



PUBLIC HEARING FOR
COLUMBIA RIVER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
AN OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM (OTP)

March 14, 2023
WEBINAR
4:30 p.m.

OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM (OTP)

Engages in the treatment of opioid use disorder with medications approved by the United States food and drug administration for the treatment of opioid use disorder and reversal of opioid overdose.

- **Methadone**
- Buprenorphine
- Naltrexone

The Department does not:

- Own, operate, or provide funding to OTPs.
- Determine, approve, choose, or otherwise suggest the location of an OTP.

Proposed agencies pay licensing fees to cover the costs of licensing and regulating the agency.

PROPOSED CERTIFICATION OF Columbia River mental Health Services

A change of location application and community relations plan was received by the department in January to obtain certification for Columbia River Mental Health Services to operate an opioid treatment program.

The proposed site location is at:

◆ 7105 NE 40th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661

The siting determination for the proposed program from the City of Vancouver is pending as of February 14, 2023.

Regulatory Agencies

OTP programs are regulated by:

- Department of Health (DOH)
- WA State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission
- The Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- A federally recognized accreditation body
- The federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Regulatory Requirements

The laws, rules, and procedures for the certification process of OTPs includes:

- 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 8
- Chapter 71.24 Revised Code of Washington (RCW)
- Chapter 246-341 Washington Administrative Code (WAC)
- SAMHSA's "Federal Guidelines for Opioid Treatment Programs"

Certification Steps for Proposed Programs

Proposed OTPs must submit to the department:

- A completed licensing and certification application (including fee)
- A community relations plan developed in consultation with the county and city legislative authorities or their designee to document strategies to obtain community input regarding the proposed location of the program and a plan to address any identified concerns.
- Policies and procedures demonstrating compliance with rules and regulations for review and approval.
- Documentation that the proposed OTP has secured a location that meets county, tribal, or city land use ordinances.

Certification Steps for Proposed Programs (2)

Proposed OTPs must obtain:

- Registration from the WA State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission
- Certification from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- Accreditation from a federally recognized accreditation body
- Registration from the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Certification Steps for the Department

When considering a licensing and certification application for an OTP the department must:

- Certify only programs that will be sited in accordance with the appropriate county or city land use ordinance.
 - Counties and cities may require conditional or special use permits with reasonable conditions for the siting of programs. However, please note that pursuant to [RCW 36.70A.200](#), no local comprehensive plan or development regulation may preclude the siting of an essential public facility.
- Consider the size of the population in need of treatment, in the area in which the program would be located and certify only applicants whose programs meet the necessary treatment needs of that population.
- Consider the availability of other **certified** programs near the area in which the applicant proposes to locate the program.

Certification Steps for the Department (2)

When considering a licensing and certification application for an OTP the department must:

- Consider the transportation systems that would provide services to the program and whether the system will provide reasonable opportunities to access the program for persons in need of treatment.
- Consider whether the applicant has, or has demonstrated in the past, the capability to provide the appropriate services to assist the persons who utilize the program in meeting the goals established by the Legislature in RCW 71.24.585. The department shall prioritize certification to applicants who have demonstrated such capability and are able to measure their success in meeting such outcomes.

Certification Steps for the Department (3)

When considering a licensing and certification application for an OTP the department must:

- Hold one public hearing for the community in which the facility is proposed to be located.

Additionally, all public comments received in writing and during the public hearing will be shared with the proposed OTP. The proposed OTP will respond to any concerns by submitting to DOH an updated community relations plan.

- Response to comments and concerns will be posted to the DOH website two weeks following the public hearing.

Contact DOH

OTPComments@doh.wa.gov

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