### **Memorandum of Agreement for:**

Communities of Practice for Rural Opioid Response Initiatives (COP-RORI) and Communities of Practice Planning to Reduce Opioid Use Disorders (COP-PROUD)

Two Proposals Submitted Under Funding Opportunity Number: HRSA-18-116, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.912

## **Purpose of Agreement**

The proposed project will operate with both a master consortium that will provide leadership and management oversight for project activities and with community-specific consortia that will lead project activities within the four Ohio communities who have agreed to participate in this project through proposal applications submitted by Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (Communities of Practice for Rural Opioid Response Initiatives [COP-RORI]) and through the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE; Communities of Practice Planning to Reduce Opioid Use Disorders [COP-PROUD]).

This agreement is between the six core participants of the master consortium. It details the roles of each partner and affirms their commitment to completing the required key activities during the 12-month period of performance.

Master consortium participants understand that the ability to undertake the key activities is contingent upon award of funding from HRSA for one or both proposal submissions. If the proposal from Ohio University is funded, Ashtabula County and Fairfield County will participate. If the proposal from PIRE is funded, Washington County and Sandusky County will participate. If both proposals are funded, we understand that all four communities will participate and, with the cost savings resulting from our collaboration, we will engage a 5<sup>th</sup> community, Seneca County, in this project. The award of one or both proposals will have a transformative effect on Ohio's ability to address opioid use disorder (OUD).

#### **Conditions**

Because this project is designed to build lasting, sustainable capacity to address OUD, Core participants agree that ownership of community projects and responsibility for completing required key activities rests with the community consortia in Washington County, Ashtabula County, Fairfield County, Sandusky County and, possibly, Seneca County.

Master consortium participants also understand that Ohio University and PIRE will function in a backbone role and have the sole responsibility of supporting each participating community as it undertakes each key planning activity. This will ensure that all key activities are completed during the 12-month period of performance. Ohio University and PIRE will provide logistical support, wraparound training and technical assistance, and leadership during virtual and face-to-face learning community meetings.

# **Key Activities**

All master consortium members are committed to ensuring that key required activities are completed by each community consortium.

## Key tasks include:

- Developing and strengthening each community consortium;
- Completing opportunity and gap analyses around OUD;
- Developing a comprehensive strategic plan to address gaps and unmet needs in each community around OUD prevention, treatment, and recovery;
- Developing a workforce development plan that addresses identified gaps in each community's workforce; and
- · Developing a sustainability plan to ensure that community consortia, capacity enhancements, and readiness to implement the key initiatives identified through the strategic planning processes are sustained beyond the 12-month period of performance

Ohio University and PIRE are committed to providing full wrap-around support to ensure that each community successfully completes each key activity. Wraparound support will include 1-1 and group training and technical assistance, development of materials to support activity completion, as well as any requested support from participating communities.

### Agreement

My signature below signifies my commitment to the principles of partnership outlined above and to completing each key activity during the 12-month period of performance.

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#### **ADDENDUM**

Communities of Practice for Rural Opioid Response Initiatives (COP-RORI) and Communities of Practice Planning to Reduce Opioid Use Disorders (COP-PROUD)

# Two Proposals Submitted Under Funding Opportunity Number: HRSA-18-116, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.912

This Addendum (the "Addendum") to Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Ashtabula County MHRS Board, Fairfield County ADAMH Board, MHRSB of Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot Counties, Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, and Washington County Health Department (collectively, the "Parties") amends that certain Memorandum of Agreement (the "Original MOA"), dated July 2018, and signed by the Parties. The purpose of this Addendum is to acknowledge that the two proposals in the Original MOA were funded by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) creating a shared services approach to HRSA RCORP-Planning Grants G25RH32459¬01¬00 (Ohio University--OU) and G25RH32461¬01¬01 (Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation--PIRE) and provide additional details to the Original MOA that are required by HRSA.

# 1. The Original MOA is amended as follows:

- (a) The funding of the two proposals by HRSA and the subsequent shared services agreement detailed in a separate Memorandum of Agreement between OU and PIRE has created the Master Consortium titled Communities of Practice for Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (COP-RCORP). The Master Consortium members include all Parties signing this document: Ashtabula County MHRS Board; Fairfield County ADAMH Board; MHRSB of Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot Counties; Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs; Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation; Sandusky County Health Department and Washington County Health Department.
- (b) Each of the Parties involved in COP-RCORP bring unique expertise pertinent to this project. Specifically, Ashtabula County MHRS Board will lead the local community consortium in Ashtabula County; Fairfield County ADAMH Board will lead the local community consortium in Fairfield County; MHRSB of Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot Counties will lead the local community consortium in Seneca County; Sandusky County Health Department will lead the local community consortium in Sandusky County; and Washington County Health Department will lead the local community consortium in Washington County. OU and PIRE will provide wraparound support and technical assistance to community consortia in Ashtabula, Fairfield, Sandusky, Seneca, and Washington Counties.
- (c) Each of the Parties acknowledges that participating in activities associated with the RCORP Planning award will reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdoses among our high-risk rural communities by strengthening the organizational and infrastructural capacity of multi-sector consortiums. Specifically, the COP-RCORP Master Consortium seeks to impact the opioid epidemic by developing a comprehensive plan for prevention, treatment, recovery supports, and workforce development for each local community consortium. By participating in the RCORP Planning award as a community of practice, each of the Parties believes that the

collective knowledge and capacity developed between and among the members will make each local strategic plan stronger.

- (d) Each of the Parties understands that the RCORP Planning award is to be used for the activities proposed in the consortium work plan, that the activities must exclusively benefit populations in the target rural service area, and that the award is not to be used for the exclusive benefit of any one consortium member.
- (e) In accordance with the federal government regulations for all PHS applications, key personnel from each of the seven participating organizations have completed the Federal Conflict of Interest (FCOI) training and disclosure requirements established by Ohio University and/or

the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation.	
2. All other terms and conditions under the Origin	al MOA remain unchanged and in effect.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executhe date and year set forth below.	ated this Addendum to the Original MOA as of
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