



Behavioral Health
HUMAN SERVICES



House Bill 1012

House Appropriations

Representative Nelson, Chairman

Substance Use Disorder Voucher Overview
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SUD Voucher

Goal: improve access to quality substance use disorder treatment services and allow for individual choice, by providing reimbursement where other third-party reimbursement is not available.

- Initiated during 2015 legislative session (NDCC 50-06-42)
- Began serving individuals in 2016

Since 2016, approximately 4,200 individuals have received services through the SUD Voucher.

Twenty-one providers are providing voucher services.

Timeline of Changes/Expansion

65th Legislative Session (2017)

Methadone maintenance was added as a covered service, effective July 1, 2017 ([HB 1012](#))

66th Legislative Session (2019)

Providers who access the SUD Voucher were **expanded to public agencies** (i.e., public health and tribal agencies) who hold a substance abuse treatment program license - not including Human Service Centers. ([HB 1105](#))

Eligibility age was changed from 18 to 14 years old, effective July 1, 2020. ([SB 2175](#))

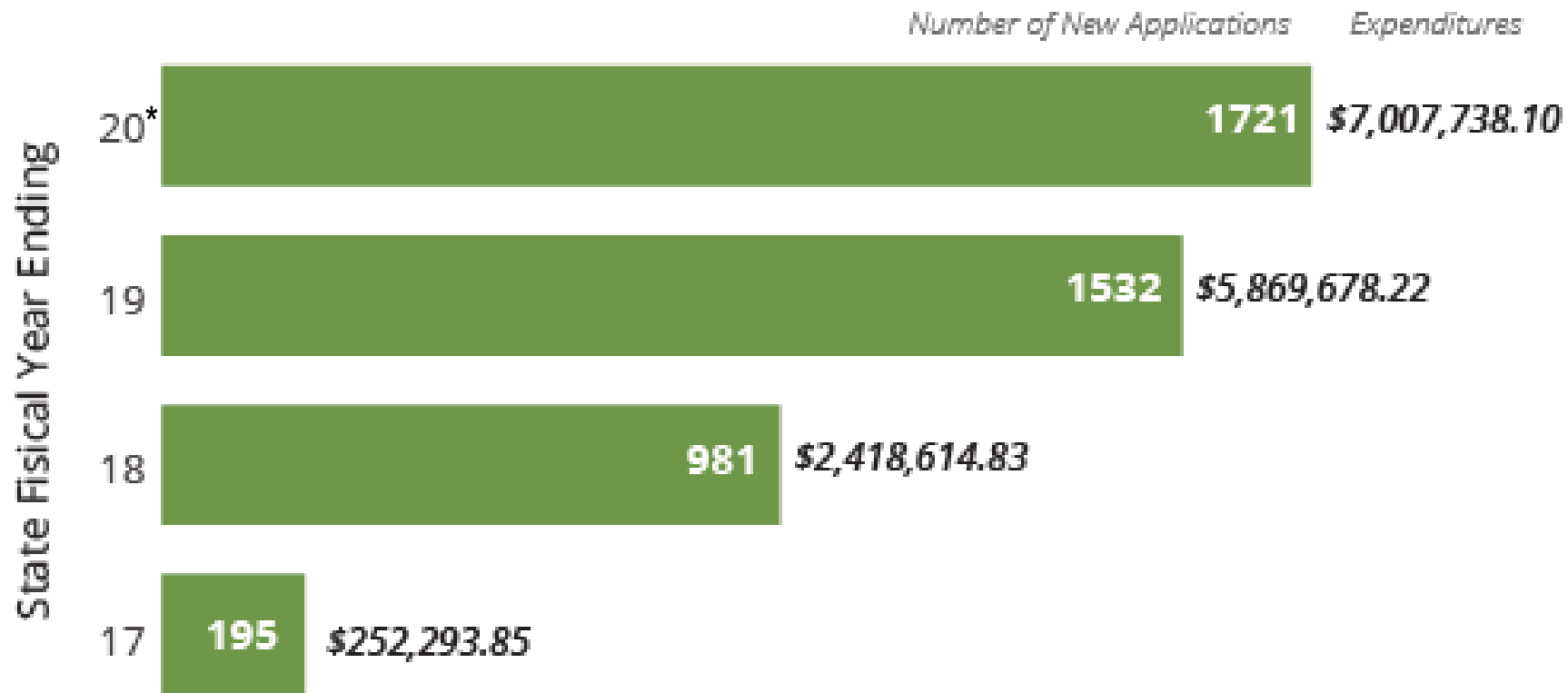
67th Legislative Session (2021)

