

City of Lawrence
Outside Agency
Bi-annual Report
2016

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org. Reports on activities from January 2016 to June 2016 are due on July 15th 2016. Cumulative reports on activities from January 2016 through December 2016 are due on February 15th 2017.

Agency Name: DCCCA – Lawrence Outpatient Services

Reporting Period (please check one): ☐ January - June (deadline July 15) ☒ January – December (deadline February 15)

1. Give a brief narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above.

Lawrence Outpatient provided a continuum of community based substance use disorder treatment services during 2016. Engaged clients participated in comprehensive screening and assessment; individual and group therapy; Alcohol/Drug Information School; coordination of physical health, mental health, housing, and employment services; self-directed recovery tools; and connections to ongoing community based peer and support groups. Intensive outpatient treatment services, i.e. 9 hours weekly, was reintroduced in 2016 due to a growing community need. Individuals served in this modality require more intervention than is available in traditional outpatient services, but do not need the structure or intensity of residential treatment.

DCCCA staff continued to offer onsite consultation, screening and assessment to various community partners in 2016. Staff vacancies in our team, as well as changing priorities within our partners' organizations, reduced the volume of services we provided. DCCCA formally engaged with a new partner, Lawrence Municipal Court, by placing a graduate student onsite to offer screening and referral for services. This initiative resulted in 69 new referrals for assessment and services, and will continue throughout 2017.

2. Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives.

The following data was gathered from DCCCA's electronic client record and reporting system, as well as the state's Kansas Client Placement Criteria reporting system.

Goal	Target	Actual
Number of people served	575	569
Number screened in partner settings	200	126
% reporting a decrease in substance use at treatment completion	90	95
% in safe housing at treatment completion	85	100
% employed at treatment completion	75	86
% completing treatment	50	41

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

Access to affordable, timely and quality substance use disorder treatment is critical to a community's health. Forty percent of the individuals served at Lawrence Outpatient are uninsured, meaning they would not be able to access needed help without funding from the City of Lawrence. Substance use negatively impacts work productivity, quality of life and family functioning. It results in increased healthcare, law enforcement, and social service costs. Treatment, on the other hand, is associated with dramatic improvements in those areas, as well as higher civic engagement, decreases in public health and safety risks, and significant increases in employment.

The new partnership with Lawrence Municipal Court, in particular, is designed to decrease court and incarceration costs by helping offenders access community based services that help curb the underlying substance use and mental health disorders that often influence criminal behavior.

DCCCA's client surveys facilitated at treatment discharge indicate the majority of individuals experience improvement in family relationships, their legal situation, their mental and physical health, and employment upon service completion. These improvements and ongoing recovery support make it more likely they will be productive members of our community.

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered?

The employment market for direct service positions, i.e. licensed counselors, peer mentors, etc., has been extremely challenging the past year. Lawrence Outpatient experienced extensive vacancies in direct service staff in 2016, requiring us to shift staff and use supervisors from other DCCCA locations to LOP in order to maintain service delivery.

As stated in our mid-year report, our collaborations with community partners has transitioned away from co-location of our staff in their environments to ensure timely access to services when they call the DCCCA office. We experienced an initial decrease in referrals the first six months (31), but have regained momentum with this new model, as well as implementation of the new collaboration with Lawrence Municipal Court. At year end, 126 people had been referred.

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

DCCCA expended 100% of the grant dollars by December 31, 2016.