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Central District Health Awarded \$1,000,000 Grant to Help Combat Opioid Use in Valley County

Valley Co., ID — A one-million-dollar grant awarded to Central District Health (CDH) will help combat opioid use in Valley County through education, outreach, and expansion of services. The three-year federal Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Implementation Project Grant was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

The grant funding will allow CDH to continue the work of the Valley County Opioid Response Project (VCORP) in conjunction with twenty-four community partners and consortium members. The key objectives for this project include partnership building, education, capacity building and training, stigma reduction, increasing access to treatment, continuity of services, and project evaluation. These activities are across the spectrum of opioid use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Valley County Commissioner Sherry Maupin expressed, "Valley County has been blessed with an incredible grant opportunity to improve our response to substance abuse in the region. This grant will provide needed resources to create a program that will impact our region into the future and fight addiction for our community."

Some of these activities include increasing access to naloxone and training, implementing year-round drug take-back programs, enhancing discharge coordination, screening and referral assistance to services, recruiting/training/mentoring interdisciplinary medical teams, supporting the development of recovery communities, and reducing barriers to treatment. The funding from this grant will support the establishment of a recovery resource hub in Valley County.

As a whole, this project will provide an opportunity to expand current statewide efforts to transform the healthcare system, in an attempt to meet the triple aim of improved health, improved experience of care, and reduced costs. The VCORP Consortium meets monthly; people interested in learning more or getting involved should contact cboyce@cdh.idaho.gov.

More Information

Consortium members of the Valley County Opioid Response Project include: Boise State University, BPA Health, Cascade EMS, Cascade Medical Center, Central Idaho Counseling, District 4 Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, Donnelly Fire EMS, Project ECHO at the University of Idaho, EPIC Psychological Services LLC, Human Supports of Idaho, Idaho Office of Drug Policy, McCall EMS, McCall-Donnelly School District, Peer Wellness Center, Recovery United, Sav-On Pharmacy, St. Luke's McCall Center for Community Health, STEM for Idaho, The Change Clinic, Valley County Commissioners, Valley County Coroner's Office, Valley County Court Services, Valley County Prevention Services, and the West Central Mountain Youth Advocacy Coalition (YAC).

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