

MEMORANDUM

Monday, September 9th, 2024

TO: _____

FROM: Brian Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director, NASMHPD
David Miller, Senior Operations and Project Director, NASMHPD

RE: **FY 2025 Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI) Applications**

We are excited to share the good news that SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is funding another year of the Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI). We are pleased to be involved in administering these important transformation efforts for CMHS and look forward to working with this year's awardees to maximize their investment in state mental health systems. The TTI provides, on a competitive basis, flexible funding awards to states, the District of Columbia, and the Territories to strengthen innovative programs.

Based on needs that states and territories have shared with NASMHPD, SAMHSA is funding 48 TTI awards of \$250,000 to states and territories on the following six (6) topics directly related to implementing and expanding 988 and crisis services:

1. Community-based service approaches for justice involved individuals with SMI or SED
2. Community crisis system mapping and implementation: building intra and inter-systems bridges for coordinated crisis care
3. Crisis care and suicide prevention for underserved youth
4. Crisis workforce wellness, and resilience and prevention of burnout
5. Training and professional development the non-clinical crisis workforce
6. Treatment and supports for children with high acuity and/or complex needs at risk of out of home placements

States and territories can apply for and receive multiple awards. *All proposals must focus on Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) populations.* Please see examples and more information in the application package attached to this email. **Proposals are due back to NASMHPD by Monday, October 7th, 2024, at 5pm ET.**

We know that now, more than ever, states and territories are receiving additional federal behavioral health funding that must be expended this fiscal year. TTI does offer the opportunity for funding, but perhaps more importantly, TA, learning opportunities, networking to successes in other states, and enveloping support from NASMHPD staff to help guide your team in achieving successful outcomes transforming your systems on your timeline. Your team will be offered intense TA interaction until August 2025 and the TTI allows states to continue their work far beyond their contract conclusion.

During TTI, recipients receive one-on-one support from subject matter experts (SME) on a wide variety of topics, who work to guide and advise all TTIs on their ongoing efforts. These SMEs will be of your choice, but NASMHPD will perform all of the coordination and use NASMHPD TA funds to contract with the SME directly to avoid any state procurement delays. This cadre of SMEs and staff from other states and territories have walked in your shoes to transform behavioral health systems. You have access to learning communities of other states/territories who face the same hurdles you do. TTI avails you to:

- **Additional TA funds through NASMHPD,**
- **Intense TA with SMEs,**
- **Learning opportunities from other states and territories,** and a
- **Lengthened timeline.**

This combination greatly assists states and territories to build strong partnerships, envision and actualize sustainability of the work, and continue to grow and share efforts with all states and territories. Former TTI recipients have complemented the ease of process, close work of SMEs almost as extra staff, strategies, and encouragement from the NASMHPD team as helping them achieve their goals and outcomes.

NASMHPD will hold FY25 TTI Q&A Zoom sessions on **Tuesday, September 10th 3pm EST and 12th 6pm EST.** See the following directions below to join the call. Feel free to send any questions in advance of the call to jonel.emlaw@nasmhpd.org or share questions on the call.

Topic: TTI 2025 Q&A Session

Times:

1. [Sep 10th at 3pm EST, 2024 Eastern Time \(US and Canada\)](#), and
2. [Sep 12th at 6pm EST, 2024 Eastern Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

Please register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We thank CMHS for their continued commitment to enhancing state/territorial mental health systems and their assistance to states and territories. If you or your staff have any questions regarding the attached TTI application or your proposal, please do not hesitate to contact David Miller, NASMHPD Senior Operations and Project Director, our staff lead on this project at [703-399-6892](tel:703-399-6892), or david.miller@nasmhpd.org.

Thank you.

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