

## VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

**Title:** Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Opioid Epidemic Associate

**Sponsoring Organization:** Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

**Project Name:** Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council II

**Project Number:** 16VSSFL011

**Project Period:** 03/31/2019 - 04/11/2020

**Site Name (if applicable):** Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

### Focus Area(s)

**Primary:** Capacity Building

**Secondary:** Other

## VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

**Goal of the Project:** The VISTA member will assist in development of an integrated assessment of the opioid crisis in Southwest Florida. Project will include data collection, creation of a Southwest Florida Network on opioid abuse, continued development of a regional Task Force on opioid abuse, and development of a strategic regional plan to address the opioid crisis in Southwest Florida.

### Objective of the Assignment (*Period of Performance: August 2019- August 2020*)

Gather data on crisis and impacts; create Southwest Florida Network to share resources and information; continue the development of the Southwest Florida Task Force on overdose/opioid abuse and prevention.

**Member Activity:** Gather data on opioid crisis and impacts. a. create interview templates/surveys b. Identify and Interview medical providers c. Identify and Interview service providers d. Identify and Interview individuals addicted to opioids or in treatment e. Identify and Interview law enforcement f. Create an ongoing database of providers, stakeholders, and interviews.

**Member Activity:** Create Southwest Florida Network to share resources and information regarding opioid abuse and prevention. a. Identify and solicit and maintain participation of medical providers b. Identify and solicit participation of service providers c. Identify and solicit participation of recovering/recovered persons d. Identify and solicit participation by law enforcement e. Create an ongoing database of providers, stakeholders and resources f. Schedule, prepare for and attend all relevant meetings to represent SWFRPC organizational interest and stake.

**Member Activity:** Maintain the regional Southwest Florida Task Force on opioid/overdose abuse and prevention. a. Identify and solicit participation of medical providers b. Identify and solicit participation of service providers c. Identify and solicit participation of recovering/recovered persons d. Identify and solicit participation by law enforcement e. Create an ongoing database of providers, stakeholders and resources f. Schedule, prepare for and attend all relevant meetings to represent SWFRPC organizational interest and stake

**Objective of the Assignment** (*Period of Performance: August 2019- August 2020*)

Develop a strategic regional plan to address opioid crisis in Southwest Florida.

**Member Activity:** Assist with development of a strategic regional plan to address opioid crisis in Southwest Florida. a. Coordinate plan development with all stakeholders and participants b. Post planing database and online c. Promote plan to community through online channels, media (print,radio,and television) d. Update plan as appropriate