

**MEMORANDUM OF INTENT TO COLLABORATE  
REGARDING  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN ADDICTION  
BETWEEN  
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY,  
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, AND  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**

This Memorandum of Intent to Collaborate ("Memorandum") is between Clemson University, Medical University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina, (collectively, the "Research Universities"), South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services ("DAODAS"), and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC").

In an effort to combine, and more efficiently deploy, resources in addressing opioid use disorders ("OUDs") and other substance use disorders ("SUDs") in South Carolina, the parties to this Memorandum hereby create the South Carolina Center of Excellence In Addiction ("Center of Excellence").

In addition to conducting research, the Center of Excellence will provide training, program implementation, and service delivery throughout the state of South Carolina with regard to OUDs and SUDs.

The Center of Excellence shall be a collaborative institution jointly owned and operated by the parties.

The Center of Excellence shall adhere to the highest scientific quality, values and ethical standards in all of its activities.

The Center of Excellence is grounded in the commitment of the parties to maintain an equal partnership in a manner that maximizes their mutual ability to deliver services and programing to the people of South Carolina.

To avoid the inefficient expenditure of resources, and to ensure consistency in practices deployed throughout the state, the parties intend to use the Center of Excellence in a unified manner to apply for grant funding from the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund ("SCORF") and to apply for funding from individual counties and municipalities to address the opioid crisis.

The Research Universities intend to collectively contribute their academic and clinical resources to the Center of Excellence for the various grant-funded programs and initiatives.

DAODAS and DHEC intend to provide administrative, clinical and technical assistance to the Center of Excellence in implementing the grant-funded programs and initiatives.

This Memorandum is an expression of the parties' intent to collaborate, and, while the parties agree to the contents of this Memorandum in principle, the parties shall have no legal obligation to each other resulting from the execution of this Memorandum.

Acknowledged and accepted this 22 day of NOV, 2022.

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