House Bill 1402 is **proposed to include out of state providers within 5 miles of the North Dakota boarder** to access the SUD Voucher for North Dakota citizens

Appropriation and Expenditures

	2015-2017	2017-2019	2019-2021
Total Budget	\$575,000	\$4,917,087	\$7,997,294
Amount Expended	\$252,293.85	\$8,288,293.05	\$9,646,815.76 (as of Dec. 11, 2020)

Program Participant Growth and Expenditures



**New applications closed July 1, 2020.*

2019-2021 Appropriation Update

	As of July 3, 2020	As of Dec. 11, 2020
Amount expended	\$7,007,738.10	\$9,646,815.76
Pending invoices	\$1,125,508.45	\$184,539.05
Remaining prior authorization	\$10,558,630.11	\$1,596,410.07*

**As of February 1, 2021*

Exhausted Appropriation

2019-2021 Appropriation: \$7,997,294

CURRENT INDIVIDUALS

- Continue to be covered by their voucher and no interruption to their care and medically necessary services should occur.

NEW INDIVIDUALS

- Applications not considered for approval after 5pm on June 30, 2020.

NEW PROVIDERS

- Applications not considered for approval after 5pm on June 30, 2020.

Community-based Behavioral Health Program

Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

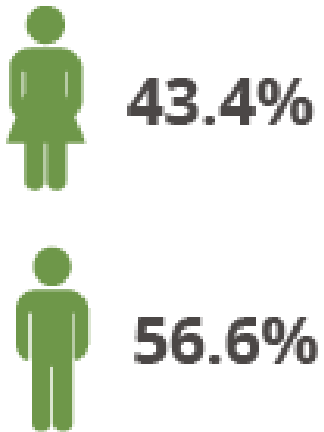
- On Friday, October 23, 2020 the North Dakota Emergency Commission approved an allocation of \$1.7 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) for community-based behavioral health services.
- This request was reviewed and provided final approved by the Budget Section on October 28, 2020.
- Ends June 30, 2021.

By providing community-based behavioral health services to individuals in their homes and community the state can reduce the need for individuals to enter congregate settings such as residential treatment facilities, inpatient hospitalization, and avoiding the need for emergency department interventions.

