

Aiken County SCORF Community Action Plan



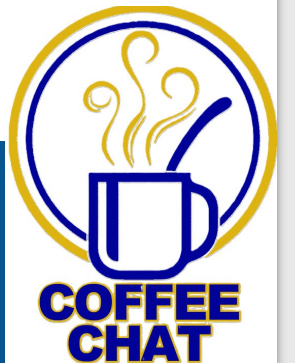
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Aiken County Mental Health and Substance Use Consortium

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Goal 1: Enhance an expanded and braided continuum of care of prevention, treatment and recovery supports and services that meet the needs of persons with opioid use disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring mental health/substance use disorder (MH/SUD) conditions.

Current Activities to Achieve Goal 1:

- Aiken Center, SCDMH and DPH co-location of services with purchase of church in Belvedere, SC
- Establish a North Augusta Naloxone Education and Distribution Program
- Aiken Center Community Distribution/Outreach: Narcan, Fentanyl Test Strips, Xylazine Test Strips
- Courage Center Community Distribution/Outreach: Narcan, Fentanyl Test Strips, Xylazine Test Strips

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Strategy 1: Build local government infrastructure that is responsible for securing and managing opioid recovery funds to create a strategic and sustainable approach for addressing the county's opioid epidemic.				
<p>Action: Aiken County government hires an Opioid Abatement Fund Coordinator and develops a supporting infrastructure budget to manage and coordinate SCORF funding. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of application processes for allocating funding to community partners to achieve CAP goals/strategies • formation and coordination of an advisory body responsible for decisions related to SCORF funding allocation 	J4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken County Council 	YR 1, Q2	\$90,000/year
<p>Action: Form an advisory body responsible for decisions related to SCORF funding allocation.</p>	J4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken County Government • City of Aiken 	YR 1, Q2	\$0
<p>Action: Contract with Aiken Center for subject matter expertise, facilitate SCORF advisory group, assistance in writing and reporting per SCORF requirements, and monitoring the implementation of the Aiken County CAP. (.50 FTE Program Manager-- .12 City of Aiken, .38 Aiken County funding contribution)</p>	J4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken County Council • Aiken Center 	YR 1, Q3	\$54,696

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Strategy 2: Establish a comprehensive withdrawal management facility (i.e. detox center) for persons with opioid use disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring mental health/substance use disorder (MH/SUD) conditions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers ongoing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services • In-house pharmacy • Provides follow up services 				
Action: Explore partnerships between stakeholders to establish a detox solution located in Aiken County.	K2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital • Aiken Center • Aiken County DMH • MHSUC 	YR 1, Q2	Unknown
Action: Establish partnership between existing community partners to establish a detox facility	A7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital • Aiken Center 	YR 2, Q1	Unknown

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<p>Strategy 3: Establish multiple “one-stop shops” around the county offering comprehensive wrap around and services and supports to address the needs of individuals with opioid use disorder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-locate care including substance use, mental health, and primary care • Employ peer support specialists at one-stop shop and at other points of entry for care (i.e. Department of Social Services) • Provide case management and crisis intervention services • Include a homeless day center • Provide medical mobile treatment • Offer supports to address social needs including transportation, housing, childcare, job training/placement • Establish formal processes for cross-agency data standardization, collection and reporting to identify and address issues, including the development of a fatalities review process 				
<p>Action: Phase in additional service partners at the Belvedere co-location with Aiken Center, DMH and DPH, including recovery community organizations (RCO) and other social service agencies.</p>	J3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH • Aiken Center • DPH 	YR 2-Y3, Q4	Estimate: \$66,109
<p>Action: Embed a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Counselor at Aiken Center.</p>	J3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH • Aiken Center 	YR 1, Q4	\$93,835
<p>Action: Implement a fatalities review board with multi-sectoral representation to identify root causes and develop/implement solutions through cross-agency coordination and collaboration. (Funds to hire a .5 FTE Data Analyst/Program Coordinator.)</p>	J1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroner’s office (lead) • Law Enforcement • MHSUC 	YR 1, Q3	Estimate: \$45,000
<p>Action: Explore partnerships between stakeholders to establish multi-agency “one stop shops” in various high needs areas in Aiken County (i.e. “Midland Valley”)</p>	J3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHSUC • Other community partners 	YR 5, Q4	Unknown

