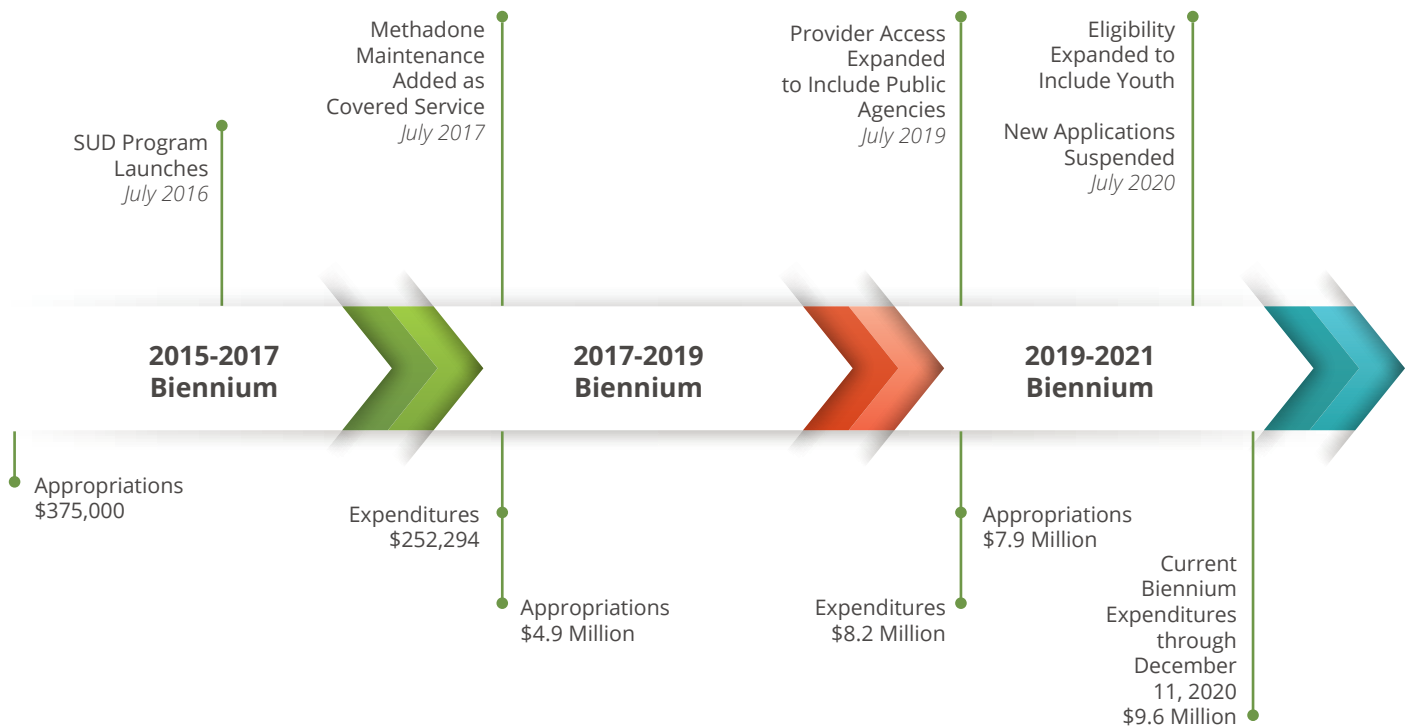


During the 64th Legislative Session the Department of Human Services (DHS) was appropriated funding to administer a voucher system to pay for substance use disorder treatment services. The Department's Behavioral Health Division was assigned the responsibility to develop administrative rules and implement the voucher system.

The SUD Voucher program was established to allow individuals to choose a provider and to address barriers to treatment and increase the ability of people to access treatment and services for substance use disorders.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher



Since its inception, approximately 4,200 individuals have received services through the SUD Voucher.

From July 1, 2019 through Sept. 30, 2020, approximately 2,296 individuals have received services.

As of July 1, 2020, new individual & provider applications were suspended due to exhausted appropriations.

