Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Mobile Access to Medications for Substance Use Disorder Date of Final Award – January 8, 2024

Name of Program: Mobile Access to Medications for Substance Use Disorder

Purpose:

This Request for Proposal (RFP) was reissued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for an initiative that enables agencies to travel to communities on a regular basis to provide low-threshold medication services to people with a substance use disorder (SUD) who encounter obstacles to receiving services at traditional "brick-and-mortar" treatment agencies. This initiative is designed to increase access to medications for SUD, i.e., buprenorphine, methadone, naloxone, naltrexone or acamprosate; medical referral services, case management; and recovery support services. The successful bidder will serve, at minimum, 100 people on an annual basis. Data from pilot programs in other states indicates that people who are facing instability in their lives will seek treatment more readily when services are brought to them rather than their having to go to a treatment provider. One popular method of community outreach is through Mobile Outreach Vehicles (MOVs), which usually consist of box trucks, vans, trailers, or campers that are customized to provide care in targeted communities. By becoming a recognizable presence in a community, MOVs become familiar to, and gain credibility with, the community in high-risk neighborhoods. This RFP is funded through the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). One award was made in the amount of \$1,075,000, which includes start-up funds to purchase a MOV.

| Agency Name | CEO/ Executive Director | Amount Funded* | County of Award |
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| Spectrum Health Care, Inc. | Edward P. Cox, CEO | \$1,075,000 | Hudson |

*Actual amount may differ depending upon final contractual negotiation.