

Legislation Text

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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (AIMS) Grant Approval - Dorn

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has awarded the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center (LCHD/CHC) a grant in the amount of \$175,700. The project will fund an increase in behavioral health and substance abuse services including: ten additional salary hours for an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) to be dedicated to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services (an existing provider will add the MAT hours and a new individual will be hired to provide ten general medical hours so there is no loss of clinic time); one additional full-time Licensed Clinical Social Worker for the integrated behavioral health team; and a one-time investment supporting health IT improvements specific to substance abuse and behavioral health. Specifically, this one-time investment will support behavioral health module development with the agency's new host provider (eMedApps). The initial budget period is September 1, 2017 -August 31, 2018 with an opportunity for carryover into the next grant year. Of the \$175,700 in grant funding, \$90,500 is one-time funding and \$85,200 is anticipated annual funding.

In addition to the grant award, LCHD/CHC anticipates program income from new visits delivered by AIMS-funded staff to be \$82,905. Together the total appropriation request is for \$258,605. Program income will be used to fund supportive positions including a part-time Medical Assistant, part-time Call Center Clerk, part-time Clerk/Translator and a part-time driver. Program income will also support the purchase of medical supplies and computers for new staff.

To approve \$258,605 in grant funding and anticipated program income to support an increase in mental health and substance abuse services.