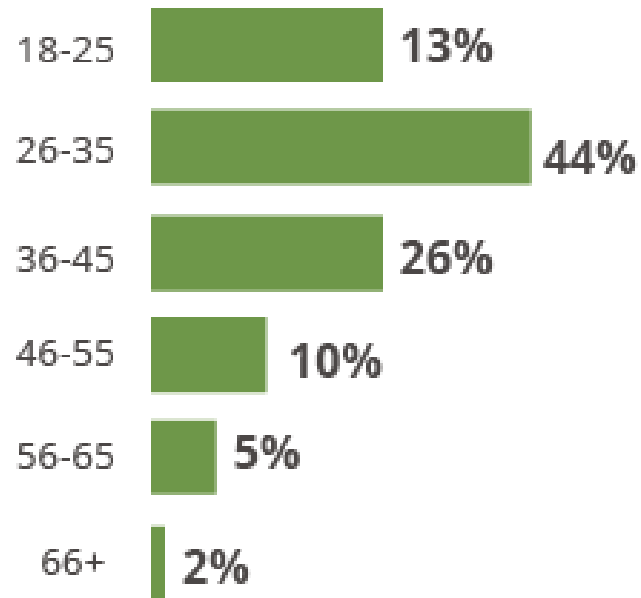
Participant Demographics

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

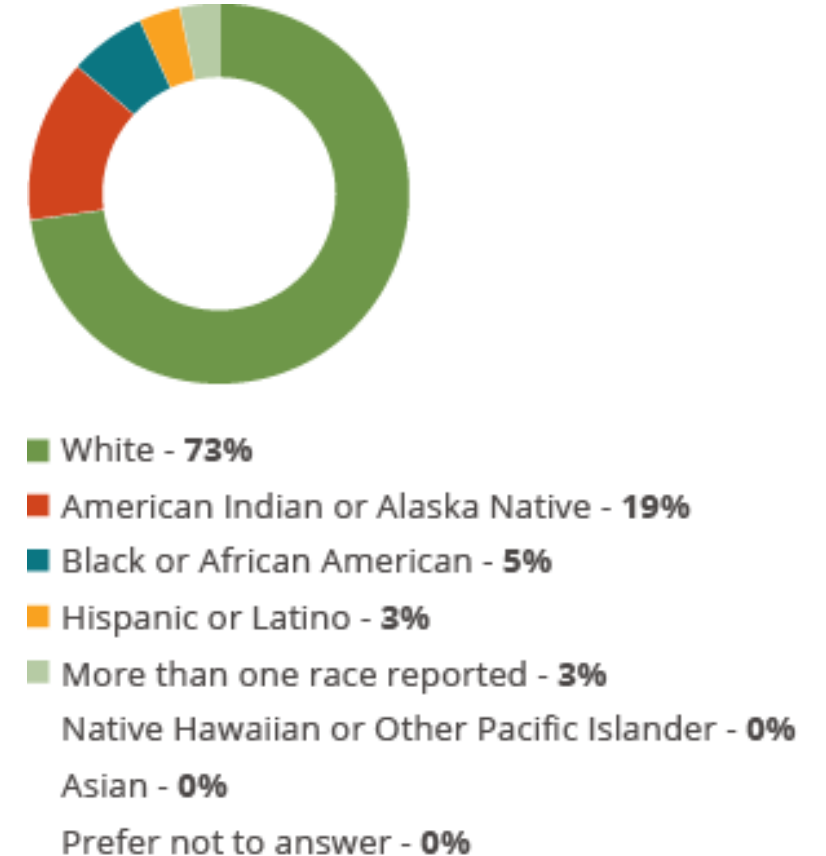
Gender



Age



Race

