**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

*Guidance from JBS (HRSA’s TA Provider) on Overall Goal:* Include a summary of the geographical areas addressed in this needs assessment, including community culture and history.

Directions from OU/PIRE: Please answer the following questions in order to provide the language that will be used to complete the Introduction section of your final Needs Assessment report. In some instances, the information requested could be unknown or unavailable. In those cases, simply state that is the case.

1. **Summary of Geographical Areas Included in the Needs Assessment**

Guidance from OU/PIRE: What areas of your community are you including as part of the COP-RCORP Planning project for your needs assessment? In many cases, the needs assessment will cover all of the areas of your county/community. If the HRSA-designated rural areas of your county does not match exactly with the data you have, you may want to just state that this is the case.

Target Area as Listed in Proposal

Ashtabula County, OH

Fairfield County, OH in HRSA-designated rural census tracts of 43017, 43112, 43130, 43148, 43150, & 43155

Seneca County, OH

Sandusky County, OH, including Fremont and zip codes 43407, 43410, 43420, 43431, 43435, 43442, 43464, & 43469

Washington County, Ohio, including Marietta and Belpre and zip codes 45712, 45713, 45714, & 45715

Type your response here.

1. **General Population and Population of Focus**

Guidance from OU/PIRE: Who lives in your community? How many people live there? What is the age distribution, racial and ethnic background, and income level of community members? Who do you hope to most impact with your work? Feel free to pull language in here directly from what OU/PIRE shared with you from your proposal.

Type your response here.

1. **History of the Community**

Guidance from OU/PIRE: Please respond to each of the following questions regarding the overall history of your community. Keep in mind that the grant focuses on addressing prevention, treatment, and recovery for substance use disorders, so think about how to provide historical context for that work.

* 1. Please provide a short summary (couple of sentences) about your community’s history and work to address substance use disorders.

Type your response here.

* 1. How has the community developed and grown?

Type your response here.

1. **Community Culture**

Guidance from OU/PIRE: Please respond to each of the following questions regarding the overall community culture. Keep in mind that the grant focuses on addressing prevention, treatment, and recovery for substance use disorders, so think about how to describe the context of your community culture for that work.

* 1. Describe the overall cultural feel of your community. [Tip: You may want to speak with your visitor’s bureau or chamber of commerce for information to include here.]

Type your response here.

* 1. What is your community the most proud of from a cultural perspective?

Type your response here.

* 1. Please provide a narrative statement explaining each of the five pictures you provided for the website and why they are important and representative of your community.

Photo 1 is of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We selected it because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Photo 2 is of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We selected it because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Photo 3 is of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We selected it because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Photo 4 is of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We selected it because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Photo 5 is of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We selected it because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**VISION/MISSION/PLANNING VALUES**

*Guidance from JBS (HRSA’s TA Provider) on Overall Goal:* Example of your values may include transparency, community input, equity, and data-informed processes.

Directions from OU/PIRE: Please answer the following questions in order to provide information about your consortium’s vision, mission, and planning values because these provide clarity and focus. If your consortium does not already have these created, you will want to work collaboratively to develop them.

1. **Vision of Local Consortium**

Questions to Consider: What is the Consortium’s vision about the role it will play in your community? Where is your local consortium currently and where you and your consortium members see it heading in the short-term (1-2 years) and farther down the road (3-5 years)? What would your community look like after a perfect solution to the opioid epidemic were implemented?

To Do: Write a short working version of a vision statement for your consortium.

Type your response here.

1. **Mission of Local Consortium**

Questions to Consider: What is the “big picture” goal or aim of your consortium? How will your work propel your community toward the ideal conditions you imagined in your vision? What is your intention for the work your consortium will engage in related to OUD?

To Do: Write a short working version of a mission statement for your consortium.

Type your response here.

1. **Planning Values**

Questions to Consider: How will your consortium engage in its strategic planning process? What values will your consortium center during the planning process and how will you do that? Some examples include transparency, community input, equity, using data-informed process, etc. You do not have to choose all of these as planning values.

To Do: Provide a draft summary statement of the planning values for your consortium along with a brief sentence or two about why each planning value is important to your consortium. What does each value bring to the table that is important to your community and consortium?

Type your response here.