

DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS

# Memorandum

Date: November 29, 2022

From: Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services/Chief Medical Officer (CMO) (11)

Subj: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Budget Allocation (VIEWS 8926571)

To: Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) Directors (10N1-23)  
Chief Mental Health Officers (10N1-23)  
Medical Center Directors (00)

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform facilities about FY 2023 funding for the SUD initiatives established in FY 2022 and planned expansion in FY 2023.

2. During FY 2022, facilities identified more than 1,100 positions across several domains to expand access to evidence-based SUD care consistent with the National Drug Control Strategy and the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) commitment to meeting the needs of Veterans with a SUD. This included 50 facilities who received funding to implement evidence-based Individual Placement and Support supported employment (SE) in SUD programs. An additional 106 facilities will be funded in FY 2023. This initiative is an expansion of Compensated Work Therapy's (CWT) SE service, a mandated service at every medical center (VHA Directive 1163, Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Services, dated August 13, 2019). The attachment identifies sites expected to begin recruitment during FY 2023 and expectations for implementation of the program across all facilities.

3. It also is anticipated that funding will be available in FY 2024 for the establishment of a harm reduction coordinator at each VA Health Care System. The harm reduction coordinator will support harm reduction initiatives (e.g. overdose education and naloxone distribution, syringe service program implementation, etc.). Those sites wanting to begin implementation sooner should send requests to [Joseph.Liberto@va.gov](mailto:Joseph.Liberto@va.gov) to be considered for funding in FY 2023.

4. As previously communicated, funds will be sent to the field in FY 2023 for all approved SUD positions including these newly awarded positions. By the end of FY 2023, VA medical centers are expected to have 90 percent of all SUD funded positions filled with staff on board. The intent of the funding of under these SUD hiring initiatives is to permanently increase the SUD treatment capacity at the facility. Hiring efforts will be monitored via the [Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Staffing Tracker](#) that facilities must update monthly. At this time, recruitment efforts should be moving forward for all positions awarded in FY 2022 and are expected to begin immediately for these newly awarded CWT SE positions. Productivity of the providers hired per the OMHSP Staffing Tracker will be monitored using the [Mental Health Onboard Clinical staffing method](#). **All positions identified for these initiatives are expected to be new and lead to a permanent net increase in mental health Full Time Equivalents. These positions may not be used to backfill existing vacancies or to support existing SUD positions.** It is expected this fill rate of 90 percent will be sustained over time.

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5. Questions about this memorandum should be directed to Joseph Liberto, M.D., National Mental Health Director, Substance Use Disorders, at [Joseph.Liberto@va.gov](mailto:Joseph.Liberto@va.gov)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erica Scavella', with a stylized, cursive script.

Erica Scavella, M.D., FACP, FACHE

Attachment

## Attachment

Facilities should recruit these awarded positions under the GS-101 Rehabilitation Counselor occupational series.

Facilities may recruit under the Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist series upon approval from the National Veterans Health Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Service Program Office as warranted due to Rehabilitation Counselor recruitment difficulties.

Additional recruitment guidance for supported employment (SE) positions is available on the following link: [SE for Veterans with Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) Initiative - All Documents \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

<b>Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) Program</b>	<b>FY 2022 Funded CWT SE SUD Position</b>	<b>FY 2023 Funded CWT SE SUD Position</b>
402 Togus, ME		1
405 White River Jct, VT		1
518 Bedford, MA		1
523 Boston, MA		1
523A5 Brockton, MA		1
608 Manchester, NH		1
631 Northampton, MA		1
650 Providence, RI	1	
689 West Haven, CT		
689GF Orange, CT	1	
689A4 Newington, CT		1
526 Bronx, NY	1	
528 Buffalo, NY	1	
528A5 Canandaigua, NY		1
528A6 Bath, NY		1
528A7 Syracuse, NY		1
528A8 Albany, NY		1
528GE Rochester, NY		
561 East Orange, NJ		1
561A4 Lyons, NJ		1
620 Montrose, NY	1	
630 New York Harbor		1
630A4 Brooklyn, NY		1
630A5 St. Albans, NY		

