

SFY20 Legislative Report

1. The Legislature intends that the recipient of funding for "Operation Rio Grande: Sober Living" provide a report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that details the following: (1) what specific savings were generated, (2) who received the savings, and (3) what the funding sources were for these savings.

The sober living pilot did not result in specific cost savings. The pilot did significantly increase access and the total number of clients served. **Salt Lake County also reports that the pilot resulted in better client outcomes and decreased cost per client.** The purpose of ORG funding for sober living was to decrease the length of stay in residential treatment by providing affordable, safe, and sober living in licensed recovery residences. SFY20 funds spent on sober living totaled \$1,200,000 resulting in an additional 272 clients served in sober living (unduplicated). During this time over 1,025 clients received drug testing as part of their participation with negative urinalysis on over 93% of the tests for the year.

2. The Legislature intends that the recipient of funding for "Operation Rio Grande: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services" provide a report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that details the following: (1) what specific savings were generated, (2) who received the savings, and (3) what the funding sources were for these savings.

The pilot for substance abuse and mental health services did not result in specific cost savings. The pilot increased access and the total number of clients served. **The pilot also resulted in better client outcomes and decreased cost per client** served through this model. Legislative funding included funds allocated for specialized Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services in SFY20 for individuals experiencing serious mental illness, substance use disorders and homelessness within the Operation Rio Grande designated area. \$100,000 was expended in SFY20 for this program. The purpose of ORG funding was to fund an ACT team in the area; Medicaid was leveraged to increase the number of clients able to be served. ACT is a long researched model wrapping intensive services around an individual who by history is likely to end up in the jail, emergency room or inpatient hospitalization and is unlikely to access services through traditional means in the community. **This model, when administered to fidelity, has a long history of meaningful results including reduction in hospitalizations, reduction in criminal justice involvement and increases in employment and housing.**

During the course of this funding for SFY20, 457 individuals (duplicated) were served with wrap-around mental health and substance misuse services in the community resulting in 15 previously homeless individuals finding permanent supported housing. Individuals received ongoing mental health and substance misuse services which led to 185 individuals (duplicated) achieving housing stability for 6 months or longer. For the

time this funding was available, these services helped address a significant resource shortage for the population in the Operation Rio Grande catchment area.

3. The Legislature intends that the recipient of funding for "Children Reunifying in Residential Treatment Programs" provide a report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that details the following: (1) what specific savings were generated, (2) who received the savings, and (3) what the funding sources were for these savings. For FY 2020 items, the recipient shall provide the report by August 31, 2020.

The funding for children reunifying in residential treatment programs for substance misuse and mental health services did not result in specific cost savings. The pilot increased access and the total number of clients served. **The pilot also resulted in better client outcomes and decreased overall cost per client served through this model.** This funding was appropriated to address funding shortfalls for children whose parents are participating in residential substance misuse treatment to help pay for the children's treatment, childcare and other related expenses not covered by Medicaid, insurance or other funding sources but necessary for successful outcomes and delivery of services.

The service providers Odyssey House and House of Hope received this funding. The percent of families served in which children reunify with their birth mother or father was 93% for Odyssey House and 81% for House of Hope. The percent of parents who are abstinent from or reduced their use of substances for Odyssey House was 100% and for House of Hope was 76%. The percent of parents who are employed at discharge SFY20 for Odyssey House was 53% and for House of Hope it was 15%. These numbers are lower than anticipated in part due to the current ongoing pandemic. For families in stable housing at discharge Odyssey House reported 100% and House of Hope reported 76% in stable housing at discharge.

4. The Legislature intends that the recipient of funding for "Medication Assisted Treatment" provide a report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that details the following: (1) what specific savings were generated, (2) who received the savings, and (3) what the funding sources were for these savings. For FY 2020 items, the recipient shall provide the report by August 31, 2020.

The funding for medication assisted treatment services did not result in specific cost savings. The pilot increased access and the total number of clients served. **The pilot also resulted in better client outcomes and decreased overall cost per client served through this model.** In Salt Lake County, 61.3% of clients reported improved employment status at 5 months post discharge while in Davis County they reported that 63% of clients had improved their employment status. As far as housing status is concerned in Salt Lake County 13.5% reported improved housing at 5 months, while in Davis County, 51% of clients had improved their housing status. Funding for this program was eliminated in the last general session.