



June 26, 2023

**RE: Application for 12 Month No Cost Extension (NCE) for September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024
Award #: GA1RH39564 – Jefferson, County of**

With this letter, Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) is applying for a 12 month No Cost Extension for the period of September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024.

Brief Overview of Completed Activities

- Buildout and sustenance of 14 member Jefferson County Behavioral Health Consortium of key stakeholders who meet monthly. Their focus is to collaboratively address collective improvements to the county's behavioral health system to support community members in the prevention, treatment and recovery related to mental health and substance use disorder/overdose.
- Integration of Behavioral Health Therapy Provider and MAT Prescription services through the merging of Safe Harbor SUD Counseling Services with Discovery Behavioral Health, the county's mental health service provider.
- Data gathering, analysis, and insight generation across multiple relevant stakeholders
- Substantial funding to Recovery Café for Peer Network Development and recovery/prevention environment for adults; and to OWL 360 for Peer Network Development and recovery/prevention environment for youth and young adults.
- Development of culturally appropriate Harm Reduction Program services in South County
- Addressing mental health and SUD stigma throughout the county through communication, education, engagement, and integration of related local and regional efforts
- The BHC's meetings, work and resources are documented on the grant-funded BeHealthyJefferson.org website.

Description of incomplete project activities and why they were not completed within the initial period of performance.

Requesting a one-year NCE to allow contracted project support resources to ensure the incomplete work shown below is managed/completed, and the final grant reports are generated under a county contract that allows the current contractor to be paid for that work.

Community Health
Developmental Disabilities
360-385-9400

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Environmental Public Health
360-385-9444
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- **Incomplete Project Activity:** Requesting a NCE to extend by one year the time point when HRSA might ask BHC Member OWL360 for a vehicle relinquishment on the vehicle just purchased in May 2023 with grant funds. The vehicle is set to support the transport of county youth to prevention, treatment, and recovery related activities.

Why Activity is Incomplete: The original plan to buy the vehicle much earlier in the grant's performance period was put off by COVID-related delays in building the youth house, services and prevention/recovery support space that needed to be in place before we began transporting county youth to and from the space.

- **Incomplete Project Activity:** Approval of the NCE to allow for restoration of data integrity to the July '22-May '23 Law Enforcement data, and then for HFPD, our data contractor, to finish their contract using accurate data to collectively analyze trends and generate insights with and across our Behavioral Health Consortium (BHC) Membership.

Why Activity is Incomplete: A combination of agency leadership transitions, significant turnover in law enforcement team members and grant project director over the last 12 months created the opportunity for law enforcement call-subject data coding to fall off from where it had been coded with mental health and substance use notation. This was discovered at the latest data pull in March 2023. Grant Project Director is working with Law Enforcement members to update the data before spending grant funds with HFPD, our data subcontractor, to ensure accurate data, analysis, and insight generation of this long term Consortium's effect to collectively review relevant county data.

- **Incomplete Project Activity:** Approval of NCE to allow the execution of an expanded community engagement effort before installing multiple smaller Naloxone boxes in various parts of the county.

Why Activity is Incomplete: The grantee has been required to evolve their strategy from one Naloxone vending machine in South County, where community-buy-in had been developed, when the size of the naloxone box was advertised to be changing due to naloxone imminently being offered over-the-counter. The new-sized boxes will not work in the outdoor vending machine the grantee was ordering. This change meant the timeframe would be extended by a great deal to get an updated vending machine manufactured and delivered. Mounting smaller emergency naloxone boxes in many spaces throughout the county is a solution the grantee is excited to implement, but it does require we do more community involvement before posting those boxes in the public spaces identified.

Please see additional requested documents uploaded into EHB, including an Updated Work Plan, an SF424A Budget Form, and a Budget Narrative/Justification for the proposed funding to support the Work Plan Execution during the requested NCE period.

Thank you for your consideration.

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