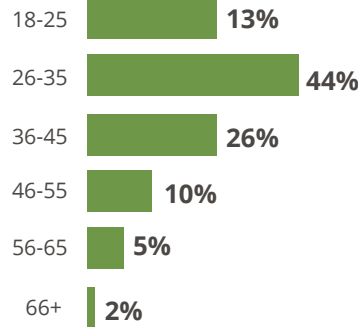
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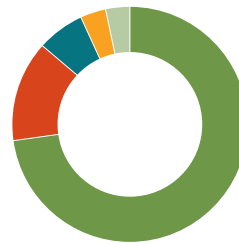
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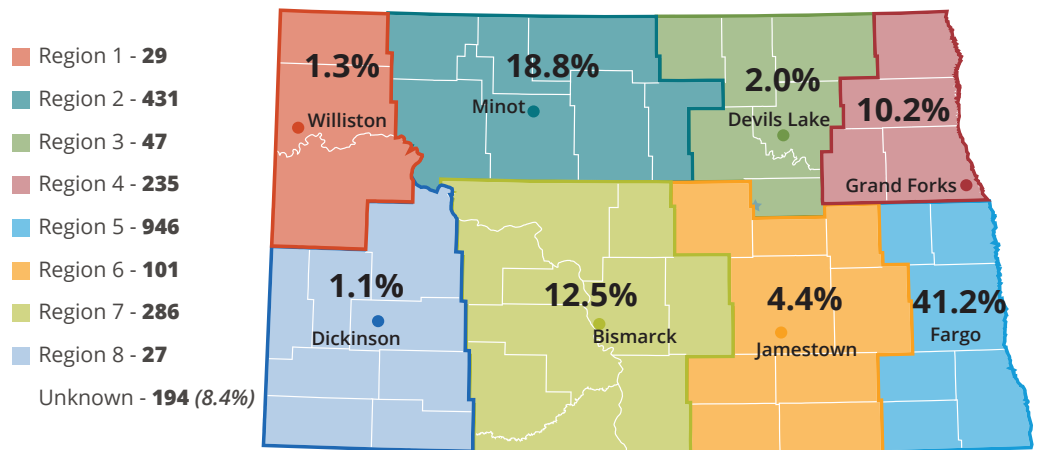
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- White - 73%
- American Indian or Alaska Native - 19%
- Black or African American - 5%
- Hispanic or Latino - 3%
- More than one race reported - 3%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - 0%
- Asian - 0%
- Prefer not to answer - 0%

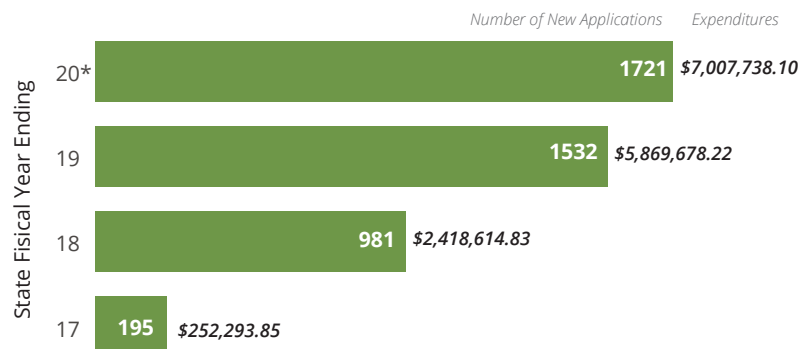
PROGRAM PARTICIPANT BY HUMAN SERVICE CENTER REGION

N = 2,296



PROGRAM PARTICIPANT GROWTH AND EXPENDITURES

The number of new applications for the SUD Voucher has increased each State Fiscal Year.



*New applications closed July 1, 2020.

