



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

Department of Health Policy and Management

July 2021

1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation Quarterly Report (DY4, Q1)

Project Activities

During the period defined in this report, Tulane continued regular monthly meetings with its entire research team and quarterly meetings with LDH to ensure consistent project coordination. The research team continued their work on the three sub-analyses: Cost, Quantitative, and Qualitative.

April

The quarterly meeting with LDH and Tulane was cancelled on April 12th. In lieu of a meeting, Tulane and LDH team members corresponded via email to discuss requirements for the upcoming Draft Interim Evaluation Report. Tulane received the following guidance:

- LDH will expect to receive the first draft of the Draft Interim Evaluation Report from Tulane no later than September 10, with an additional two weeks for questions and responses between Tulane and LDH 1115 SUD team. The final draft of the Draft Interim Evaluation is needed by September 24.
- The Draft Interim Evaluation Report must comply with Attachment B of our Approved STCs. Attachment B was received.

May

The February Tulane research team internal meeting was held on May 10th. The following topics were discussed:

- Analysis Status and Needs
 - o Cost Analysis: Nothing to report currently.
 - o Quantitative:
 - Monthly data for measures #15 and #17(1).
 - ULM sent an IET output template that was approved on 5/6.
 - On 4/28 Ford Baker brought up a data discrepancy with the timeline of the IET and FUA measures being analyzed by LDH and ULM.
 - o Tulane will follow up with ULM to assess feasibility of 34-day range instead of 30-day. If ULM is not able to

provide the 34-day range, we will go back to LDH for further guidance.

- There are 4 more measures that the Quantitative team needs to reproduce on our end. Once that is completed, there will be a meeting with LDH to finalize.
- Strategy for the Year 3 Results
 - CMS did not have specific guidance on how to handle the impact of COVID. Internal team discussions favor a basic trend analysis.
 - We are still discussing whether we can do an analysis that accounts for the impact of Hurricane Laura, which would most likely be to exclude those parishes or a trend analysis.
- Qualitative:
 - Will begin scheduling interviews with providers soon.
 - Requested feedback from Quantitative team on any questions that come up during analysis that should be included in the interviews.

June

The June Tulane internal meeting was cancelled on June 14th. The following updates were shared by the team via email:

- Analysis Status and Needs
 - Cost Analyses
 - Nothing to report currently.
 - Quantitative
 - Nothing to report currently.
 - Qualitative
 - A batch of letters inviting physicians to be interviewed was sent out the previous week. More will be sent, and physicians and other types of respondents will be called directly in the coming weeks.

As of June 30th, the following items have been received from LDH:

- 1115 SUD STCs Attachment B
- 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver Administrative Cost Report – CY21 – March
- 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver Administrative Cost Report – CY21 – April
- 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver Administrative Cost Report – CY21 – May
- CMS Comments on Las 1115 SUD Monitoring Report - DY3Q3 and Day3Q4

Status of analysis by topic – June 30th, 2021

Quantitative Analyses (Lead Researcher: Dr. Kevin Callison)

- Finishing the recoding of evaluation metrics to align with the reporting metrics that LDH is utilizing.

- Awaiting monthly data for certain measures from ULM. Anticipating receipt of this data in mid-July.
- Awaiting remaining 2020 data and updated data workbook from LDH to complete analysis for the Draft Interim Evaluation Report.

Cost Analyses Report (Lead Researcher: Dr. Charles Stoecker):

- Pending the necessary quantitative results needed to complete Year 3 results analysis.

Care Coordination (Lead researcher: Dr. Janna Wisniewski):

- First wave of interview requests has been deployed. Second wave of communications will be initiated in the coming weeks.

DELIVERABLE STATUS

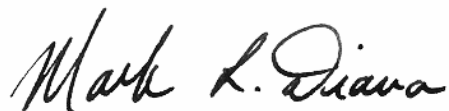
Quarterly and Annual Reports: Quarterly reports have been submitted on deadline and have summarized the evaluation feedback process with LDH and CMS.

Data reports: The Tulane Research team is currently working towards the Year 3 Data Analysis Report, and the Draft Interim Evaluation Report.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds have been used for this project to cover faculty and staff time to develop the initial SUD evaluation plan, define the work timetables once the evaluation plan was approved; coordinate activity with within Tulane and with LDH, and to develop reports and associated deliverables.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark L. Diana, PhD

Professor

Drs. W.C. Tsai and P.T. Kung Professor in Health Systems Management

504.988.5359 (V)

mdiana@tulane.edu