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 Kathleen Hatfield
Jun 14, 2024

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Contact Information

Organization Name*

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("Thomas Hospitals")

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Project Summary

Please provide a narrative overview or summary of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal *

WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals ("Thomas Hospitals") is applying for this grant to better assist individuals with opioid use disorder ("OUD") and substance use disorder ("SUD") / mental health ("MH") disorders. More specifically, Thomas Hospitals seeks funding to:

- (i) Purchase two handicapped and wheelchair accessible vehicles to support people in treatment and recovery by transporting them to community-based services and programs;
- (ii) Hire a Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional (e.g., a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker) to meet patients in outpatient primary care provider clinics and connect them with the OUD and SUD/MH treatment and recovery services they need; and
- (iii) Train and certify existing staff members to expand and better provide substance use disorder and co-occurring services and supports.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes*

This project's main purpose is to enhance Thomas Hospitals' capacity to provide comprehensive support for patients suffering from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. The key anticipated outcomes include:

- Enhanced support for patients with substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders who are receiving primary care medical services in outpatient provider clinics by providing them with counseling and connection to clinically appropriate SUD treatment and recovery programs where indicated. These services will be facilitated by a Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional;
- Greater access to the full continuum of care provided by treatment and recovery programs/services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. Such care will include connecting individuals with peer support services and counseling, supportive housing, case management, job training, and access to medical appointments and other community-based services through the acquisition of two vehicles able to provide individuals with transportation to and from appointments.
- Increased availability and quality of services through the training and certification of current staff members, ensuring they are well-equipped to handle the complexities of OUD and SUD/MH disorders.

3. Individuals or communities served*

The target population includes adults 18 years and older with, or at risk of, OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. Thomas Hospitals predominantly serves Kanawha and Putnam counties and they have treated substance use disorders since 1987. It is well understood that, other than in Berkeley County in the Eastern Panhandle, overdose deaths for years have been concentrated in the mid-to-southern portion of WV and along the Ohio border, including in the these two counties. Historical trends indicate that Kanawha County has often led the state in fatal overdoses in many years over the past decade, particularly in deaths caused by opioids and synthetic opioids (i.e., fentanyl).

<u>Demographics</u>	<u>Kanawha</u>
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Population (July 1, 2023) - 174,804
18 Years and Older - 80.4%
Non-White Alone - 11.5%
Hispanic or Latino - 1.2%
High School Education or Higher - 90.6%
Bachelor's Degree - 28.2%
Under 65 Uninsured - 6.8%
Persons in Poverty - 17.7%

<u>Demographics</u>	<u>Putnam</u>
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Population (July 1, 2023) - 56,962
18 Years and Older - 78.7%
Non-White Alone - 4.1%
Hispanic or Latino - 1.4%
High School Education or Higher - 93.6%
Bachelor's Degree - 29.5%
Under 65 Uninsured - 6.0%
Persons in Poverty - 10.4%

Source: U.S. Census Quickfacts (2023 Data)

4. Amount of funding requested*

250000

5. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable

151436.6

6. Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization*

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7. Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization*

N/A

8. How Opioid Settlement funds, if awarded, will be used*

1. Handicapped and Wheelchair Accessible Mini Van (pre-owned): \$65,936.60
2. Handicapped and Wheelchair Accessible Coach / Shuttle Bus (pre-owned): \$85,500
3. Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional (e.g., LICSW) Salary plus benefits: \$83,000
4. Training and Certifying Staff: \$15,563.40

TOTAL: \$250,000

9. Which Core Strategies or approved uses will be met*

1. Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
2. Support hospital programs that transition persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, or persons who have experienced an opioid overdose, into clinically appropriate follow-up care through a bridge clinic or similar approach located at primary care physician practices.
3. Hire or train behavioral health workers to provide or expand any of the services or supports listed on Schedule B.

10. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

One (1) year.

