Medication Adherence Learning Community
Tackling the Medication Non-adherence Challenge: Increasing Engagement and Implementing Clinical Best Practices

Call for Applications

Purpose

The National Council for Behavioral Health invites you to apply for a new 12-month learning opportunity designed to support organizations on addressing medication adherence challenges that impact the populations they serve. This learning community will build upon and implement the recommendations of a recent report from the National Council’s Medical Director Institute, Medication Adherence: Causes and Solutions to Medication Non-adherence. The learning community will support, at no cost, up to 10 community-based behavioral health organizations on implementing evidence-based interventions to promote medication adherence and ultimately improve health outcomes.

Participating organizations will gain access to leading experts in behavioral health through a range of training and technical assistance including webinars, 1:1 coaching calls, group discussion calls and an in-person meeting. Participants will also have access to an online community forum to share successes, lessons learned and resources. These experts and resources will help participating organizations:

- Understand the roles of assessment, treatment planning and medication monitoring in promoting adherence and improved health outcomes.
- Gain skills and knowledge related to effective engagement of patients and their support systems.
- Develop and implement new or revised workflows that incorporate key steps and strategies to monitor and track medication adherence.
- Utilize data to track and analyze medication adherence rates and other health outcomes as they relate to medication adherence.
- Develop organizational quality improvement plans to identify barriers and challenges and develop plans to sustain improvement efforts.

Application Process

The application deadline is **11:59 p.m. ET, Friday, March 27, 2020. This deadline has been extended two weeks from the original submission date of March 13.** Applications must be submitted online through this application link.

Selected applicants will be notified by early April. The National Council has made every effort to provide a simple application experience and ensure the application questions and prompts capture the applicant’s population served, most pressing challenges in the topic area, level of readiness for systems change and alignment with the program purpose. The online application system allows applicants to return to their application over time prior to submission.
Interested applicants may review the recording of our informational Q&A webinar. If you have questions about the application or would like additional information about the Medication Adherence Learning Community, please contact Alexandra Meade, project manager, at AlexandraM@TheNationalCouncil.org.

Benefits to Applying

- No cost to participate.
- A supportive learning environment facilitated by National Council expert faculty and coaches and engagement in peer learning.
- Access to a Medication Adherence Organizational Self-assessment (MA-OSA).
- Access to evidence-based resources and tools.
- Achievement of a thorough understanding of the causes of medication non-adherence and of evidence-based solutions.
- Increased competency in quality improvement, team-based care, data collection and reporting and population health management as it relates to medication adherence.

Eligibility and Submission

- Must be licensed as a community behavioral health provider.
- Must be a current provider of mental health and/or substance use disorder services.
- Support needed from CEO and medical director. Once organizations are notified of selection status, a commitment letter will be circulated.
- Team lead is able to attend the in-person meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020, in Washington, D.C.
- Willingness to consistently participate in training and technical assistance activities throughout the learning community.

Key Dates

As highlighted, this community will meet through webinars, group discussions and an in-person meeting over the next 12 months with an orientation webinar in early April 2020. Here is an overview of the learning community activities and key dates:

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More Information

You can view a PDF of a [sample application](#) here. Check out our [Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)](#) for additional information on this learning community, eligibility, activities and benefits. If interested, you can [review the recording](#) of our informational office hours session with our project team.

Have a question that is not included in the FAQs? Contact Alexandra Meade, project manager, at [AlexandraM@TheNationalCouncil.org](mailto:AlexandraM@TheNationalCouncil.org).