

SAMHSA Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance Outreach, Access and Recovery Training Center (SOAR) Web-based Data Form

Supporting Statement

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

B. 1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

SAMHSA's SOAR Technical Assistance Center works with all states to implement SOAR. The respondent universe for SOAR-assisted applications and users of the SOAR Web-based Data Form is SOAR-trained caseworkers in these states and communities. However, use of the form is voluntary and not all SOAR states or communities use it. SAMHSA is making this available to everyone using the SOAR method to assist those who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness to apply for SSDI benefits. There is no sampling or respondent selection by SAMHSA.

B. 2. Information Collection Procedures

States may voluntarily use reports generated from this form, application data collected using their Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), or any other method to track outcomes on their SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI applications. In 2019, the SAMHSA SOAR Technical Assistance Center received outcome data from 49 states and the District of Columbia, using a variety of methods of data collection. Data are summarized by the SOAR State Team Lead in each state and submitted to SAMHSA's SOAR Technical Assistance Center. These data are also provided to other federal agencies that request them, such as the USICI and the VA.

B. 3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates

SAMHSA anticipates that having the SOAR Web-based Data Form online will make it easier for caseworkers to track the outcomes of the applications they completed using the SOAR model. SAMHSA anticipates that approximately 75 percent of SOAR states/communities will elect to use this web-based form. Since 2011 when OMB clearance was first received, SAMHSA has continued to provide training on the use of the web-based data form.

B. 4. Tests of Procedures

Nine representatives from five states, were asked to review a prototype of the original web-based data form (see A. 8). Additional feedback has been incorporated into a revised version of the web-based form.

B. 5. Statistical Consultants

Policy Research Associates, as contractor for the SAMHSA SOAR Technical Assistance Center, has responsibility for development of the web-based form and annual data collection for SAMHSA's SOAR Technical Assistance Center.

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List of Attachments:

Attachment A:

- Part I: SSI/SSDI Application Outcomes

Attachment B:

- Part II: State Lead Annual Reporting