

# Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Under Attack

## **Confirmed October Reduction In Force (RIF) Breakdown at SAMHSA**

In total we have confirmed that at least 118 SAMHSA staff at the Centers were included in the October RIFs. The breakdown and impacts for some of the programs and grants that are managed by these RIF'd employees are listed below. The information below primarily focuses on the impacts of RIFs at the Centers at SAMHSA. There is also information about the RIF impacts at other SAMHSA offices outside of the Centers.

The October Reduction In Force Breakdown below was compiled by the offices of Reps. Paul Tonko and Madeleine Dean. Reps. Tonko and Dean serve as the Democratic leaders of the Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus and have a long time focus on mental health and addiction policy and funding.

Additionally, NTEU, the union who represents many employees at SAMHSA can share confirmation of what they have been provided.

## **Breakdown of the SAMHSA Staff RIF'd in October**

In the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) 68 FTE were RIF'd

In the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) 24 FTE were RIF'd

In the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) 26 FTE were RIF'd

**In total at least 118 FTE were RIF'd at SAMHSA's Centers in the October RIFs.**

For all of SAMHSA, if you add in the 7 staff RIFed at the Office of Intergovernmental and Public Affairs (OIPA) that brings the total to **at least 125 staff in the October RIFs**

## **Who is left at SAMHSA?**

In July of 2025 SAMHSA had 551 FTE down from 876 FTE at the start of the Trump Administration. With at least 125 staff RIF'd in October, at most 426 FTE remain post RIFs. **It is apparent that less than 50 percent of the staff at SAMHSA who were there on Day 1 of the Trump Administration remain.** The number remaining is likely significantly lower, but we don't have access to the attrition numbers between July and October.

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## **Detailed Breakdown by Center:**

### **The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)**

At CMHS 68 people were RIF'd in October. This would leave approximately 60 FTE post RIFs. This number includes the PHS officers who cannot be RIF'd. (At the start of the year there was about 190 FTE at CMHS)

CMHS Divisions and Programs impacted by the RIFs include:

**The Office of Program Analysis and Coordination (OPAC)**

Both branches RIF'd. In total 10 staff were RIF'd. 4 civil service remain (technically in the Office of the Director) and 2 PHS officers remain.

**The Office of Technical Assistance and Coordination (OTAC)**

OTAC's entire division of 16 staff were RIF'd, zero remain.

OTAC administers the following programs:

- The Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) which this Administration has claimed to support (was promoted and named in the Executive Order on Crime and Disorder in America's Streets was RIF'd in April. OTAC now manages those grants. That team is fully RIF'd.
- The National Women's Mental Health and Substance Use Technical Assistance Center
- The Community-Based Maternal Behavioral Health Services Program
- The Women's Behavioral Health Technical Assistance Center
- The National Center for Mental Health: Dissemination, Implementation, and Sustainment
- The Refugee and Migrant Behavioral Health Technical Assistance Center;
- The Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF) Center

**The Division of State and Community Systems Development (DSCSD)**

DSCSD lost 14 out of 25 people, leaving 11 people

DSCSD includes two branches: The State Consumer Protection Branch (SCPB) which was fully RIF'd and the State and Homeless Programs Branch (SHPB)

**The State Consumer Protection Branch** includes the following programs

- The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)- This branch included the CMHS MHBG Lead, the MHBG Data Lead, and the MHBG Crisis Set Aside Subject Matter Expert as well as the majority of MHBG Project Officers.
- Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)
- Minority Fellowship Program (MFP)
- The Statewide Consumer Network Program (SCN)
- National Consumer and Consumer-Supporter Technical Assistance Centers (NTACs)

**The Division of Children and School Mental Health (DCSMH)**

DCSMH lost 17 out of 18 people, only remaining person is a PHS Officer

DCSMH has two branches: the Child and Adolescent branch (CAFB) and Mental Health Promotion (MHPB).

**The Child, Adolescent and Family Branch CAFB** includes the following programs:

- Project LAUNCH

- Infant Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Grant Program
- CHR-P (Community Programs for Outreach and Intervention with Youth and Young Adults at Clinical High Risk for Psychosis)
- Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) (also known as Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances)
- Healthy Transitions (HT)
- Statewide Family Network (SFN)
- National Training & Technical Assistance Center for Children, Youth, & Family Mental Health (NTTAC)
- Circles of Care (CoC) for American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN)

**The Mental Health Promotion Branch (MHPB)** includes the following programs:

- Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT)
- Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education)
- Trauma-Informed Services in Schools (TISS)

**The Division of Community Behavioral Health (DCBH)**

DCBH has two branches: the Comprehensive Services and Systems Branch (CSSB) and the Comprehensive Services and Integration Branch (CSIB). CSSB had 8 out of 9 FTE RIFed and 1 PHS remains.

**The Comprehensive Services and Systems Branch (CSSB)** includes the following programs:

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)

Notes:

In the Division of Suicide Prevention and Community Supports (DSPCS) no staff were RIF'd in October. 13 people remain. In April the Community Support Programs Branch (CSPB) was entirely RIF'd. CSPB managed AOT, ACT, Early Diversion, Supported Employment, the GAINS Center for Behavioral Health Justice Transformation, and all the Congressional Directed Spending grants.

