the case study interviews. The IRB amendment to include the patient case studies is underway.

#### **DELIVERABLE STATUS**

Quarterly and Annual Reports: Quarterly reports have been submitted on deadline and have summarized the evaluation feedback process with LDH and CMS. Quarterly reports for DY7 Q1, DY7 Q2, and DY7 Q3 have been invoiced to date.

Data reports: The analysis results for Demonstration Year 6 have been submitted.

#### **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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Callison', with a stylized, flowing script.

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