

## IV: Narrative Plan

### K. Technical Assistance Needs

Page 46 of the Application Guidance

Narrative Question:

---

Please describe the data and technical assistance needs identified by the State during the process of developing this plan that will be needed or helpful to implement the proposed plan. The technical assistance needs identified may include the needs of State, providers, other systems, persons receiving services, persons in recovery, or their families. The State should indicate what efforts have been or are being undertaken to address or find resources to address these needs, and what data or technical assistance needs will remain unaddressed without additional action steps or resources.

**Footnotes:**

## **Office of Adult Mental Health Services**

A significant technical assistance need is consultation regarding the exploration of State Plan Amendments and/or Waiver options available through the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. Currently we are taking an initial look at the Section 1915(i) State Plan Amendment for the Office of Adult Mental Health. Systems change of this magnitude will demand expertise and thorough communication by and between all interested parties (consumers, providers, families, state and federal government). Technical assistance, specifically around components of future plans, eligibility, services, and cost will be necessary as Maine looks at future options under the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid.

Another Technical Assistance need is support in further implementing the OQ Measures system. This TA may take the form of a financial commitment to support TA from this provider, or other financial support to help implement the system statewide. The OQ Tool is a nationally (and internationally) recognized instrument promoting consumer involvement and measurement in the Recovery Process.

The third TA need is assistance and/or financial support in developing an increased Information Technology capacity with the ability to identify client level information and discreet funding sources.

The fourth TA need is assistance and/or financial support in sustaining the SOAR Program in Maine. As SOAR recipients are typically uninsured homeless person. We believe SOAR is well aligned with the Block Grant.