Proposal Details

1. Please describe the problem or need which your project seeks to address*

Thomas Hospitals recognizes a critical and growing need to address OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH conditions in this community. The key aspects of this problem are:

1. High Prevalence of OUD and SUD:

- The opioid crisis continues to impact the West Virginia region significantly, including in Kanawha County, with high rates of opioid and fentanyl misuse and overdose deaths.
- Many individuals suffering from OUD and other SUDs face barriers to accessing effective treatment and recovery services.

2. Inadequate Transportation Services:

- Transportation is a significant barrier for many patients seeking treatment. Lack of reliable, accessible transportation options prevents individuals from accessing community-based support services.
- This barrier is especially pronounced for individuals with disabilities who require handicapped and wheelchair accessible transportation.
- Medicare patients with SUD, including Senior Citizens and persons with physical disabilities, are an underserved population and have limited access to transportation and treatment.

3. Gaps in Continuity of Care:

- Patients presenting in outpatient provider clinics with possible OUD, SUD, or MH issues often are not properly identified and/or do not receive adequate follow-up care or connections to ongoing treatment and recovery services.
- Without dedicated personnel to bridge this gap, many patients relapse, experience worsening conditions, and/or do not properly follow the guidelines provided by their physicians to treat their medical conditions.
- Often patients who have physical disabilities and use walkers and wheelchairs are denied access to care. WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals is seeking to bridge this gap.

4. Need for Specialized Training:

- Current staff members require ongoing training and certification to stay updated on best practices for treating OUD, SUD, and MH disorders.
- Enhancing the skills and knowledge of staff is crucial to providing high-quality, compassionate care that meets the complex needs of these patients.
- Certification as Addictions Counselors and Peer Recovery Support Specialists constitutes or builds a well-trained workforce with responsibility on the part of the professional to continue focused trainings in best practices for substance use disorder Treatment and Recovery.

Certification assures that professionals are responsible to continue maintaining and improving their skill sets in treating those recovering from their addiction.

Peers with "lived experience" are a vital component of the Treatment and Recovery Support workforce.

5. Community Impact:

- The ripple effects of untreated OUD and SUD extend beyond the individual to affect families, communities, and the healthcare system at large.
- Addressing these disorders comprehensively can save lives, reduce the burden on emergency services, decrease crime rates associated with substance misuse, and improve the overall health and wellbeing of the community.

2. Please provide the details regarding the design and strategy of your proposal*

Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional

Thomas Hospitals will hire a Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional to be present in outpatient provider clinics, offering immediate support and ensuring that patients are connected with SUD follow-up care and services, as appropriate.

Training

Thomas Hospitals will invest in the ongoing education and certification of current staff members to enhance their ability to provide effective care and support for individuals with OUD, SUD, and MH disorders.

Transportation

Thomas Hospitals will acquire a handicapped and wheelchair accessible minivan, and a handicapped and wheelchair accessible coach/shuttle bus. Thomas Hospitals will identify behavioral health supports such as counseling, along with skills and job training, plus educational and other opportunities for individuals and will transport them to appropriate venues using the new vehicles to facilitate their comprehensive recovery. Thomas Hospitals and our partners will be in continuous dialogue and will meet regularly to identify additional resources that can support these individuals in recovery, and will provide them with transportation to attend classes, job training and employment interviews, behavioral health care, and wraparound services as needed.

As providers of behavioral health care services, Thomas Hospitals is dedicated to connecting those who wish to pursue recovery, or who are in recovery, with the additional support and wraparound services they need to navigate the post-treatment to employment continuum. Thomas Hospitals is committed to building a community-wide system dedicated to assisting individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. These new vehicles will better enable Thomas Hospitals to connect individuals with these critically needed services.

3. Please provide your project timeline* 

The project will be fully implemented within one year.

Months 1-3:

1. Purchase new vehicles;
2. Identify relevant staff training programs; and
3. Recruit and begin the hiring process for a Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional.

Months 4-12

1. Use the new vehicles to connect individuals in treatment and recovery with community services;
2. Hire a Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional to be placed in identified physicians' practices;
3. Conduct training and clinical supervision of existing staff;
4. Conduct ongoing program evaluation to ensure goals are being met and adjust as needed; and
5. Pursue additional funding to support the salary of the Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional and support ongoing staff training and certification efforts beyond one year.

