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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: May 28, 2020

Re: DHS Report to JFC

Attached is the Opioid and Methamphetamine Treatment Programs Progress Report from the Department of Health Services, pursuant to s. 51.422(3), Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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The Honorable Alberta Darling  
Joint Committee on Finance, Senate Co-Chair  
317 East State Capitol  
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The Honorable John Nygren  
Joint Committee on Finance, Assembly Co-Chair  
309 East State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

The Department of Health Services is pleased to submit the Opioid and Methamphetamine Treatment Programs Progress Report to the Legislature pursuant to 2013 Wisconsin Act 195, Wis. Stat. § 51.422 (3). This report highlights opioid programs administered by the Department's Division of Care and Treatment Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Palm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrea Palm  
Secretary-designee

Enclosure



## Opioid and Methamphetamine Treatment Centers: 2020 Report to the Legislature

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This report covers the calendar year 2019 activities of the regional opioid and methamphetamine treatment programs created under Wis. Stat. § 51.422.

A total of 939 individuals were served in 2019.

The services offered include:

- Assessment for treatment
- Abstinence-based treatment
- Medication-assisted treatment, utilizing buprenorphine and naltrexone
- Licensed, 24-hour residential care
- Outpatient counseling
- Handoffs to county-authorized or private continuing care

Medication-assisted treatment utilizing methadone was not provided.

Calendar year 2019 marked the fifth year of operation for the opioid treatment programs created under 2013 Wisconsin Act 195 and the second year that these programs provided methamphetamine treatment services under 2017 Wisconsin Act 27. Those programs are:

- HSHS St. Vincent's Hospital and Libertas Treatment Center (d.b.a. Northeast Wisconsin Heroin Opioid Prevention Education)
- Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. (d.b.a. HOPE Consortium)
- NorthLakes Community Clinic

Additionally, 2019 marked the second year of operation for two opioid and methamphetamine treatment centers supported by funding under 2017 Wisconsin Act 27: FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center and Lake Superior Community Health Center. This report provides data on the first full year of operation of these two programs.

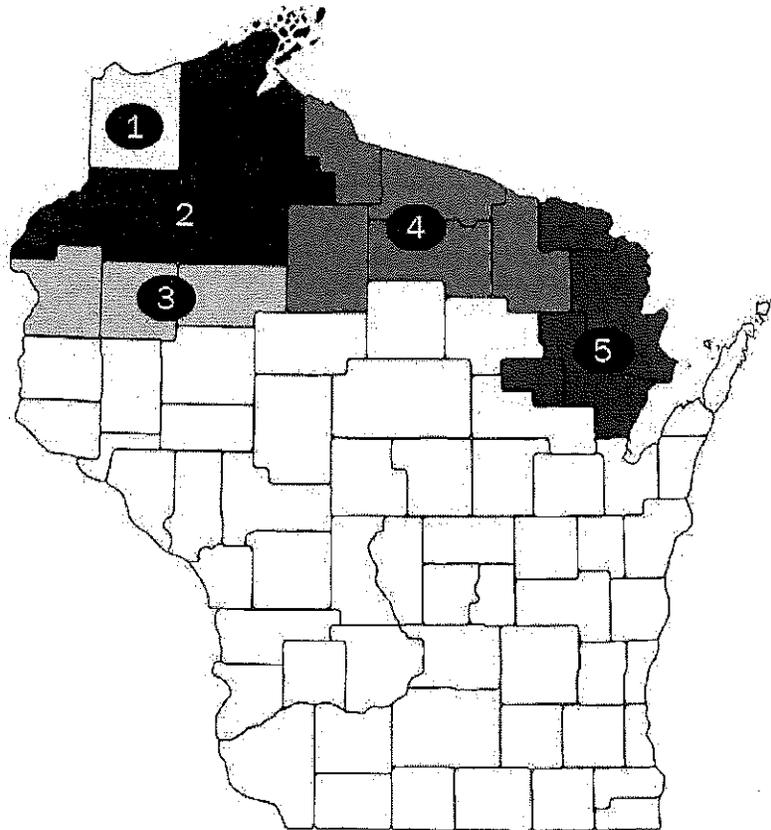
In 2019, total grant funding in the amount of \$2,262,667 was available for the period January 1 through December 31, 2019. The programs created under 2013 Wisconsin Act 195 each received \$672,000. The Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc., operators of FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center, and NorthLakes Community Clinic, which partnered with the Lake Superior Community Health Center, received \$333,333 and \$333,334, respectively, under 2017 Wisconsin Act 27.

This report provides summaries of key measures for each program related to the four goals of this initiative.

- **Goal 1:** To provide regional stabilization and residential detoxification services and treatment and support services for individuals addicted to opioids or methamphetamines in rural, high-need areas of Wisconsin. The measurement for this goal is the number of people served.
- **Goal 2:** To increase retention in opioid and methamphetamine treatment services, improve quality of life, and reduce relapse or return to using illicit drugs. Tools used to measure overall life satisfaction are used as a measurement of this goal.

- **Goal 3:** To reduce the number of deaths associated with opioid use in the areas served by the program. The measurement for this goal is the number of discharges from the program related to death by overdose.
- **Goal 4:** To reach out to women of childbearing age addicted to opioids, offer priority admission to services for pregnant women, and reduce the number of infants who are affected by opioids. The measurement for this goal is the number of pregnant women served.

