NEW OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS
BUSINESS PLAN INITIATIVE 2

INITIATIVE 2: IMPROVE ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT AND THE QUALITY OF CARE:

• Under Commitment 1 of the FY 2022 LDH Business Plan (ldh.la.gov/businessplan), Goal 1 of this initiative is to increase access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) by increasing the use of evidence-based behavioral health treatment services.

LOUISIANA’S OPIOID CRISIS:

• The most recent data from the Louisiana Opioid and Surveillance System (LODSS, lodss.ldh.la.gov) which collects data certified by coroners, shows opioid-involved deaths increased by 67%, from 588 in 2019 to 982 in 2020.
• From 2012 to 2020, opioid-involved deaths in Louisiana increased 514%.
• About one quarter of Louisiana residents receiving MOUD live beyond a 35-mile radius from an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).

OPIOID TREATMENT PROVIDERS:

• The Louisiana Department of Health’s Office of Behavioral Health will open two new OTPs in June, bringing the total number of Louisiana OTPs to 12.
• OTPs provide evidence-based behavioral health treatment services for individuals with opioid use disorder.
• OTPs are authorized to dispense methadone as part of a clinically-monitored MOUD, the gold standard for treatment of opioid use disorder.

NEW TREATMENT PROVIDERS:

• OBH released competitive Request for Applications and conducted an exhaustive review of provider qualifications.
• Behavioral Health Group (BHG, bhgrecovery.com) was selected to operate the two new sites in Houma and Bogalusa.
• This will increase access to treatment services to 400 to 1,200 individuals per month.
• Locations were chosen based upon areas most in need, predicated on data collected from LODSS.

LOCATIONS:

• Houma: 435 Corporate Drive
  • South-Central Louisiana (LDH Region 3): Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Mary and Terrebonne parishes
• Bogalusa: 412 Ave. B
  • Florida Parishes (LDH Region 9): Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington parishes

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