4. Please provide your project's total proposed budget.*

Accessible Minivan (pre-owned): \$65,936.60

Accessible Coach / Shuttle Bus (pre-owned): \$85,500

Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional Salary

and Benefits: \$83,000

Training and Certifying Staff: \$15,563.40

(Please see the Budget Table in the accompanying documentation uploaded at the end of this application that explains the specific costs that will be incurred to train and certify seven employees.)

5. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them. *

WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals' Primary Care Clinics will provide the settings for the Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional.

West Virginia Association of Addiction and Prevention Professionals (WVAAPP), West Virginia Medical Health Professionals Program (WVMPHP), Rolly Sullivan Addiction Training Institute (ATI), and WV Chapter – NASW will be the primary providers of training opportunities.

West Virginia Certification Board for Addiction and Prevention Professionals (WVCBAPP) will be the certifying body for Alcohol Drug Counselor (ADC), Advanced Alcohol Drug Counselor (AADC), and Peer Recovery Support Specialists Certifications.

Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority – which assists in providing transportation services for consumers referred by the Kanawha County Quick Response Team. The Thomas Hospitals provide the Peer Recovery Coaches to assist their team.

Self Help Recovery Groups (AA/NA/Celebrate Recovery) - Transportation will be provided to patients to engage with the recovery community.

Charleston Treatment Center is the local approved provider for Methadone Maintenance. Transportation is routinely provided for patients who need this service by Thomas Hospitals' Residential Treatment Program.

West Virginia Institute for Spirituality (WVIS) has partnered with the St. Francis Hospital Addiction Healing Center in offering supportive recovery services to inpatients and outpatients. WVIS and St. Francis have partnered in offering in person, off-site gatherings three times a year where guest speakers are invited to share their personal recovery journeys. This partnership was started in July 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Please identify the anticipated leadership of the proposal and upload/attach their resume(s) or CVs*

Mr. Michael "Joe" Deegan and Ms. Amy Miller

7. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted

Thomas Hospitals will continue to utilize the vehicles purchased with this funding to connect individuals with community-wide supports for years to come. WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals and The Foundation for Thomas Health will pursue additional funding to support the Master's Level Licensed Mental Health Professional and ongoing behavioral health training of its workforce in the future.

Organization Information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement. *

Mission

To improve the health of West Virginians and all we serve through excellence in patient care, research, and education.

Vision

To transform lives and eliminate health disparities through a nationally recognized patient-centered system of care that includes:

- An expanded regional healthcare delivery system
- Consistent, integrated patient care recognized for delivering the right care in the right place at the right time at all sites
- Development of new approaches to improve healthcare, including team-based models of care, expanding WVU clinical and translational research
- Educational programs throughout the network recognized for training uniquely qualified healthcare team members and leaders
- A culture of performance and excellence throughout the network

2. Describe the history of your organization, tell us about your current programs and activities*

History of Our Organization

In 2007, Thomas Hospitals purchased St. Francis Hospital and forged a partnership based on the strength of two established hospitals - Thomas Memorial and Saint Francis. Bringing the two hospitals under the umbrella of Thomas Hospitals allows Thomas Hospitals to bring innovative and cost-effective healthcare to the Kanawha Valley. With combined years of service, Thomas Hospitals brings nearly 170 years of service to the region. Thomas Hospitals is a 383-bed hospital system with 1,812 employees and an estimated 450 physicians.

Opened in 1946, Thomas Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit healthcare facility located in South Charleston, West Virginia. Thomas Memorial Hospital offers advanced technology and services, and the dedication of its employees, physicians, and volunteers, who are the true heart and spirit of the hospital.

Thomas Memorial Hospital was named in memory of a South Charleston resident and West Virginia's first congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Marine Corps Sergeant Herbert J. Thomas Jr., who died in World War II by covering a grenade that had bounced off a tree with his own body, saving his fellow soldiers.

