



Sky Ranch Behavioral Services (SRBS)

Opioid Remediation Funding Overview

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Purpose of Request: Continuation of Year 2 Opioid Remediation Funding to sustain Peer Recovery Coaching and Open Access Navigation Services throughout Siouxland while long-term reimbursement and sustainability mechanisms are finalized.

Program Impact Since November 2024	Outcome
Individuals/Families Participating in Peer Recovery Coaching	41+
Youth, Adults, and Families Receiving Screening, Assessment, or Navigation Services	115+
Community Members Reached Through Consultation, Referral, and Resource Support	500+
Community Agencies Engaged Through Outreach and Collaboration	35+
Justice-Involved Youth Mental Health Evaluations Completed	19
Clients Served While Incarcerated	11
Female Clients	38%
Male Clients	62%
Youth Clients	42%
Adult Clients	58%
Clinical Substance Use or Mental Health Assessments	110



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Success Stories

Meeting People Where They Are

One of the greatest strengths of the program has been its ability to remove barriers by meeting individuals where they are rather than expecting them to navigate complex systems alone. Peer recovery and navigation services have been provided in juvenile detention, schools, shelters, homes, court settings, treatment facilities, and community locations. By bringing services directly to individuals—whether they are incarcerated, experiencing homelessness, or involved with the justice system—SRBS has increased engagement, improved continuity of care, and reduced missed opportunities for treatment.

Turning Resources into Connections

Rather than simply providing a list of community resources to those we serve, SRBS emphasizes warm handoffs that ensure individuals successfully connect with needed services. Staff work directly alongside clients to coordinate appointments, communicate with providers, and connect individuals to housing, food assistance, clothing, transportation, legal assistance, healthcare, and treatment services. These coordinated efforts have strengthened partnerships with organizations of Siouxland, creating a more seamless behavioral health and recovery system throughout Siouxland.

Supporting Recovery Beyond Treatment

Recovery extends well beyond counseling appointments. Through Opioid Remediation funding, SRBS has been able to provide transportation resources to Family Treatment Court, Juvenile Drug Court, substance use treatment, mental health appointments, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, and other recovery-related activities. Addressing practical barriers such as transportation has helped individuals remain engaged in treatment, comply with court requirements, and continue making progress toward long-term recovery.

Strengthening Community Collaboration

The Opioid Remediation initiative has expanded collaboration across Woodbury County's behavioral health, justice, and social service systems. SRBS staff participate in Family Team Meetings, Community Review Board Hearings, and multidisciplinary case coordination involving Juvenile Court Services, Adult Probation, Adult Drug Court, HHS, treatment providers, shelters, healthcare organizations, and other community agencies. This collaborative approach ensures individuals receive coordinated care rather than fragmented services, improving communication among providers and creating more comprehensive support for individuals and families affected by substance use disorders.

Recovery Leadership Strengthening First Responders

Our Peer Recovery Support Specialist, Karen, was invited by the Iowa Primary Care Association to serve as a panel presenter during a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for law enforcement officers and emergency medical personnel in Council Bluffs last month. Sharing her lived experience in recovery and the impact of peer support provided first responders with firsthand insight into the recovery process, reducing stigma while strengthening their ability to recognize opportunities for intervention and connection to treatment. The invitation reflects growing statewide recognition of the quality and value of the peer recovery services developed through Woodbury County's investment.



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Key Accomplishments

- Successfully stretched Year 1 funding from November 2024 through June 2026 through strategic fiscal management.
- Established Open Access behavioral health navigation services to reduce barriers to care.
- Expanded collaboration with Family Treatment Court, Juvenile Drug Court, probation, schools, and community providers.
- Implemented warm handoff and coordinated care approaches to improve engagement in treatment and recovery services.
- Successfully recruited a full-time Peer Recovery Support Specialist with lived recovery experience.
- Continued providing behavioral health evaluations and services for justice-involved youth.
- Staff attended over 200 combined hours of continuing education and training.

Bridge-to-Sustainability Strategy

The requested Year 2 funding in the amount of \$181,986 will allow SRBS to maintain continuity of care while integrating Peer Recovery Coaching into reimbursable funding streams and strengthening the long-term sustainability of Open Access services in Siouxland.

Why This Matters

SRBS provides barrier-free access to timely behavioral health screening, assessment, referral, navigation, treatment engagement, and recovery support services for youth, adults, and families impacted by substance use and co-occurring mental health conditions.