

**Testimony**  
**Engrossed House Bill 1402 - Department of Human Services**  
**Senate Human Services Committee**  
**Senator Judy Lee, Chairman**

March 8, 2021

Chairman Lee and members of the Human Services Committee, I am Pamela Sagness Behavioral Health Division Director for the Department of Human Services (Department). I appear today to provide testimony in support of Engrossed House Bill 1402.

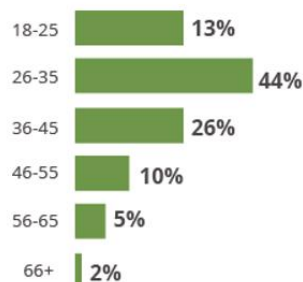
The Behavioral Health Division administers the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher which was created during the 2015 session with the intent for the department to establish and administer a voucher system to address underserved areas and gaps in the state's substance abuse treatment system and to assist in the payment of addiction treatment services provided by licensed substance abuse treatment programs. For context, I have provided SUD Voucher data below.

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

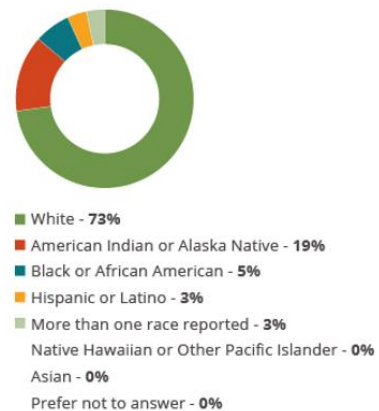
**Gender**



**Age**

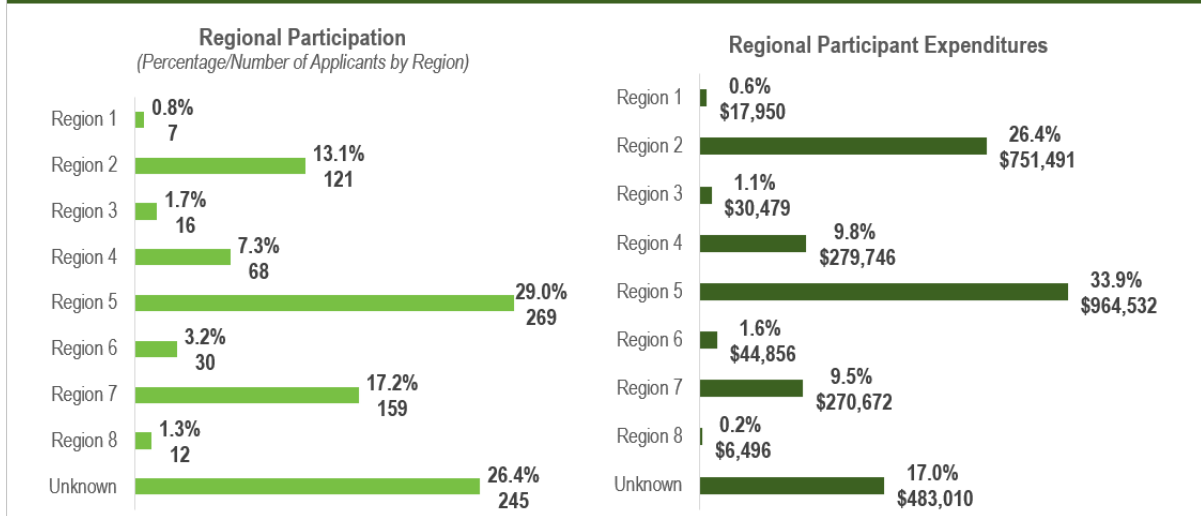


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## 6 Month Snapshot: Regional Participation and Expenditures

Applicants approved from February 2020 to August 2020



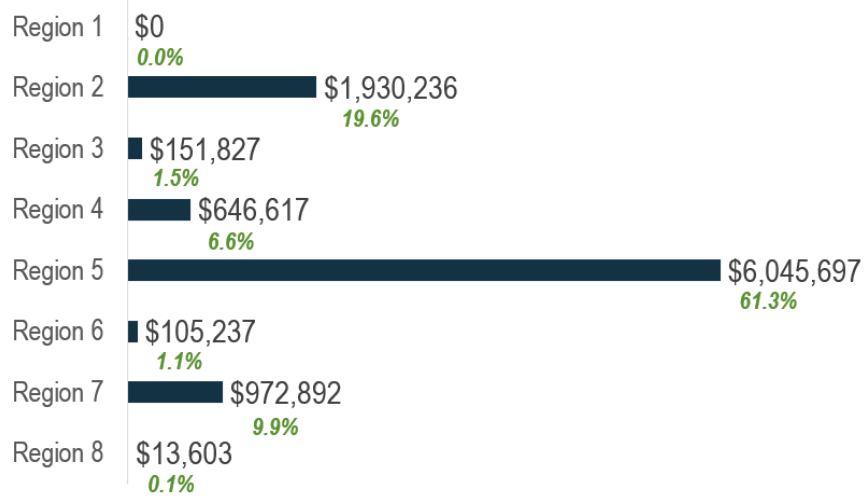
## Total Voucher Reimbursements by Provider

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.



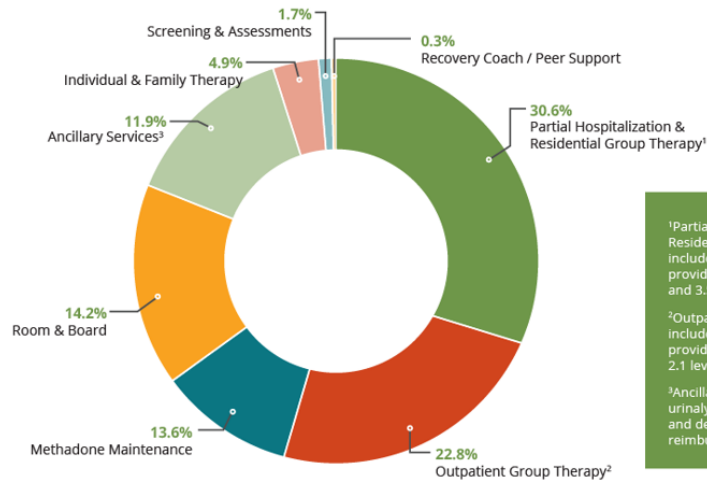
# Regional Provider Reimbursements

July 1, 2019 – December 11, 2020



# Expenditures by Service Type

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



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

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

<sup>3</sup>Ancillary 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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Engrossed House Bill 1402 builds on efforts to ensure the SUD Voucher addresses underserved areas and population. This concludes my testimony and I am available to answer any questions.