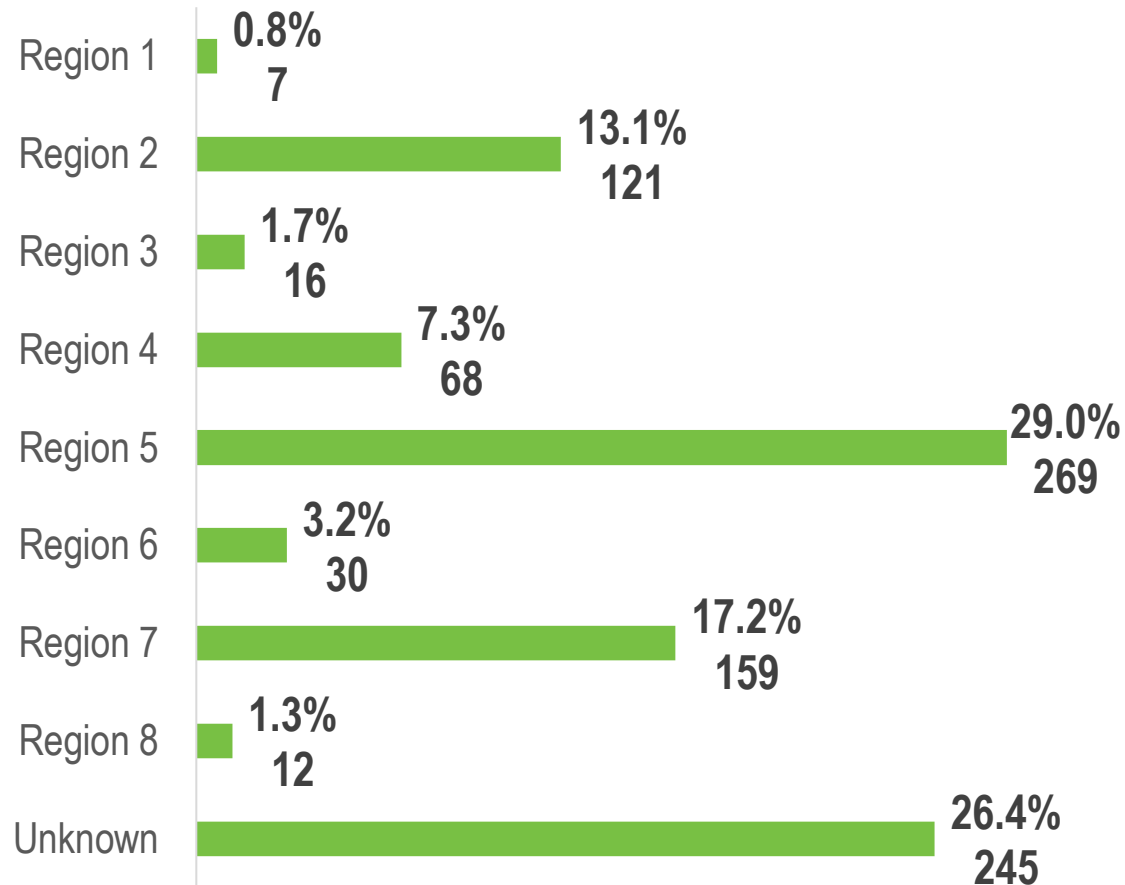


6 Month Snapshot: Regional Participation and Expenditures

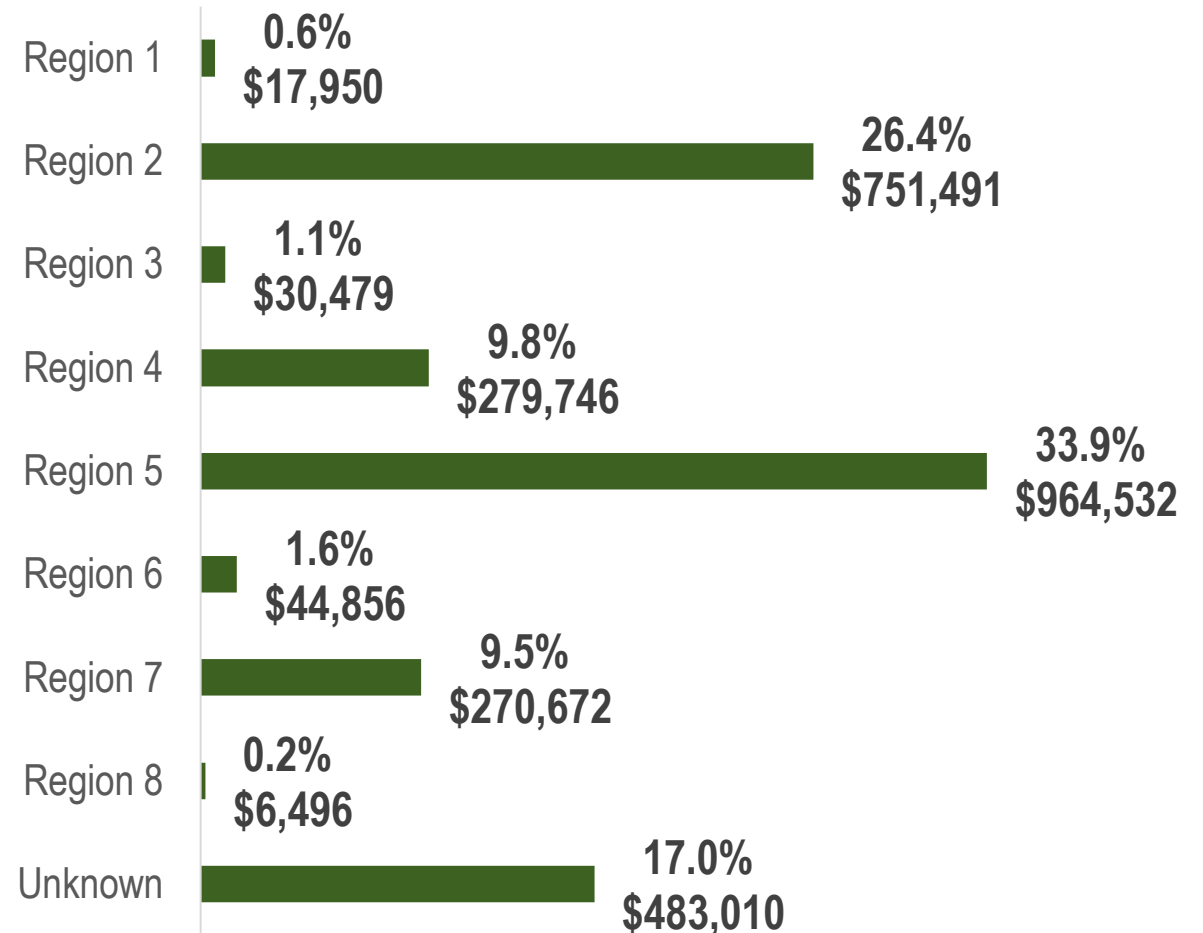
Applicants approved from February 2020 to August 2020