Saint Francis Hospital was first organized in 1913 when the 25-bed hospital was operated by the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration from Williamsville, New York. The Sisters of Saint Francis were recalled to Williamsville in 1921 and the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Wheeling sent five sisters to administer the hospital. Through the Sisters of Saint Joseph, the first formal medical staff was formed in the 1930s and the keystone put in place for decades of "extending Christ's mission of healing with justice and charity toward the sick and all who care for them." Saint Francis Hospital administers an Addiction Healing Center committed to putting patients first and has earned a reputation for compassionate, high-quality healthcare with a human touch.

Our Current Programs and Activities

The WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals Department of Behavioral Health provides hope for adult patients dealing with emotional and psychological issues, including substance use disorders.

We offer in-person and virtual mental, behavioral health, and substance use disorder services, including:

- Behavioral Health Connections
- Adult substance use/dual disorders inpatient care (Addiction Healing Center)
- Adult outpatient mental health and substance use therapy services
- Adult outpatient psychiatric medical management
- Medicated Assisted Treatment Program (MAT)
- Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)

Behavioral Health Connections:

Thomas Memorial Hospital provides individuals seeking psychiatric or substance use services with immediate attention. Referrals are accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from physicians, mental health professionals, community agencies, judicial systems, businesses, clergy, schools, families, friends and individuals. Behavioral Health Connections at Thomas Memorial is the initial point of contact for those seeking psychiatric or substance use disorder treatment at Thomas Hospitals. Assessments are offered through Connections and can help individuals identify the proper course of treatment.

Addiction Healing Center / Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Unit:
The Addiction Healing Center at St. Francis Hospital provides residential

treatment for substance use disorders. Individuals receive a continuum of care that includes individual and group therapy, recovery support groups, and medication-assisted treatment. At the Addiction Healing Center, Thomas Hospitals delivers essential forms of care led by physicians specializing in addiction medicine and psychiatry.

Outpatient Programming for Adults

Psychiatry at St. Francis Hospital

Medication Management for Adult Patients Requiring Care for Mental Health and/or Substance Use Issues

Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) at St. Francis Hospital:

A five-to-six-week program that consists of three-hour intensive group therapy sessions, four times per week and medication management. These sessions are designed to help those suffering with mental health and/or substance use to learn about their disorders, how it has impacted current life circumstances, and ways to start and sustain recovery.

Individual Therapy at St. Francis Hospital:

Therapists work with individuals one on one using evidence-based techniques that are personalized to meet their unique needs. Therapeutic goals are established. Couples or family therapy can also be provided/included.

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) at St. Francis Hospital:

For individuals with opioid or alcohol use disorders with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, we prescribe medications for opioid and alcohol use disorders in addition to providing individual and group therapy.

Medications for opioid/alcohol use disorders prescribed include different formulations of buprenorphine, naloxone and naltrexone, including long acting injectables.

Locations:

Connections Behavioral Health Services at Thomas Memorial Hospital
4605 MacCorkle Ave SW | South Charleston, WV 25309

Psychiatry Behavioral Health Services at St. Francis Hospital
333 Laidley Street | Charleston, WV 25301

Outpatient Behavioral Health Services at Saint Francis Hospital
333 Laidley Street | Charleston, WV 25301

Addiction Healing Center at Saint Francis Hospital (Admissions)
333 Laidley Street | Charleston, WV 25301

3. List any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last three years and the current status of those funds. If your organization has previously received funds from Kanawha County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s). *

Federal: \$7.2 Million in FY 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)
Grants:

1) Imaging Equipment: \$5.5 million grant for this equipment, which has been installed in both hospitals and other clinics. This project is nearly completed.

2) Behavioral Health Renovation Construction Project: \$1.2 million for the St. Francis Hospital's Addiction Healing Center. This funding is anticipated to be released in the next few weeks.

3) Cancer Infusion Center Renovation Construction Project: \$495,000 on the Thomas Memorial Hospital campus. This project is a work in progress.

\$500,000 Appalachian Regional Commission INSPIRE Grant for SUD/Job Training. This project has concluded.

