



Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notification EPIC Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Program Designation October 17, 2017

The Evidence-based Practice and Innovation Center (EPIC) at DBHIDS and CBH is launching a new Evidence-based Practice (EBP) Program Designation. The goals of the EPIC EBP Program Designation are to identify and roster providers who are offering high quality evidence-based and evidence-supported practices and to increase the number of individuals who receive evidence-based services. The EPIC EBP Designation outlines a set of standards that are expected for implementing an EBP Program in a community behavioral health setting and enables DBHIDS to set up mechanisms for monitoring and incentivizing the delivery of EBPs.

Who should apply for the EPIC EBP Program Designation?

The EBP Program Designation recognizes providers who are delivering evidence-based and evidence-supported interventions within the DBHIDS network. The EPIC EBP Program Designation standards are built around the expectation that a provider agency is supporting an EBP “Program” where multiple clinicians are available to deliver the service and organizational supports are in place to ensure engagement, sustainability, and high quality EBP service delivery.

Providers who receive the EPIC EBP Program Designation will be recognized on referral lists utilized by CBH Member Services and CBH Clinical Management and made available to CBH members, behavioral health professionals, and the general public.

The EBP Program Designation is an expectation for providers participating in DBHIDS EBP Initiatives and for providers implementing EBPs as part of the requirements of a procurement (RFP). It is also a requirement for any EBP Program incentives (e.g. enhanced rates, pay for performance) that become available.

What are the EPIC EBP Program Designation Standards?

The EPIC EBP Program Designation includes standards that have been identified as key to successful implementation by implementation science researchers and treatment experts and through local partnerships with community behavioral health providers.

The EBP Program Designation Standards include:

- **EBP Training and Consultation:** EBP clinicians and supervisors received training and case-specific consultation from a qualified treatment expert.

- **EBP Service Delivery:** Processes are in place for identifying, assessing, and engaging individuals who are appropriate for the EBP. There is capacity to deliver an adequate EBP service volume to maintain service delivery and proficiency in the model.
- **EBP Quality Assurance:** Processes are in place to support the sustained quality of the EBP program including: EBP documentation, supervision, and use of quality assurance tools and outcome measures.

Application

The EBP Program Designation application is a web-based form where providers can submit narrative descriptions and supporting documentation for each of the EBP Program Designation standards. A separate application is required for each EBP and for an EBP that is delivered at multiple levels of care.

The EBP Program Designation applications will be reviewed by a team at DBHIDS, in consultation with treatment experts. Providers will be notified if they have met the standards, if additional information is needed, or if they failed to meet the standards. Providers who receive EBP Program Designation will be expected to update their application annually, upon the request of DBHIDS or if there are changes to the EBP Program.

Timeline

The EBP Program Designation application will open in early November, 2017. We will hold a webinar information session to guide providers in the application process on October 30, 2017 9:30-11:30. The recording of the webinar will be made available on the EPIC website www.dbhids.org/epic. Providers who have participated in DBHIDS EBP Initiatives are expected to complete the EBP Program Designation application within six months of the application launch. Providers currently receiving training in DBHIDS EBP Initiatives will be notified of the timeline expectation for their EBP Program Designation application based on their EBP initiative training plan. The application will remain open so providers may apply when they feel prepared to meet all of the standards and as new EBP Programs are established.

Questions

Please forward any questions to epic_dbhids@phila.gov. Please visit the EPIC website to sign up for the EPIC email list for updates and visit the site regularly for additional information on the EBP Program Designation: www.dbhids.org/epic