

MEMORANDUM

We are excited to share the good news that the 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 transformation. 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 36 TTI awards of \$250,000 on the following three topics directly related to implementing and expanding 988 and crisis services:**

1. Special populations
 - American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) Communities
 - LGBTQ+
2. Workforce
3. Children & Adolescents

States and territories can apply and receive multiple awards for more than one topic and should indicate which topic(s) on their application. *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 November 5, 2021.**

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 2022 with TA available as needed the following year, 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 SME 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 transform their systems.

NASMHPD will hold a Q&A meeting on Zoom on **Friday October 8 at 2 pm ET**. See the following directions below to join the call. Feel free to send any question in advance of the call to emmet.bloomer@nasmhpd.org or share questions on the call.

Topic: TTI 2022 Q&A Session

Time: Oct 8, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0odeqqrTgiHdJm6Tt84_MfyTOTE_EofXmV

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We thank CMHS for their continued commitment to enhancing mental health systems and their assistance to states. 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 Project Director, our staff lead on this project at [703-399-6892](tel:703-399-6892), or david.miller@nasmhpd.org.

Thank you.

cc: Commissioners' Assistants
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