FY 2017 Report on Conference Spending by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Center for Mental Health Services

National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day

Date: 5/1/17
Venue, City State or Country: GWU Morton Auditorium, Washington, DC

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This annual event was held to raise awareness with the media and general public about the importance of children's mental health from birth, as well as showcase youth who have learned to thrive with mental health challenges.

Total Estimated Cost: $119,956
Total Attendees: 420
Total Feds on Travel: 57
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 23

Primary Behavioral Health Care Integration (PBHCI) National Grantee Meeting

Dates: 6/5-8/17
Venue, City, State or Country: Hilton, Austin, TX

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This meeting was held to provide grantees with training and technical assistance as they establish projects for the provision of coordinated and integrated services through the co-location of primary and specialty care medical services in community-based mental and behavioral health settings.

Total Estimated Cost: $140,604
Total Attendees: 585
Total Feds on Travel: 12
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 21
Combined State Justice Policy Academies

Dates: 6/20–22/17

Venue, City, State or Country: Hamilton Crowne Plaza, Washington, DC

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This conference was held to support three national initiatives which aim to reduce the inappropriate incarceration of individuals with behavioral health issues by convening teams from county jurisdictions pledged to these respective initiatives, facilitating individualized strategic planning, and providing technical assistance.

Total Estimated Cost: $251,978

Total Attendees: 83

Total Feds on Travel: 3

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 80

Homeless Policy Academy

Dates: 7/25-29/17

Venue, City, State or Country: Liaison Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to assist states in developing and implementing action plans that address development of systems, service provision, and treatment.

Total Estimated Cost: $165,237

Total Attendees: 123

Total Feds on Travel: 15

Total Non-Feds on Travel: 52

Project AWARE Community Grantee Meeting

Dates: 7/25-26/17

Venue, City, State or Country: Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This meeting brought together 69 AWARE Community grantee teams to review the status of their grants in regard to implementation, current challenges, sustainability planning, and general grants management issues and concerns.
Voice Awards

Date: 8/16/17

Venue, City, State or Country: UCLA Royce Hall, Los Angeles, CA

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to honor consumer/peer leaders who have played a vital role in raising awareness and understanding of mental illness and substance use disorders, and promoting the reduction of negative perceptions of people with behavioral health problems.

Total Estimated Cost: $187,046
Total Attendees: 520
Total Feds on Travel: 5
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 19

Homeless Policy Academy

Dates: 8/21-23/17

Venue, City, State or Country: Liaison Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to assist states in developing and implementing action plans that address development of systems, service provision, and treatment.

Total Estimated Cost: $411,267
Total Attendees: 69
Total Feds on Travel: 15
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 54

Native Connections Strategic Symposium

Dates: 8/29-31/17

Venue, City, State or Country: Spokane Convention Center, Spokane, WA
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event allowed grantees to meet in person with their federal project officers, technical assistance providers, and fellow grantees to work on long-term project planning, budget management, and peer-to-peer learning.

Total Estimated Cost: $111,851
Total Attendees: 381
Total Feds on Travel: 6
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 18

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

Policy Academy to Address the Needs of Opioid-Dependent Pregnant Women and Their Infants

Dates: 2/7-8/17
Venue, City State or Country: Renaissance Hotel, Baltimore, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The focus of this event was to strengthen collaboration and linkages across child welfare, addiction treatment, medical communities and other systems to improve services for pregnant women with opioid and other substance use disorders and outcomes for their babies.

Total Estimated Cost: $155,297
Total Attendees: 134
Total Feds on Travel: 12
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 122

Opioid Workshop for States

Dates: 8/7-9/17
Venue, City, State or Country: Marriott Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This meeting was held to engage in open discussions, peer-to-peer information sharing, strategize on how to assist grantees in addressing their State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant requirements.
Total Estimated Cost:  $353,809
Total Attendees:  150
Total Feds on Travel:  35
Total Non-Feds on Travel:  115

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Prevention Leadership Academy

Dates:  5/2-4/17
Venue, City, State or Country:  SAMHSA, Rockville, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:  This bi-annual function was held to provide interactive training to state National Prevention Network representatives to increase/enhance/build skills for creating and sustaining effective state behavioral health systems.

Total Estimated Cost:  $139,728
Total Attendees:  103
Total Feds on Travel:  0
Total Non-Feds on Travel:  27

Office of Program Policy and Innovation

Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Parity Policy Academy

Dates:  3/23-24/17
Venue, City, State or Country:  SAMHSA, Rockville, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:  The purpose of the policy academy was to promote understanding by state officials of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) of their role in promoting and enforcing parity.

Total Estimated Cost:  $128,999
Total Attendees:  115
Total Feds on Travel:  0
Total Non-Feds on Travel:  98
Commercial Insurance Parity Policy Academy

**Dates:** 4/17-28/17

**Venue, City, State or Country:** SAMHSA, Rockville, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The purpose of the policy academy was to promote understanding by commercial insurance carriers of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) of their role in promoting and enforcing parity.

**Total Estimated Cost:** $174,604

**Total Attendees:** 115

**Total Feds on Travel:** 0

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 76

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Data Driven Justice

**Dates:** 9/6-8/17

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Hilton, Rockville, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The purpose of this meeting was to examine and explore the data driven justice initiative which involves the use of a coordinated data effort across systems to identify areas of greatest need and, subsequently, target services and efforts to meet that need.

**Total Estimated Cost:** $386,226

**Total Attendees:** 145

**Total Feds on Travel:** 20

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 125