

Memorandum

To: IPS Teams and CCO's

From: Angella James, Evidence-Based Practice Coordinator

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Subject: OSECE-IPS Contractor update & Fidelity Procedure Change

Dear IPS Teams and CCO's;

OHA is pleased to announce that Portland State University has been selected and awarded the Solicitation for the Statement of Work for OSECE-IPS contract! As exciting as this is; there is a lot of work to be done before fidelity reviews resume! OHA will be emailing out all IPS Team's technical assistance plans to the Team Lead in efforts to confirm staffing census is accurate to support onboarding of PSU!

In other good news, one of the major projects OHA has been working on this last year is developing a more efficient fidelity review process. Through this development; it has been identified that our behavioral health IPS service landscape consisted of four (4) categories:

- **Dual ACT:** One agency, two separate teams for IPS & ACT. There can be an identified Employment Specialist either assigned to the ACT Team or ACT operates completely siloed with their own Employment Specialist and IPS Team is embedded within other service areas.
- **Mixed ACT:** The Employment Specialist is supervised by ACT Team Lead, however the caseload is comprised with ACT & **other** services (Employment Specialist has a Mixed Caseload). There is not a separate IPS Team.
- **Solo ACT:** Employment Specialist only serves ACT participants and there is no other IPS Team/service within the agency.
- **Solo IPS:** When an agency does not have an ACT Team.

When fidelities do resume; Solo ACT Teams will no longer be required to complete an IPS fidelity review as a result of the Tool for Measuring ACT (TMACT) transition since it directly outlines the Employment Specialists duties and expectations per the evidence-based model. Solo ACT Employment Specialists will continue to be part of the IPS Listserv's and have full access to OSECE-IPS learning opportunities or IPS technical assistance supports a Solo IPS Team would have access to.

Fidelity resume dates will be announced in alignment with *OAR 309-019-0285(2)* which requires the fidelity scale and notification to the IPS Team at least 45-days prior to a fidelity review. If you have any questions about this memo, or you feel your IPS Team does not fit within one of the four (4) categories, please contact Angella James at angella.pulkownik2@oha.oregon.gov or 503-367-6414.