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Strategy 4: Increase the availability and use of MAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of MAT providers 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of recovery beds that accept persons receiving MAT • Increase distribution of MAT to persons with OUD who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service 				
Action: Establish reserve funding for uninsured, underinsured individuals upon release from detention to help cover costs of MAT services.	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken County Opioid Fund Coordinator 	YR 1, Q4	TBD based on risk analysis of released detainees
Action: Aiken Center contracts to expand access to MAT services through hiring a Medical Assistant and purchase of medical equipment	B4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken Center 	YR 1, Q2/ONGOING	\$27,252
Strategy 5: Expand harm reduction programs offered in the county <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Narcan • Syringe exchange • Fentanyl and Xylazine test strip kits • Access to mental health therapy 				
Action: Maintain Narcan distribution program through Courage Center	H1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courage Center 	YR 1, Q4	Estimate: \$32,000
Action: City of Aiken adapts and implements existing North Augusta Naloxone Education and Distribution Program	H1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Aiken • North Augusta Program 	YR 1, Q4	Aiken Public Safety budget expected 12/31/24

Goal 2: Address social barriers to increase chances of success among persons in recovery.

Current Activities to Achieve Goal 2:

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Strategy 1: Increase transportation options for persons to access treatment and recovery services and supports				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide public transportation options in rural areas • Establish on-demand transportation options (e.g. “Recovery Rides”—rides to and from treatment, recovery, meetings) 				
Action: Establish a Transportation Assistance Fund to defray costs of rides to treatment/recovery.	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken County Opioid Abatement Fund Coordinator 	YR 1, Q4	\$12,000
Action: Establish a taskforce to explore partnerships to create a Recovery Rides Program (model in Lexington County, SC)	B7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken Center • MHSUC • Celebrate Recovery • Courage Center 	YR 1, Q4	\$0
Strategy 2: Offer housing options to meet needs of persons in recovery				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing for women with children • Transitional housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Persons transitioning into recovery ○ Persons post-incarceration ○ Persons who are unhoused (i.e. Housing First model) ○ Affordable housing programs with co-located staff to support recovery, including linkages and referrals to services 				
Action: Partner with approved Sober Living Houses to start up 5 total houses for individuals in recovery (3 homes- women with children; 2 homes- men)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken County Opioid Abatement Fund Coordinator 	YR 1, Q4	\$20,000
Strategy 3: Provide employment/job skills training				
Action: Explore partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation services to provide training.	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational Rehabilitation • RCOs 	YR 1, Q4	Unknown
Strategy 4: Engage community-based organizations and the faith-based community as systems to support prevention				
Action: Engage community-based organizations and faith-based community partners in MHSUC quarterly meetings	G7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHSUC 	ONGOING	\$0

Goal 3: Reduce incarceration, crime recidivism, and overdose deaths among persons with opioid use disorder (OUD).

Current Activities to Achieve Goal 3:

- Aiken Center has embedded peer support in Aiken County Detention Center to assist with connections to Drug Court and Veterans Court.

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Strategy 1: Implement pre-arrest and/or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for persons with OUD and any co-occurring MH/SUD conditions				
Include the creation of a Sobering Center- a short-term (4-6 hours) for sobering up and then connected with peer support and recovery services				
Action: Hire a consultant to conduct a feasibility study to establish Sobering Center as deflection strategy from arrest.	D1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aiken County Opioid Abatement Fund Coordinator Medical Providers Law Enforcement 	YR 1, Q4	\$50,000
Strategy 2: Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery options in the court system for persons with OUD and any co-occurring MH/SUD conditions.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and or Expand evidence-based interventions in pre-arrest and post-arrest diversion programs in the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aiken Detention Center Drug Court Veterans Court 				
Action: Conduct an architectural feasibility study to estimate costs to build Opioid and SUD Treatment and Recovery classrooms for detainees on Aiken County Detention Center campus.	D4-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACDC 	YR 1, Q2	\$20,000
Action: Build Opioid and SUD Treatment and Recovery classrooms on ACDC campus.	D4-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACDC 	YR 1, Q4	TBD by feasibility study
Strategy 3: Establish critical time interventions that includes formal “warm hand off” processes for persons with OUD leaving incarceration to transition to recovery services				
Action: Hire a full-time Re-entry Coordinator	D5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACDC 	YR 1, Q2	Estimate: \$66,109
Action: Maintain the program between Aiken Center and ACDC of funded staff- 2 FTE peer support staff (PSS), .25 Program Manager, and .5 Transport/Escort Officer.	F1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aiken Center ACDC 	YR 1, <u>Q3</u> and YR 2, Q3	\$275,000

Goal 4: Increase substance use education and services within the school system.