Total Voucher Reimbursements by Provider

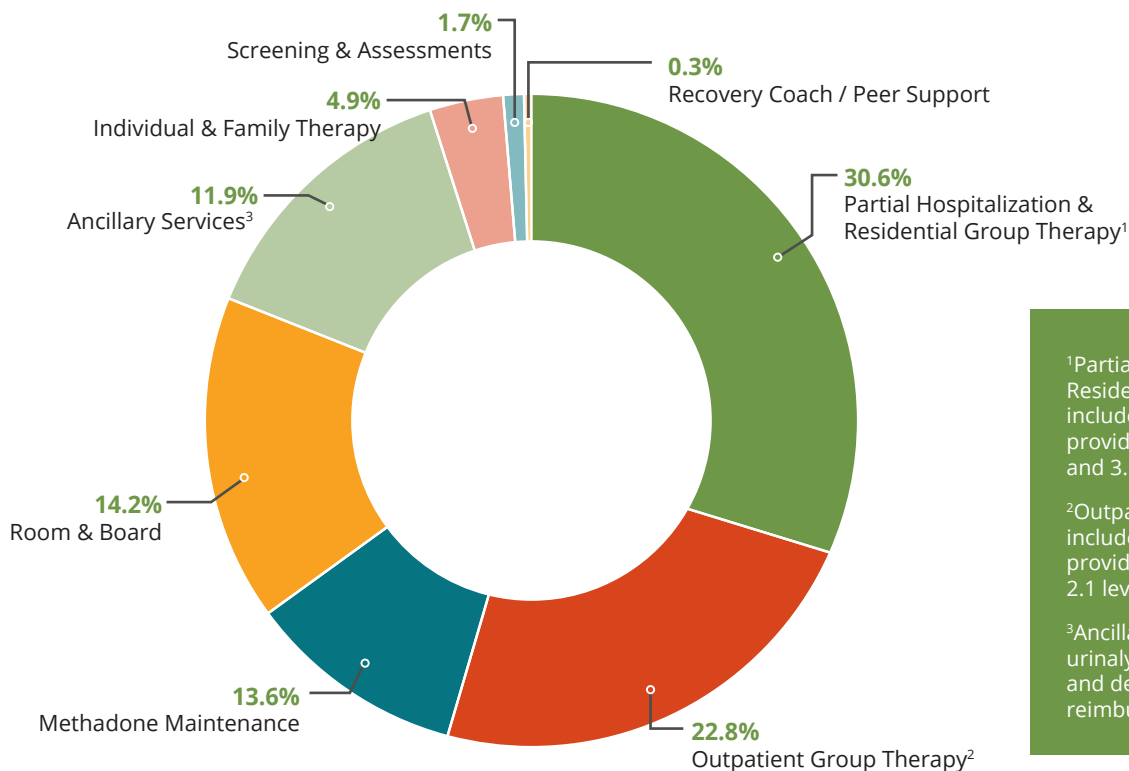
\$9,646,815.76

The data below describes provider reimbursements from July 1, 2019 through December 11, 2020 (\$9,866,108.57). Cumulative refunds received during this time totaled \$219,292.81 for a net expenditure of \$9,646,815.76.



Expenditures by Service Type

Percentage of expenditures by service type from February 6, 2020 through December 11, 2020.



OUTCOME MEASURES

Programs utilizing the SUD Voucher are required to assess each individual at the beginning and again when completing services. The outcome measure uses a 5-point rating scale (1 lowest to 5 highest). The outcomes are based on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) identified recovery dimensions.



PURPOSE

Identify the extent to which the individual participates in meaningful daily activities (employment, school, volunteering, family caretaking, other activities, etc.).

Average Outcome Scores Over Time



COMMUNITY

Identify the extent to which the individual's relationships and social networks provide support, friendship, love, and hope for overall wellbeing.

Average Outcome Scores Over Time



HEALTH

Identify how well the individual makes informed healthy choices supporting their physical health and emotional wellbeing (physical activity, attending medical appointments, taking medications as prescribed etc.)

Average Outcome Scores Over Time



HOME

Identify the stability and safety of the individual's living environment.

Average Outcome Scores Over Time



■ Pre ■ Post

Since inception, all four outcomes measures increased following services reimbursed through the SUD Voucher program.

The Division has continued to provide reimbursement for eligible services for individuals already active in the program. As of January 11, 2021, the Voucher is currently serving 456 individuals.

To continue supporting community-based services:

- In October 2020, the North Dakota Emergency Commission and Budget Section approved the Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division request for \$1.7 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for the development of a Community-Based Behavioral Health Program.
- The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division received a federal State Opioid Response (SOR) grant program for October 2018 – September 2020.