



Center for U.S. Policy

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your interest in the Center for U.S. Policy (CUSP). We are pleased to report that our first year of programmatic activities yielded significant progress toward our mission of enhancing the health, safety, and economic opportunity of all Americans.

CUSP's 2019 efforts focused largely on identifying and advancing solutions to our nation's intertwined substance abuse, mental health, and incarceration crises. Within those subject areas, CUSP dedicated its resources to studying and reporting on promising policies and programs that 1) had not yet garnered widespread attention or uptake and 2) did not yet have a prominent champion promoting their adoption.

Our organization's work consisted of researching and analyzing literature, laws, policies, and data; educating influential stakeholders on our findings and recommendations through articles, conferences, and webinars; and sharing news reports and other resources to increase public awareness of practical ways we can address some of our nation's most pressing challenges.

This annual report provides a big-picture overview of CUSP's 2019 program services, which we have categorized as follows:

- Research and analysis
- Education and outreach
- Awareness

This report also discusses our 2019 revenue and expenses. We are especially proud that 97 percent of our expenditures were directed toward mission-advancing activities.

We encourage you to visit our website and review our work products to understand more fully the ways CUSP is taking a lead on some of the most innovative approaches to improving Americans' health, safety, and economic opportunity.

Sincerely,



Michael C. Barnes

RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

CUSP's research centered on sensible policies and programs that had not yet garnered adequate attention or adoption nationwide. In 2019, CUSP identified and analyzed emerging literature, federal and state laws and policies, expert opinion, and preliminary and final outcomes data related to five programmatic initiatives:



Prescriber Safety – supporting clinical and regulatory compliance in the treatment of individuals with opioid use disorder, pain, and other conditions that may require controlled medications



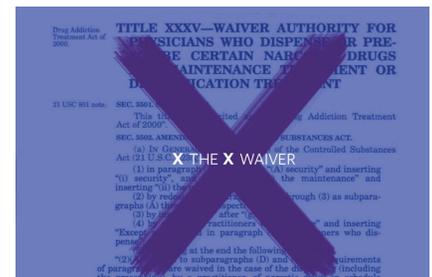
Warm Handoff and Mobile Medical Services – interventions and treatment for individuals with substance use disorders through hospital emergency department, mobile medical, and community paramedicine programs



Pre-Arrest Diversion – enabling non-violent offenders with behavioral health disorders to obtain treatment and avoid arrest, incarceration, and their consequences



Finding the 'ME' in Treatment – individualizing health care for people with pain, substance use disorders, mental illness, and other conditions, including individuals who are incarcerated



X the X Waiver – proposals to expand access to medical treatment for opioid use disorder by deregulating the prescribing and dispensing of FDA-approved medications

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



Policy Manager Chris Piemonte and Advisor Marsha Stanton, PhD, RN, at the IHFDA Prescriber Safety exhibit.

CUSP disseminated its original research and recommendations to health care practitioners, law enforcement officers, social workers, attorneys, policy professionals, and other influential stakeholders. It did so through speaking, exhibiting, and networking at national conferences; presenting webinars; writing articles for academic publications; and publishing reports, analysis, and summaries online.

Specifically, CUSP's directors and advisors spoke at the following events in 2019 (among others), reaching over 1000 active health and safety professionals:



Choctaw Nation
Health Services Authority

PainWeek®



2019 Conference in Orlando, FL
September 23rd - 25th



The article *A More Sensible Surge: Ending DOJ's Indiscriminate Raids of Healthcare Providers*, published by American University Washington College of Law, was downloaded 827 times from July through December 2019.

CUSP's staff exhibited and shared information on the organization's programmatic initiatives at the Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit, the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors Annual Meeting, and the International Health Facility Diversion Association Annual Conference.

CUSP's directors, advisors, and staff also conducted educational outreach through service on advisory and editorial boards, meetings with key opinion leaders and organizational heads, attendance at hearings and briefings, and participation in policy coalitions.

