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Vivitrol Grants Assist Rock County Jail Inmates with Opioid Addictions

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The Rock County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the start of two re-entry grant programs designed to assist inmates with opioid addictions prior to their release from custody. The Rock County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with the Rock County Human Services Department and the Compass Behavioral Health Clinic have obtained two separate grants to assist incarcerated inmates with re-entry into the community.

The Transitional Recovery Services to Empower, Assist, and Transcend (TREAT) Grant was awarded to the Compass Behavioral Health Clinic. This grant will allow incarcerated individuals that meet certain criteria to be assessed, prescribed, and given a Vivitrol injection, prior to being released back into the community. This grant program includes the assistance of a Mental Health Specialist who will connect inmates with community resources and continued addiction treatment after their release from the jail.

The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant was awarded to the Rock County Human Services Department. This grant will assist incarcerated individuals who do not qualify for the TREAT Grant. The focus of this grant is to help identify needs, assess, and obtain a Vivitrol injection for inmates prior to their release back into the community.

Vivitrol (Naltrexone) is an extended release injectable suspension that is administered by intramuscular injection. It is only given once every thirty (30) days and deters the effects of opioids by blocking receptors in the brain that give a person pleasure sensations when they take opiates in any form. The use of Vivitrol helps reduce cravings for opioids and therefore ideally helps prevent relapse.

These grants are designed to help identify inmates with an opioid addiction, assess treatment needs, assist them with a Vivitrol injection, and release them with a treatment plan. The goal is to provide inmates with an aftercare plan and lower their risk of returning to jail in the future.

The first inmate received a Vivitrol injection on December 28, 2018, and was released from jail with a treatment plan and follow-up aftercare with the Compass Behavioral Health Clinic.

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