Current Activities to Achieve Goal 4:

- Aiken Center provides evidence-informed SU prevention education in alternative school with students.

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Strategy 1: Integrate evidence-based SU prevention curricula and programs in K-12 and with young adults				
Action: Aiken Center hires a .5 FTE Prevention specialist to train school district health education teachers in evidence-based SU prevention education curriculum and provide ongoing subject matter consultation to school district.	G2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aiken Center Aiken County School District 	YR 1, Q3	\$40,000
Action: Aiken County School District's trained health education teachers provide evidence-based SU prevention education to high-risk students with evidence of SU issues. (.30 City of Aiken funding contribution)	G8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aiken School District 	YR 1, Q	\$122,808
Action: Aiken Center hires a .5 FTE Prevention employee to partner with Aiken Tech and USC Aiken.	G8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aiken Center 	YR 1, Q4	\$40,000

Goal 5: Expand workforce skills and capacity in SU prevention, identification and treatment to better serve persons with OUD and co-occurring MH/SUD conditions and their families.

Current Activities to Achieve Goal 5:

- In January 2025, MAT/Stigma Reduction training for Medical Professionals will be offered by Dr. Emmel

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<p>Strategy 1: Provide up-to-date ongoing, evidence-based OU/SU training and trauma informed care to SU/MH professionals, providers, schools, EMS, and law enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer certification programs for peer support/family support of addiction treatment Offer scholarships to practitioners/workers in the SUD/MH fields Offer fellowships/loan repayment programs to incentive providers and other professionals to work in rural or underserved areas Provide stigma-reduction training 				
<p>Action: Courage Center develops and provides a MAT/Opioid curriculum for Aiken County PSS; certification offered through scholarship program 3x/year</p>	A14, A8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courage Center 	YR 1, Q4	Estimate: \$7,000
<p>Action: Provide CEU certification for MAT/Stigma Reduction Training for Medical Professionals (\$6,000 per course; 3 courses)</p>	A9, A11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHEC 	YR 1, Q4	Estimate: \$18,000
<p>Action: Participate in state and national conferences related to opioid abatement.</p>	K1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aiken Center City of Aiken City of Aiken Public Safety Aiken County Government 	YR 1, Q2	Estimate: \$13,000

Goal 6: Increase the public's SU knowledge and awareness to prevent and/or address opioid misuse.

Current Activities to Achieve Goal 6:

- North Augusta's Law Enforcement Program

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Strategy 1: Create a public marketing and outreach campaign. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use geo-fencing to target messaging in high-risk areas. • Include messaging around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Impact of vaping ○ Available prevention, treatment and recovery services and supports ○ Rights of individuals helping persons with OUD (i.e. Immunity, Good Samaritan laws) ○ Ensure 211 includes available prevention, treatment and recovery services and supports 				
Action: Launch a marketing campaign modeled after the Courage Center's stigma reduction marketing campaign and resource awareness (\$2,000- consultation fee to Courage Center)	G1-2, G6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken County Opioid Abatement Fund Coordinator • The Courage Center 	YR 1, Q2	\$75,000
Action: Adapt marketing campaign to meet current needs	G1-2, G6, B12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken County Opioid Abatement Fund Coordinator 	ongoing	TBD based on marketing analytics
Strategy 2: Provide stigma-reduction and SU prevention education programming in the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage community-based and faith-based partners to provide education • Engage persons with lived experience in training provision 				
Action: City of Aiken's Public Safety Department implements Community Education and Outreach program	G1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Aiken Public Safety Department 	YR 2, Q4	Estimate: \$150,000
Action: Embed a FT Paramedic and FT PSS within fire departments in "Midland Valley" (based off of the COPE program)	C9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken Center • Aiken County • 3 Fire Departments in Midland Valley 	YR 2, Q4	TBD
Action: Hire .5 FTE Prevention Educator to conduct outreach and education with the private sector. This includes partnering with Chamber of Commerce's Workforce Initiative.	C13, K1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiken Center • Aiken County Chamber of Commerce 	YR 2, Q4	\$42,700

Thank you

Questions

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