Regional Participation

(Percentage/Number of Applicants by Region)



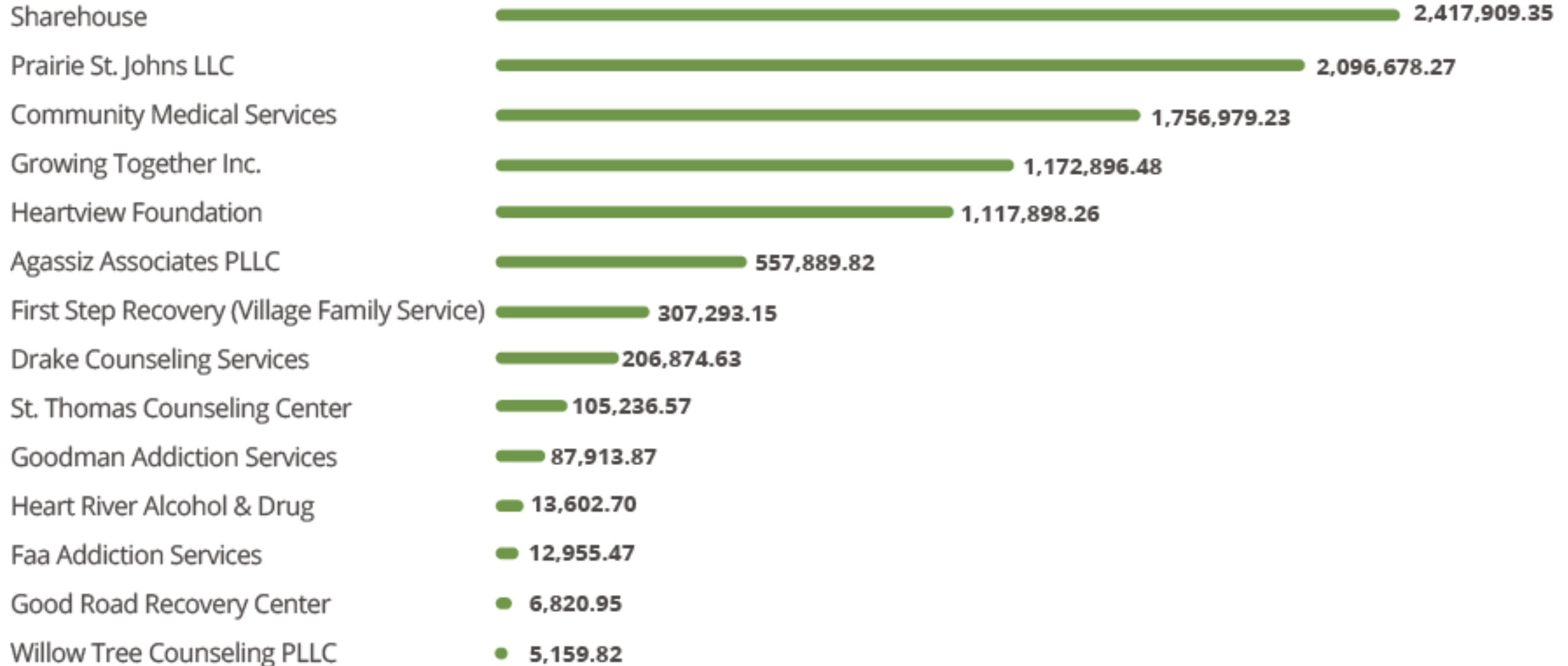
Regional Participant Expenditures



Total Voucher Reimbursements by Provider

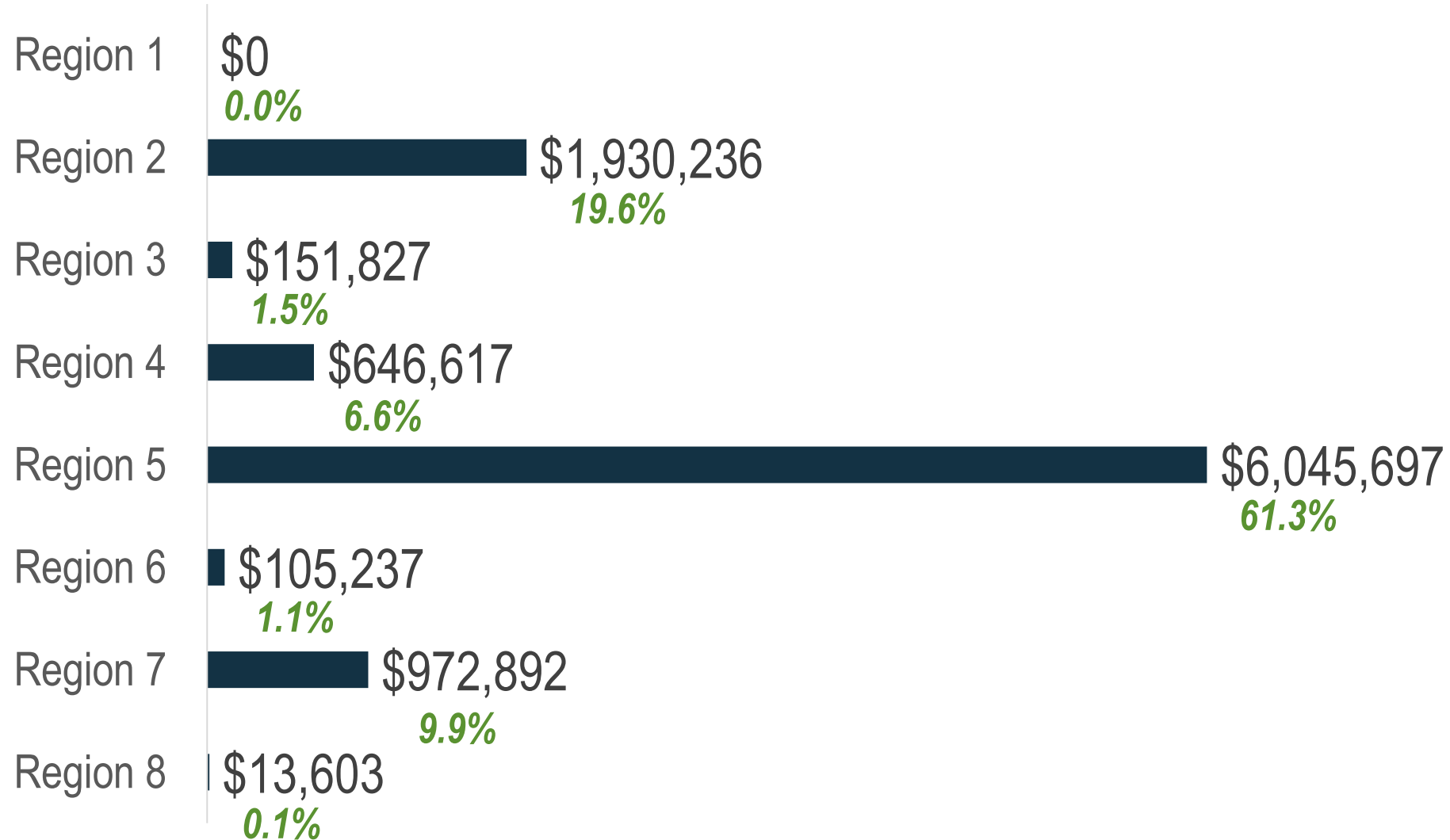
The data below describes provider reimbursements from July 1, 2019 through December 11, 2020 (\$9,866,108.57).

Cumulative refunds received during this time totaled \$219,292.81 for a net expenditure of \$9,646,815.76.