In the Office of the Director (OD) all staff who could be RIF'd were RIF'd in April. The Acting Director remains and is SES so cannot be RIF'd. The OD managed the Center of Excellence on Social Media and Mental Wellbeing.

In the Division of Trauma and Disaster Behavioral Health there were no RIFs. 16 staff remain, 8 in Disaster Behavioral Health Branch (DBHB), 3 in OD and 5 in the Traumatic Stress Branch (TSB).

SHPB which was not RIF'd manages a portion of the MHBGs, the PATH grant and the Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness (TIEH) programs. SHPB managed the SOAR Technical Assistance (TA) Center which the administration discontinued on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

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### **The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)**

At CSAP 24 FTE were RIF'd in October.

At the Division of Primary Prevention 16 people were RIFed. 3 people in this division remain under the Office of the Director.

At the Office of the Director 5 people were RIF'd and only PHS remain.

At the Office of Prevention Innovation 8 people were RIFed.

CSAP Divisions and Programs impacted by the RIFs include:

#### **The Division of Primary Prevention (DPP)**

DPP includes the following programs:

- Overseeing the substance use prevention portion of the larger Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grants (SUPTRS BG)
- Strategic Prevention Framework
- Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act)
- Monitoring Compliance of Synar Regulation

#### **The Office of Prevention Innovation (OPI)**

OPI includes the following programs

- Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies
- Training, technical assistance, evaluation, data collection and Psychedelic Subject Matter Expert

Notes:

The Division of Prevention Communications and Public Engagement (DPCPE) had no RIFs

The Division of Targeted Prevention (DTP) had no RIFs

Division of Workplace Programs (DWP) had no RIFs

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### **The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)**

At CSAT at least 26 FTE were RIF'd in October. This would leave approximately 70 FTE post RIFs.

At the Division of Services Continuum Improvement 12 staff were RIF'd including the Division Director and the remaining Branch Chief for all 3 of the Branches. The Children and Families Branch had all 5 staff RIF'd. The Criminal Justice Branch had six staff RIF'd and two Public Health Service staff remain who can't be RIF'd. The Recovery Support Branch had one staff member RIF'd and 4 staff remain. At least one staff RIF'd in the Office of Program Analysis.

At the Division of Pharmacological Therapies, the Provider Support Branch had all staff RIF'd including the branch chief. 12 staff remain in this division and are in the Office of the Director and the Regulatory Programs Branch.

CSAT Divisions and Programs impacted by the RIFs include:

### **The Division of Services Continuum Improvement**

**The Children and Families Branch** includes the following programs

- Pregnant and Postpartum Women's (PPW) Program
- The Enhancement and Expansion of Treatment and Recovery Services for Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth, and their Families (YFTREE) grant
- Youth Prevention and Recovery Initiative for Adolescents and Young Adults Program

**The Criminal Justice Branch** includes the following programs

- The Adult Treatment Drug Court (ATDC)
- The Family Treatment Drug Court (FTDC)
- The Tribal Wellness Court
- The Adult Reentry (AR Program)

**The Recovery Support Branch** includes the following programs:

- Building Communities of Recovery (BCOR)
- Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP)
- Treatment, Recovery, Workforce Support (TRWS) program

### **The Division of Pharmacological Therapies**

**The Provider Support Branch** includes the following programs:

- Provider's Clinical Support System-University (PCSS-U)
- Provider's Clinical Support System-Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (PCSS-MOUD)
- Provider's Clinical Support System-Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder (PCSS-MAUD)
- The Emergency Department-Alternatives to Opioids (EDAO) grant program (In process if moving here from Directors Office)
- Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers (CORC) (In process if moving here from Directors Office)

### **Office of Program Analysis**

- Support the Office of the Director and CSAT in providing data analysis and data support for all performance monitoring

#### **Note:**

The Office of the Director has no RIFs and 8 staff remain.

The Division of Health Integration has no RIFs and 12 staff remain.

The Regulatory Programs Branch did not have any RIFs.

The Division of State and Community Systems did not have any RIFs. They work on the SUPTRS Block Grant and State Opioid Response (SOR) Grants

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**The Office of Intergovernmental and Public Affairs (OIPA)** had at least 7 RIFs in the Office of Communications (OC) in October, Tribal affairs has 10 people left, Office of the Director will have 1 PHS left.

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Note: **The Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ)** had no RIFs in October but about 35 in April. CBHSQ had about 72 FTEs filled at start of administration. 28 FTEs remain although a few of those positions are vacant due to retirements and resignations. Director and Deputy Director spots remain unfilled with permanent staff. Lost about 35 staff on April 1 RIFs, primarily in the Office of Population Surveys Branch which is where NSDUH sits (and where DAWN sat) and Office of Treatment Services Branch which is where N-SUMHSS sits and where the treatment locator work was done. These 2 branches had about 17 staff each. No RIFs in October for CBHSQ.

**The National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory** has no staff remaining. It included 5 teams, all of whom were RIF'd except for the Director, who was SES and left SAMHSA in October. At the beginning of 2025 the policy lab had about 26 people.

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