

Proposed Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Lynnwood Comprehensive Treatment Center – Acadia Public Comment Responses

How will the OTP address safety, potential crime, and loitering?

Facility will employ security guard immediately prior to, during, and immediately following operating hours to discourage loitering at the facility or surrounding areas. Any illegal activity will be immediately reported to law enforcement.

Patients will be educated at admission on expectations for community standards including loitering at or near facility.

Lynnwood Comprehensive Treatment Center (CTC) will host monthly community meetings where community members can meet at the facility to discuss any ongoing concerns.

How will the OTP manage the volume of patients at this clinic?

There are 140 patients on daily dosing. The majority of patients at the facility have advanced take-home status, meaning they come in to clinic weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. Pick-up days are spread throughout the week/month.

The facility is open for dosing 6 hours/day, approx 25 patients/hour. Dosing is normally complete by 11:30am. On average in 2022, patients were medicated in 6.2 minutes from arrival at facility.

The Lynnwood CTC Will be continually monitored and adjusted to alleviate traffic/volume concerns. We will also will host an open-house in February so that the community can see the location and get better understanding of how our program operates

How is the OTP funded?

The Lynnwood CTC will have contracts with various funding sources, which include Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurance. We also offer low cost bundled services for patients paying out of pocket.

Transit access/transportation:

The majority of our patients have their own transportation or receive services through medical transportations. However, the nearest bust stop is at 196th and Alderwood.

How does an OTP work and what services are provided?

An Opiate Treatment Program (OTP) uses Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in combination with counseling and behavioral therapy to provide treatment to individuals struggling with an Opioid use

disorder. Giving medication in conjunction with counseling and behavioral therapy allows the individual to maintain abstinence from drugs without feeling the negative effects of withdrawal and cravings without producing the euphoria that the drug of abuse caused. New patients present daily to receive medication and overtime can receive Take-home medication that requires less frequent visits to the clinic.

At the Lynnwood CTC we will be providing the following services:

Individual therapy

Group therapy

Who has access to the OTP? Is it voluntary or court-ordered?

We provide access to anyone who is 18 years of age or older and addicted to opioids. All patients who enter into treatment do so voluntarily.

What Outreach has there been to the community members?

On 09/22/22 introductions were made to sergeant L. Carter via email. We expressed our desire to collaborate on outreach efforts in the community.

On the following days we attended the WSATOD meetings with other OTP in the state of Washington. We continue to collaborate and discuss ongoing issues in relation Narcan, fentanyl crisis, opiate settlement funds, OTP services, mobile units, and covid related concerns and topics. We met on the following dates:

On 02/17/2022

06/16/2022

09/15/2022

11/17/2022

The Regional Director emailed Cammy Hart on 09/30/2022 to express desire to collaborate on community outreach efforts.

On 10/06/2022 -emailed the Overdose prevention group-Multi Agencies Coordination (MAC)group. for outreach coordination and to be added to the resource list.

11/14/2022-called the number listed on the Edmonds school district website and left a message for the superintendent Dr. Rebecca Miner.

12/01/2022- Acadia Regional Director reached out to Ruth Cassidy from Alderwood Boys and Girls Club regarding facility move to Lynnwood. Ruth expressed concerns about the proximity to the Boys and Girls Club. Discussed services we provide and hours of operation. Discussed plan for minimizing loitering. Contact information provided for future questions/concerns

12/28/2022- Regional Director emailed and left a voicemail for Heidi beazizo, gave introduction, gave contact information and reached out for any questions or concerns.

On 12/29/2022 Regional Director met with Mayor Fizzell & Julie Moore Discussed facility and services we provide. Discussed patient demographics, concerns regarding paraphernalia and safety. Discussed community outreach.

Attended city council meetings on the following dates:

01/03/2023

011/09/2023

January 6th Clinical Supervisor and Regional Director provided personal outreach. This included handing out contact information for the Regional Director, informing of the address of the relocation changes, discussing the company and the services that we provide, and informing them of our future plans for an ongoing monthly community meeting. We also answered any questions that individuals may have had. We made contact with the following business/individuals:

VCA

Alyssa- JL remodeling

Daniel Doran-Barrier Technologies

Jesse Ward- Lynnwood CrossFit

Why is the company relocating from Bothell?

The ownership of the Bothell facility changed prior to the renewal of our lease in Jan 2023. We were informed by the new owner that they had other plans for the building and that we would need to find a new location.

What is the company's process for vetting sites?

We engaged our real-estate team to search for properties in Bothell and surrounding areas that are in close proximity to our patients and where local zoning allows our use. After we identified the available properties, we vetted the intended use with the owners of the properties to assess which properties were viable options. With limited appropriately zoned properties available, the location in Lynnwood was the best available option.

Why was Lynnwood the chosen site?

With limited appropriately zoned properties available, the location in Lynnwood was the best available option. Over 100 of our current patients live within 5 miles of the Lynnwood location and are actively living, working, and our active members of the community.

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