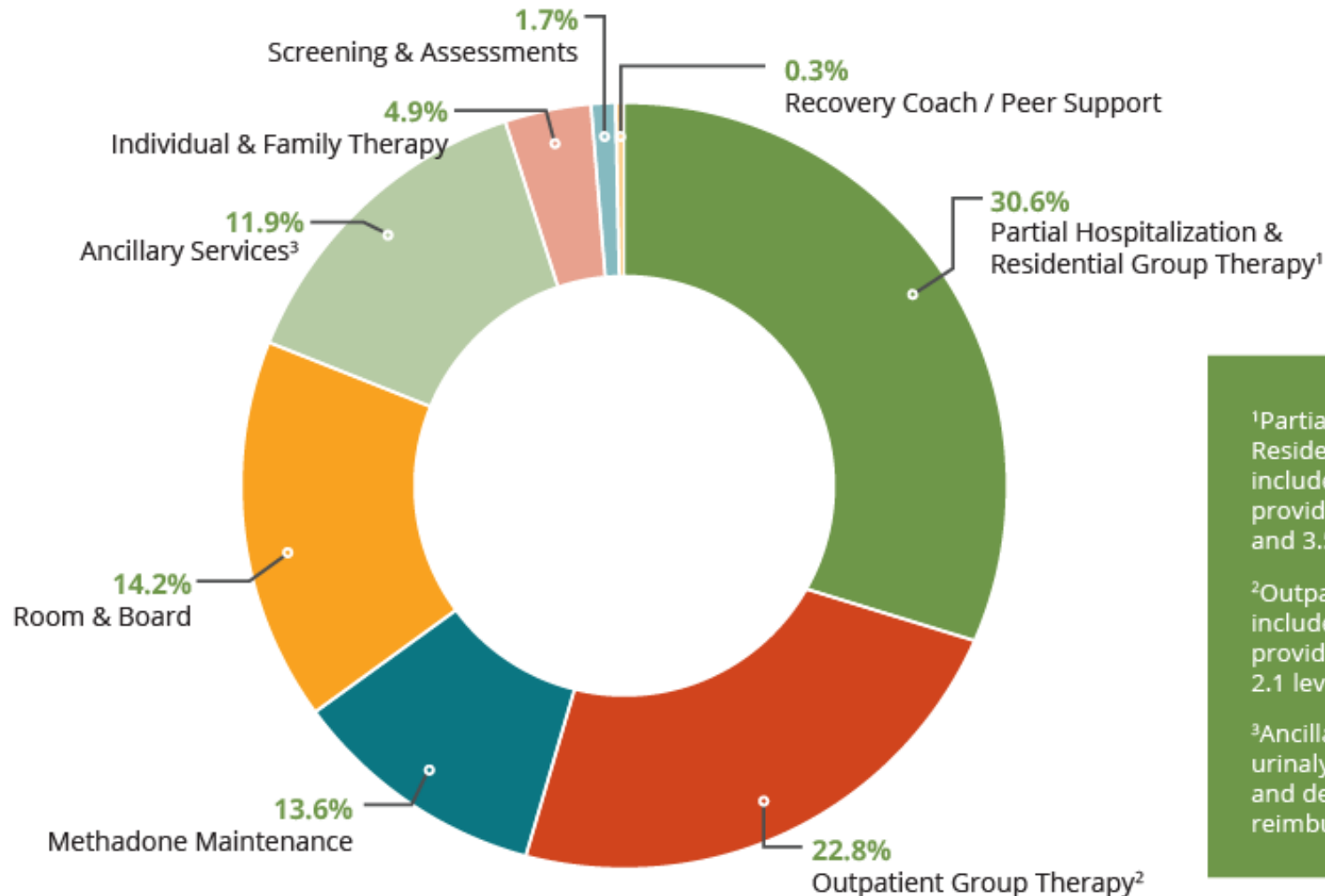
Regional Provider Reimbursements

July 1, 2019 – December 11, 2020



Expenditures by Service Type

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



¹Partial Hospitalization and Residential Group Therapy includes therapy services provided in the ASAM 2.5 and 3.5 levels of care

²Outpatient Group Therapy includes therapy services provided in the ASAM 1 and 2.1 levels of care

³Ancillary Services includes urinalysis, transportation, and deductible/copayment reimbursements

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



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



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



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



HOME

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

Average Outcome Scores Over Time



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