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**Project Title:** CONNECTICUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

**Budget Amount:** \$621,944.00

**Category IV:** HIRING OF CIVILIAN STAFF IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY-RELATED AGENCIES

**Project Goals:** This proposal is an attempt at a new approach in the State of Connecticut to deal with the abuse of prescription drug medications by “doctor shoppers”. The proposed plan would take those individuals identified by the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS) as a potential “doctor shopper” and after a programmed investigation, if criteria are met by the individual, an offer of rehabilitation instead of criminal arrest would be made. By offering this option up front any individual taking the program would avoid criminal prosecution. A further benefit would be the relief it would offer the police, courts and potentially the Department of Corrections.

**Project Deliverables:** The program will be expected to investigate a minimum of one hundred (100) individuals for “doctor shopping” per year. Also, the program will conduct at least twenty-five (25) presentations/trainings per year to law enforcement agencies across the state on using the CPMRS as a tool to assist in investigations of potential “doctor shopper” cases. The number of completed investigations and trainings will be categorized into the following:

**Cases identified by the CPMRS as potential “doctor shoppers”:**

1. Number of individuals that accepted the rehabilitation
2. Number of individuals that successfully complete the rehabilitation program
3. Number of individuals who do not successfully complete the program; and
4. Number of individuals arrested.

**Presentations/Trainings:**

1. Number of law enforcement facilities that have received training
2. Number of practitioners that have received training
3. Number of professional organizations that have received training
4. Number of treatment programs that have received training

**Coordination Plans:** The proposed plan will be in collaboration with the Governors Prevention Partnership, Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). DPS will assist the program with cases that will be forwarded to the criminal justice system. The program will be housed at the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.