## Program Service Areas



1. Lake Superior Community Health Center  
To learn more about the services in this region, call 715-395-5380.
2. NorthLakes Community Clinic  
To learn more about the services in this region, call 888-834-4551.
3. FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center  
To learn more about services in this region, call 715-532-2373.
4. HOPE Consortium  
To learn more about services in this region, call 844-288-8324.
5. Northeast Wisconsin Heroin Opioid Prevention Education  
To learn more about services in this region, call 715-735-0095.

## Program Profiles

### HOPE Consortium

- **Counties:** Forest, Iron, Oneida, Price, Vilas
- **Tribes:** Forest County Potawatomi Community, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa Community

Goal/Measurement	Year				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1. Number of people served	20	131	214	357	249
2. Quality of life improvement <sup>1</sup>	Not measured	75% reported improvement	75% reported improvement	69% reported improvement	75% reported improvement
3. Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0	0
4. Number of pregnant women served	0	7	24	30	27

### FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center

- **Counties:** Barron, Clark, Marathon, Price, Rusk, Sawyer
- **Tribes:** Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Goal/Measurement	Year
	2019
1. Number of people served	56
2. Quality of life improvement <sup>2</sup>	Incomplete data
3. Discharges due to overdose death	0
4. Number of pregnant women served	2

### Lake Superior Community Health Center

- **Counties:** Douglas
- **Tribes:** None

Goal/Measurement	Year
	2019
1. Number of people served	233
2. Quality of life improvement <sup>3</sup>	68% reported improvement
3. Discharges due to overdose death	0
4. Number of pregnant women served	4

<sup>1</sup> This program uses the World Health Organization Quality of Life Brief (WHOQOL-BREF) to measure quality of life improvement.

<sup>2</sup> This program uses the World Health Organization Quality of Life Brief (WHOQOL-BREF) to measure quality of life improvement.

<sup>3</sup> This program uses the Treatment Effectiveness Assessment (TEA) to measure quality of life improvement.

**Northeast Wisconsin Heroin Opioid Prevention Education**

- **Counties:** Florence, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto
- **Tribes:** Menominee Nation

Goal/Measurement	Year				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1. Number of people served	25	99	118	98	95
2. Quality of life improvement <sup>4</sup>	Not measured	71% reported improvement	70% reported improvement	69% reported improvement	82% reported improvement
3. Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0	1
4. Number of pregnant women served	0	7	7	5	3

**NorthLakes Community Clinic**

- **Counties:** Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Sawyer, Washburn
- **Tribes:** Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

Goal/Measurement	Year				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1. Number of people served	20	47	143	240	306
2. Quality of life improvement <sup>5</sup>	Not measured	86% reported improvement	75% reported improvement	70% reported improvement	56% reported improvement
3. Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0	1
4. Number of pregnant women served	0	7	8	18	15

<sup>4</sup> This program uses the Alcohol Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST) to measure quality of life improvement.

<sup>5</sup> This program uses the Treatment Effectiveness Assessment (TEA) to measure quality of life improvement.

## Profile of People Served in 2019

	Northeast Wisconsin Heroin Opioid Prevention Education	HOPE Consortium	FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center	NorthLakes Community Clinic	Lake Superior Community Health Center
Number of people served in 2019	95	249	56	306	233
<b>Referral source</b>					
Self, family, friend	45	226	8	123	59
Substance use agency	4	0	21	53	1
Mental health agency	1	0	0	12	0
Corrections	31	0	10	45	110
Other criminal justice	0	1	4	16	5
County or tribal agency	0	0	6	15	37
Health care agency	1	1	3	25	9
Drug court	0	0	3	11	0
Employer	0	1	0	0	0
Other	13	20	0	6	12
<b>Gender</b>					
Female	52	149	32	138	91
Male	43	100	24	168	142
<b>Age</b>					
Under 18	1	0	0	2	1
18-29	36	61	11	106	76
30-45	52	151	33	157	128
46-59	7	29	9	30	26
60 and Over	0	8	3	11	2
<b>Race</b>					
Caucasian	90	153	51	163	209
African American	2	0	0	2	2
American Indian	1	86	5	95	21
Asian	0	2	0	1	1
Hispanic	1	1	0	10	0
Unknown	1	13	0	19	0
<b>Education level</b>					
Less than high school	8	35	9	58	80
High school	54	96	29	114	89
Beyond high school	31	85	16	76	51
Unknown	2	33	2	58	13

	Northeast Wisconsin Heroin Opioid Prevention Education	HOPE Consortium	FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center	NorthLakes Community Clinic	Lake Superior Community Health Center
<b>Drug of abuse</b>					
Heroin	25	20	3*	42**	45
Other Opioids	36	211	8*	220**	55
Methamphetamine	24	37	27*	157**	133
Cocaine	4	0	2*	0	0
Marijuana	5	0	22*	0	0
Hallucinogens	1	0	0	0	0
Alcohol	0	0	37*	0	0
Benzodiazepines	0	0	1*	0	0
<b>Payer ***</b>					
Uninsured	Unknown	18	1	27	6
Medicaid	84	198	49	220	209
Medicare	0	13	7	20	0
Private insurance	11	26	9	38	18
VA	0	0	0	1	0
Unknown	0	3	0	0	0
<b>Employed</b>					
	23	122	18	118	88

\*27 of the 56 patients served by this program (48%) reported using one substance, 14 of the 56 patients (25%) reported using two substances, and 15 of the 56 (27%) reported using three substances.

\*\*The sum of this data is greater than 306 because many patients reported using multiple drugs.

\*\*\*Patients may have had more than one insurance type.

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This report is published annually in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 51.422 (3). For more information on opioid treatment services in Wisconsin, visit [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids)