

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

SMA Healthcare

and

Ocala Police Department

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets the terms and understanding between SMA Healthcare and the Ocala Police Department to collaborate in the Marion County Amnesty Program.

Background

The number of opioid overdose deaths increased by more than 350% from 2015 to 2020 in Marion County, according to statistics from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The overall number of drug overdose deaths increased by more than 570%. Opioids were involved with 83% of all drug overdose deaths in Marion County in 2020.

Overdoses began to jump to high levels locally in 2016; synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl) are considered the primary cause. Fentanyl is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Purpose

Established in 2018, the Amnesty Program encourages opioid involved individuals to contact the Ocala Police Department at any time that they are ready to seek treatment. Individuals may go to any Police Station or reach out to any Ocala law enforcement officer for assistance. When requested, law enforcement will even go to an individual's home and transport them to treatment at SMA Healthcare or Beacon Point. Individuals must surrender any drugs in their possession to law enforcement and agree to enroll in substance use treatment.

The above goals will be accomplished by the following **Roles and Responsibilities**:

Ocala Police Department

1. Identify opioid involved individuals seeking treatment;
2. Distribute Amnesty information;
3. Transport appropriate individuals to SMA Healthcare or Beacon Point for assessment;
4. Provide a monthly report identifying the individuals served in the Amnesty Program.

SMA Healthcare

1. Assess all identified Amnesty Program clients and refer to the appropriate service;
2. Design and distribute Amnesty information cards to be placed in detox, residential and outpatient service locations;
3. Ensure Amnesty cards are attached to all Narcan distributed by EMT's and service providers;
4. Describe and distribute Amnesty information cards at community events and speaking engagements.
5. Individuals will be assessed for treatment-related costs using a sliding scale

Reporting

Quarterly reports regarding Amnesty outputs and outcomes will be completed by SMA Healthcare. The goal will be to improve completion of the Amnesty Program from 8% to 30%. Completion is defined by 90 or more days in uninterrupted recovery from substances specifically identified in the treatment plan as measured by participant report and urine drug testing.


Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from SMA Healthcare and the Ocala Police Department This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from SMA Healthcare and the Ocala Police Department and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent.

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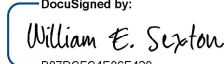
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