632 Northport, NY		1
460 Wilmington, DE	1	
503 Altoona, PA	1	
529 Butler, PA		1
542 Coatesville, PA	1	
562 Erie, PA		1
595 Lebanon, PA		1
642 Philadelphia, PA		1
646A4 Pittsburgh, PA		1
693 Wilkes-Barre, PA	1	
512 Baltimore, MD	1	
512A5 Perry Point, MD		1
517 Beckley, WV		1
540 Clarksburg, WV		1
581 Huntington, WV		1
613 Martinsburg, WV		1
688 Washington, DC	1	
558 Durham, NC	1	
565 Fayetteville, NC	1	
590 Hampton, VA	1	
637 Asheville, NC		1
652 Richmond, VA	1	
658 Salem, VA		1
659 Salisbury, NC		1
508 Atlanta, GA	1	
509A0 Augusta, GA		1
521 Birmingham, AL		1
534 Charleston, SC	1	
544 Columbia, SC		1
557 Dublin, GA		1
619A4 Tuskegee, AL		1
679 Tuscaloosa, AL		1
516 Bay Pines, FL	1	
546 Miami, FL	1	
548 West Palm Beach, FL	1	
573 Gainesville, FL		1
573A4 Lake City, FL		

573BY Jacksonville 1 VAClinic	1	
672 San Juan, PR		1
673 Tampa, FL		1
675QC Westside Pavilion, FL	1	
675 Orlando, FL	1	
596 Lexington, KY	1	
596A4 Lexington- Cooper, KY		
603 Louisville, KY		1
614 Memphis, TN		1
621 Mountain Home, TN		1
626 Nashville, TN		1
626A4 Murfreesboro, TN		1
626GF Chattanooga, TN		
506 Ann Arbor, MI		1
515 Battle Creek, MI	1	
538 Chillicothe, OH		1
539 Cincinnati, OH	1	
541 Cleveland, OH	1	
552 Dayton, OH		1
553 Detroit, MI		1
583 Indianapolis, IN	1	
610 Marion, IN		1
610A4 Fort Wayne, IN		
655 Saginaw, MI		1
757 Columbus OPC, OH	1	
537 Chicago HCS, IL		1
550 Danville, IL	1	
556 North Chicago, IL	1	
578 Hines, IL	1	
585 Iron Mountain, MI	1	
607 Madison, WI	1	
676GD Wisconsin Rapids, WI		
676 Tomah, WI	1	
695 Milwaukee, WI	1	
589 Kansas City, MO		1

589A4 Columbia, MO		1
589A5 Topeka, KS		
589A6 Leavenworth, KS		1
589A7 Wichita, KS		1
657A0 St Louis-Jefferson		1
657A4 Poplar Bluff, MO		1
502 Alexandria, LA		1
520 Biloxi, MS	1	
564 Fayetteville, AR		1
580 Houston, TX	1	
586 Jackson, MS		1
598A0 North Little Rock, AR	1	
629 New Orleans, LA		1
667 Shreveport, LA	1	
504 Amarillo, TX		1
519 Big Spring, TX		1
549 Dallas, TX	1	
549A4 Bonham, TX		
549BY Fort Worth, TX		1
671 San Antonio, TX		1
671A4 Kerrville, TX		
674 Temple, TX		1
674A4 Waco, TX		
674BY Austin, TX		1
740 Harlingen, TX		1
740GC Corpus Christi, TX		
756 El Paso, TX		1
436 Fort Harrison, MT		1
442 Cheyenne, WY		1
554 Denver, CO	1	
554GE Colorado Springs, CO		1
575 Grand Junction, CO		1
623 Muskogee, OK		1
623BY Tulsa, OK		1
635 Oklahoma City, OK		1

660 Salt Lake City, UT		1
666 Sheridan, WY		1
463 Anchorage, AK		1
531 Boise, ID		1
648 Portland, OR		1
648A4 Portland-Vancouver, WA	1	
653 Roseburg, OR		1
653BY Eugene, OR		
663 Seattle, WA		1
663A4 American Lake, WA		1
668 Mann-Grandstaff Spokane	1	
687 Walla Walla, WA	1	
692 White City, OR		1
459 Honolulu, HI	1	
570 Fresno, CA		1
593 Las Vegas, NV		1
612A4 Sacramento, CA		1
612BY Oakland, CA		1
612GF Martinez, CA		1
640A0 Palo Alto-Menlo Park		1
654 Reno, NV		1
662 San Francisco, CA		1
501 Albuquerque, NM	1	
600 Long Beach, CA		1
605 Loma Linda, CA		1
644 Phoenix, AZ		1
649 Prescott, AZ		1
664 San Diego, CA		1
678 Tucson, AZ		1
691 West Los Angeles, CA		1
691A4 Sepulveda, CA		1
437 Fargo, ND		1
438 Sioux Falls, SD	1	
568 Fort Meade, SD		1

618 Minneapolis, MN		1
636 Omaha, NE		
636A4 Grand Island, NE	1	
636A5 Lincoln, NE(Neb/W IA)		
636A6 Des Moines, IA		1
636A8 Iowa City (Neb/W IA)		1
656 St. Cloud, MN	1	
TOTAL Positions	50	106