

March 28, 2023

Collin County Commissioners Court Collin County Administration Building 2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 419 McKinney, TX 75071

**RE:** Request for Opioid Abatement Funds

Collin County Commissioners Court,

As the Local Behavioral Health Authority, Collin County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center dba LifePath Systems is an essential partner in the county's response to the opioid crisis. LifePath is responsible for coordinating outreach, screenings, assessments, and treatment for individuals living in the county who are uninsured, underinsured, and indigent.

LifePath has identified priority uses of the Opioid Abatement Funds that are in alignment with "Exhibit E – List of Opioid Remediation Uses" as listed on the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council website located at <u>www.comptroller.texas.gov</u>. All funding requests are aligned with the Core Strategies in the Exhibit and will have a significant impact in responding to the current opioid crisis in the county.

Please consider the attached proposal for use of the Opioid Abatement Funds received by the county.

Sincerely,

Tammy Mahan Chief Executive Officer 469-963-3718

## **Proposal for Use of Opioid Abatement Funds**

## Core Strategy A: Opioid Reversal Drugs

In order to increase distribution of Naloxone and other FDA-approved drugs to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover needed services, LifePath Systems intends to purchase and distribute Narcan and/or Kloxxado to eligible individuals and entities in Collin County to reduce opioid overdoses and deaths. LifePath Systems also intends to expand community outreach team by .5 FTE to provide training to first responders, schools, community support groups and families to recognize the risk factors and symptoms of substance use disorders, signs of potential overdose, as well as training on effective use of opioid reversal drugs.

Description	Purpose	Cost Detail	Total Annual Cost
Narcan/Kloxxado	Opioid reversal drug to reverse overdoses such as those from fentanyl and polysubstance use. 2 inhalers included per box	\$150 for 1300 units	\$195,000
.5 FTE Community Outreach & Education Coordinator	Increase outreach and training initiatives	Salary & Benefits: \$32,400 Program Supplies & Supports: \$10,722.1	\$43,122.1

Subtotal: \$238,122.1

## Core Strategy E: Expansion of Warm Hand-off Program and Recovery Services

LifePath Systems intends to operate an Overdose Response Team to facilitate a warm handoff transition into recovery services for residents of Collin County who have recently experienced an overdose. Referrals can be received from emergency departments, schools, law enforcement, or other Collin County serving entities.

LifePath Systems also intends to expand Recovery Coach staffing for those enrolled in substance use disorder or co-occurring disorder services. Offering Recovery Coaches to support their recovery journey amplifies comprehensive wrap-around approach to individuals in recovery including assistance with social determinants of health that are negatively affecting recovery.

Description	Purpose	Cost Detail	Total Annual Cost
2.0 FTE Overdose Response Team	To engage & connect to treatment & recovery	Salary & Benefits: \$140,400	\$182,520
Members	services	Program Supplies & Supports: \$42,120	

4.0 FTE Recovery Coaches	Provides wrap-around services to individuals in	Salary & Benefits:	\$245,700
Coaches		\$189,000	
	recovery	Program Supplies &	
		Supports: \$56,700	
Funding to Address	Funds for transportation,	Up to \$100 per person	\$60,000
Social Determinants	childcare, GED classes, etc.	per month for 50	
of Health		individuals a month	
		(\$5,000/month)	

Subtotal: \$488,220

Total Funds Requested = \$726,342.10