SOAR Steering Committee Team Composition Matrix

This matrix is a tool for identifying key stakeholders to take part in your SOAR Steering Committee. Steering committee members maintain effective communication between SSA, DDS, local leads, and SOAR case workers to discuss and resolve challenges that arise, identify technical assistance needs, and explore strategies for funding and sustainability. As the community Steering Committee grows, we encourage regular (bi-annual/annual) reviews of active committee members to determine if there are any gaps in representation, such as form of government (city, county, regional/state), demographics (racial, urban rural, etc.), and experience (new SOAR provider/experienced SOAR provider) that is reflective of the community they serve. Efforts to solicit Steering Committee partners to fill these gaps should be planned for and implemented as needed.

| **Stakeholder Category** | **Agencies** | **Individuals** | **Your Local Contacts** |
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| **SSA** | Local Office | Field Office Manager, Homeless Coordinator, Work Incentive Coordinator |  |
| **DDS** | Local Office | Professional/Medical Relations Officer (PRO/ MRO), Unit Supervisor |  |
| **Persons with Lived Experience** | No agency affiliation required | Persons with lived experience of serious mental illness, substance use disorders, disability, homelessness, legal involvement, or other relevant experiences |  |
| **Health Services** | Hospitals/ERs, community health centers (FQHCs and Health Care for the Homeless) | Physicians, Psychologists, Medical staff, Social work supervisors, Medical records staff |  |
| **Behavioral Health Services** | State/county behavioral health agencies, mental health/ substance use clinics, Mental Health Associations (MHAs) | Program managers, clinicians, case workers, peer specialists |  |
| **Homeless Service Providers** | Shelters, drop-in Centers, transitional housing, CoC providers and representatives | Outreach workers, case managers with SOAR or SSI/SSDI experience, Program Directors, persons with lived experience |  |
| **Social Service Providers** | Human services departments, state/local Medicaid/Medicare reps, faith-based organizations | Benefits planners, representative payees |  |
| **Peer Advocates** | NAMI or other consumer organizations | Peer Specialists |  |
| **Housing** | Housing First organizations, Public Housing Authority (PHA) | Housing specialists |  |
| **Public/Private Funding Reps** | Foundations | Development specialists |  |
| **Legal Services** | Legal Aid | Pro-bono attorneys |  |
| **Employment Services** | Supported employment; vocational Rehabilitation | Employment specialists, persons with lived experience who received SOAR assistance that returned to work |  |

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| Specific Populations | | | |
| **Veterans** | Veterans Affairs, SSVF, Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, HUD-VASH, State VA, VSOs | Social workers, case workers, Network Homeless Coordinator, Veterans that received SOAR assistance |  |
| **Legal Settings** | Diversion programs, specialty courts, correctional facilities, probation/parole departments, serving reentry services | Jail/prison officials,  Sheriff/police (specialty teams), public defenders staff, persons with lived experience that received SOAR assistance |  |
| **American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN)** | Native-serving organizations | Tribal leadership, direct-service staff |  |
| **Transition Age Youth** | Youth-serving organizations | Youth representatives |  |