AWARENESS

CUSP improved public awareness of some of our nation's most serious issues – and potential solutions to them – through the centerforuspolicy.org, warmhandoff.org, and prescribersafety.org websites, and the @USPolicyCenter Twitter account. In addition to publishing its original research and recommendations, CUSP collected, analyzed, and posted to its websites a variety of timely resources on the following U.S. policy issues:

- Substance abuse prevention, interventions, treatment, and recovery support;
- Mental health interventions and treatment;
- Justice reforms;
- Pain management;
- Educational integrity and independence of U.S. colleges and universities;
- Individual privacy amid expanding government surveillance and corporate data collection and commercialization; and
- Economic opportunity and fiscal responsibility.

CUSP's public awareness activities included publishing opinion pieces and providing analysis of current events through the news media.

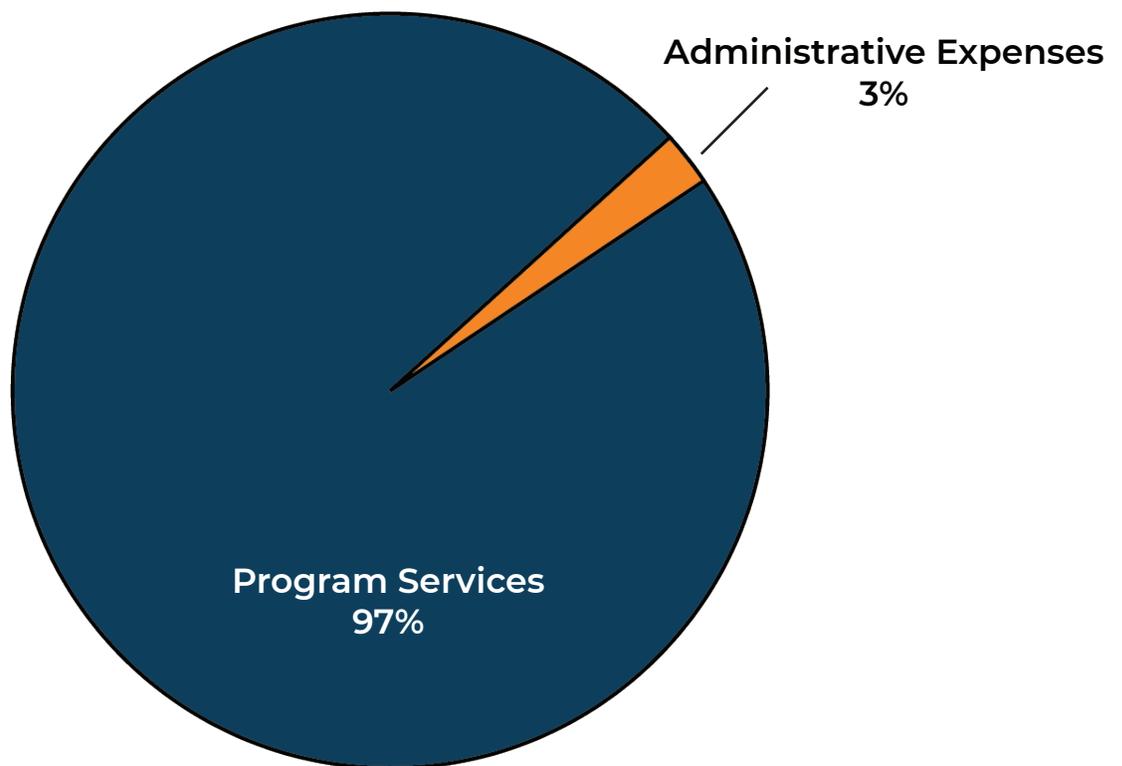


FINANCES

During CUSP's first year of programmatic and fundraising activities, the organization earned \$76,250 in program service revenue and received \$45,000 in foundation grants. Additionally, more than 665 hours' worth of pro bono professional services were provided in support of CUSP's mission. CUSP did not receive financial contributions or other revenues from commercial entities.

Ninety-seven percent of CUSP's 2019 expenditures were directed toward its program services. Only three percent of the organization's expenditures went toward administrative expenses, such as liability insurance and banking fees.

2019 EXPENDITURES



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