LIMITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

TO: BUMC Faculty
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DATE: April 8, 2019

SUBJECT: HRSA - Opioid Workforce Expansion Program (OWEP) Professionals Program

OBJECTIVES: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the Opioid Workforce Expansion Program (OWEP) Professionals. The purpose of OWEP Professionals is to enhance community-based experiential training for students preparing to become behavioral health professionals with a focus on Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other Substance Use Disorders (SUD) prevention, treatment, and recovery services. The program will provide funding for training behavioral health professionals in the provision of OUD and other SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery services in high-need and high-demand areas. The program also supports the development of behavioral health faculty skills and expertise in the prevention, treatment, and recovery of patients with OUD and other SUD. Award recipients will impact the quality and access to behavioral health and substance use services in high-need and high-demand areas by increasing the number of professionals and transforming integrated behavioral health and primary care teams to effectively prevent and treat OUD and other SUD in community-based practices.

FUNDING INFORMATION: $1,350,000 Funded at the outset for use over the grant period.

ELIGIBILITY: Accredited institutions of higher education or accredited behavioral health professional training programs. These programs can include psychiatry, psychology, school psychology, behavioral pediatrics, psychiatric nursing, social work, school social work, SUD prevention and treatment, marriage and family therapy, occupational therapy, school counseling, or professional counseling. To ensure students are prepared to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation, programs must require a pre-degree clinical field placement in behavioral health as part of the training and a prerequisite for graduation.

All applicants must provide proof of accreditation. HRSA may consider any application that fails to attach a copy of the required accreditation or certification documentation non-responsive, and may not consider it for funding under this notice. Applicants are required to maintain their accreditation throughout the period of performance and notify HRSA of change in status.

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: Interested investigators should submit the following materials via InfoReady Review by Friday, April 12, 2019:

- Questions outlined in InfoReady Review application;
- A brief (one-page) statement by the candidate describing his or her proposed training program;
- Up-to-date CV.

A faculty committee will review internal proposals and select nominees.

DEADLINES: Internal Deadline: Friday, April 12, 2019 | HRSA Deadline: Tuesday, May 7, 2019
In requesting to be considered for this limited submission funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the Proposal Submission Policy.