

<p style="text-align: center;">York/Adams Drug and Alcohol Commission Treatment Policy and Procedure Manual</p>	<p><i>Number: P-5</i></p> <p><i>Policy: Person Who Inject Drugs Outreach</i></p>
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I. Purpose:

To establish in policy, a protocol to ensure that persons who inject drugs, who have not yet entered treatment, receive outreach services; and further, to establish procedures regarding what outreach that will be provided to this population.

II. Policy:

A. Outreach Overview

Outreach consists of identifying those individuals who are at high risk of becoming substance abusing individuals and encouraging those individuals who are substance abusers to access treatment. Outreach also includes promoting awareness about substance abuse and its relationship to contracting communicable diseases.

- **Who will perform Outreach:**

YADAC outreach services are contracted services and may be executed by the YADAC contracted outreach service providers. Staff persons at the contracted provider level shall provide the direct service of outreach and daily oversight of activities. SCA staff shall provide County oversight of the contracted provider.

B. Required Training:

All YADAC contracted outreach staff are to be proficient in outreach, education, and referral of persons who use injection drugs (PWID) populations, current trends in injection drug use and associated risks of such use, methods of transmitting diseases, healthy behaviors vs. high risk behaviors; available resources, available support groups, motivational interviewing techniques; models/stages of change, etc. The provider shall be familiar with and adhere to culturally and linguistically appropriate services and display cultural competence.

Outreach staff shall have knowledge of the screening and assessment process linkage and referral and where clients can be referred for these services.

Additionally, all YADAC contracted outreach staff are expected to minimally acquire the following trainings within 365 days of hire: HIV/AIDS – 6 hours; TB/STDS/HEP C – 4 hours; and Confidentiality – 6 hours.

C. Outreach Activities:

The contracted outreach provider will provide outreach services that are designed to target the PWID community in York and Adams Counties. The contracted outreach provider will provide activities which may include individual and/or group intervention services.

D. Inpatient/ Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Group Services

The YADAC contracted provider, shall conduct educational group presentations consisting of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C information. The information disseminated for these presentations cover infectious bodily fluids, risk behaviors and how to reduce them, short-term and long-term symptoms, advancements in treatment and medication, condom usage, and testing procedures and interpretation of test results. Also covered in these presentations is the development of communication skills and healthy lifestyle choices for those who may be at risk or for those who may already be living with these illnesses. Information on both Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B are presented in brief during the Hepatitis C discussion, as there are key differences among them. Alcohol Hepatitis is also briefly covered.

Presentations are typically one hour in length. Pre- and post-tests are distributed for comparison purposes and interpreted in terms of evaluation for the group members as well as the presenter.

E. Client Contact and Follow –Up:

The York/Adams contracted outreach staff shall visit numerous neighborhoods and community organizations where PWID and/or PWID user activity is prevalent. Efforts shall be focused in neighborhoods with high levels of drug activity and injection drug use. The hours of operation shall be driven by community need based upon when drug activity has been observed to occur. The PWID and/or potential PWID user shall be identified during contracted outreach staff presence and interaction in the community. Outreach shall occur to identified individuals via individual outreach. Further engagement shall occur via recruiting of PWID and/or potential PWID individuals to interventions, with the client’s consent. Persons may be seen for multiple sessions and follow-up with consent may occur.

F. Relationship Between Injection Drug Use and Communicable Disease Client Education:

The contracted provider shall ensure that the PWID population is made aware of the relationship between injection drug use and communicable diseases, such as HIV, TB, and Hepatitis C. At a minimum, the contracted provider shall provide counseling and education about HIV, TB, Hepatitis C as well as other communicable diseases; counseling and education about the risks of needle sharing, counseling and education about the risks of transmission to sexual partners and infants, counseling and education about the steps that can be taken to ensure that HIV, TB, Hepatitis C and other communicable disease transmission do not occur and referral for HIV and TB, Hepatitis C treatment services, as necessary. The contracted outreach provider shall provide information and resource materials about the availability of, HIV/AIDS treatment and testing. Individuals identified to be in need of testing services and HIV treatment shall be offered referral information to local providers who offer such treatment and testing. The client may select the treatment/testing option with which they are most comfortable.

G. Prevention of Disease Transmission Client Education:

The contracted provider shall ensure that the IDU population is made aware of the steps that can be taken to prevent the transmission of diseases such as HIV, TB, Hepatitis C as well as other communicable diseases. At a minimum, the contracted provider shall provide prevention/outreach to PWID and their partners as a means to ensure they have the knowledge, the skills and the resources necessary to reduce the possibility of HIV, TB, Hepatitis C and other disease infection. Referrals shall occur as necessary to HIV testing and/or other community resources and/or treatment. The contracted outreach provider shall disseminate information to the PWID population and their partners on the importance of using clean needles and instructions on how to bleach needles, as well as bleach kits, when

available. They shall also disseminate condoms and information on the use of condoms and how to prevent transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

H. Client Entry into Treatment Encouragement:

The York/Adams contracted outreach staff will visit numerous neighborhoods and community organizations that serve PWID and/or potential PWID. The outreach workers, based on their knowledge of the community, will distribute pamphlets and educational information to IDU individuals designed to encourage this high-risk population into treatment. The pamphlet will include information on how and where treatment services may be accessed. The contracted outreach provider shall carry out activities to encourage individuals identified as PWID and their partners in need of drug and alcohol treatment to undergo such treatment. The contracted outreach provider shall provide appropriate information (that is: brochures; flyers; business cards; etc.) to the PWID population and their partners of the available D&A treatment programs and resources. They shall also provide information and resource materials about the availability of drug treatment, and other medical and social services within the local community, including Narcan. The contracted provider outreach staff will be familiar with the local D&A systems within the counties of York and Adams.

I. Reporting:

The contracted outreach provider must collect, analyze, and report client outcome measures on a monthly basis. The contracted outreach provider will ensure that accurate and timely statistical reports are submitted to the YADAC Prevention Program Specialist for the month by the 15th day of the following month.

J. Oversight of Outreach Activities:

Oversight of the contracted provider outreach activities shall occur via review of statistical reports submitted by the outreach staff to the Prevention Program Specialist and other appropriate means. The YADAC Prevention Specialist shall be responsible for ensuring the successful oversight of the outreach activities in-conjunction and under supervision of the YADAC Administrator. The contracted outreach provider shall attend the quarterly YADAC Provider Working Group meetings.

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