State: \$175,000 DHHR Grant Addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Racial and Ethnic Minorities in West Virginia, awarded in September 2021. This project has concluded.

\$150,000 WV Department of Human Services Office of Drug Control Policy Grant for "Project Engage" to address the needs of SUD/MH patients who come to the Emergency Department of Thomas Memorial Hospital. This funding will be released Summer 2024.

4. Please list your Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, or other key members of your organization:*

Owners: West Virginia University (WVU) Medicine

Board of Directors (2024):

Angela Mayfield - Chairman
Craig Slaughter - First Vice-Chairman
David Sayre - Second Vice-Chairman / Secretary
Steve Kawash - Treasurer
Andy Barker - Trustee
Kishore Challa, MD - Trustee
Terrell Ellis - Trustee
John Epperly - Trustee
L.J. Fairless - Trustee
Father Don Higgs - Trustee
Ashley Pack - Trustee
Mark Robinson - Trustee

Albert Wright President/CEO - WVU Health System*

*Ex Officio - With Vote

Greg Rosencrance, MD President & Chief Executive Officer - Thomas
Hospitals*

*Ex Officio - With Vote

Jenny Parsons Foundation Chair*

*Ex Officio - Without Vote

Senior Staff Members / Key Members of WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals:

- Greg Rosencrance, MD, President & Chief Executive Officer
- Leslie Lawson, Vice President of Operations
- Jason Gizzi, Interim Vice President of Finance / Chief Financial Officer
- Matthew Upton, MD, Chief Medical Officer / Chief Medical Information Officer
- Lewis Perkins, Chief Nursing Officer
- Aaron Alexander, Vice President, General Counsel
- Kristin Anderson, Vice President of Marketing and Communications
- Brian Lilly, Vice President, Quality, Safety and Service Lines

5. Please list the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:*

Michael Deegan, Business Development Liaison – Community Outreach
Role and responsibilities: Technical Assistance, Referral Development, Clinical Supervision

Amy Miller, Behavioral Health Services Administrative Director
Roles and responsibilities: Oversight of Daily Operations for All Behavioral Health Services

6. Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable:**Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year**

WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals Cash Flow Statement.xlsx

Two years of audited financial statements

Thomas Health System Audited Financial Statements 2022 and 2021.pdf

Current operating budget

WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals Current Operating Budget 2024.xlsx

If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant



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7. If you have made an application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.*

N/A

8. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization within the last three years

- 1) New Initiatives: Opening the new Orthopedic Hospital on the Saint Francis Hospital campus with accompanying construction and upgrades that have occurred and/or are ongoing, including a major Behavioral Health Renovation Project that is being completed in the Saint Francis Hospital Addiction Healing Center.
- 2) Prevention: Implementing the use of NARCAN in the Emergency Room, on Medical Floors, in the Addiction Healing Center, and as part of Outpatient SUD Services at both hospitals.
- 3) Expansion of Scope of Care:
 - Psychiatry is being utilized in our Behavioral Health Programs to provide those who experience dual disorders of SUD and Mental Health with greater access to care;
 - Behavioral Health Services have been expanded to include individuals on Medicare in the Saint Francis Hospital Addiction Healing Center; and
 - There has been an effort to streamline and provide care to more medically complex patients at the Saint Francis Hospital Addiction Healing Center.

Supplementary Information

1. Please enter contact information (name, email, and phone) for at least one third-party reference. *

Tom Heywood – Bowles Rice, 600 Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301
Email – THeywood@bowlesrice.com
Phone: (304) 347-1702

2. Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support, newspaper articles, etc) which you feel will be essential to the County's review.

WVU Medicine Thomas Hospital Support Letters.pdf

Attachments

**Optional: Additional Proposal Leadership resume(s) or CVs**

WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals Project Leadership Resumes.pdf

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**Optional: Project Timeline**

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**Proposed Project Budget with Training and Certification Costs.pdf**

Proposed Project Budget with Training and Certification Costs.pdf

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Timeline

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✓ Application Review	6/20/2024, 8:28:33 AM	-	-	6/20/2024	Active
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