

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds For the Development of Outpatient Services in Warren County

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the following program funds:

Name of Program: Development of Outpatient Services in Warren County

Purpose: This notice announces the availability of grant funding for the development of an outpatient mental health program in Warren County for adult consumers age 21 and older. The focus of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to create or expand existing outpatient mental health service capacity in Warren County to support, enhance, and encourage the emotional development and improvement of consumer life skills in order to maximize health functioning. This initiative provides funding for an array of outpatient mental health services when such diagnosis has been determined by an appropriately licensed behavioral health professional and such services are provided in a coordinated fashion by an integrated multidisciplinary team. Within this initiative, it is anticipated that one (1) award at an annual amount up to \$400,000 will be available to provide wellness services encompassing the provision of behavioral health care. The contract is renewable on a year-to-year basis.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a comprehensive outpatient service utilizing a multidisciplinary treatment approach of integrated or cross-trained, appropriately credentialed (SAMHSA, 2010) New Jersey licensed practitioners, who within their scope of practice, are permitted to diagnose and treat individuals with serious mental illness. Additionally, clinicians working with individuals who concurrently have a serious and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorder are preferred to be dually credentialed as licensed alcohol or drug counselors, or have two years of documented experience working in the addiction field. For the purpose of this RFP, a serious mental illness is defined as the presence of at least one disorder identified in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), other than a substance use disorder, for at least a 12 month period, that causes serious impairments in emotional and behavioral functioning. These diagnoses include, but are not limited to the following:

Schizophrenia;
Schizophreniform Disorder;
Schizoaffective Disorders;
Delusional Disorder;
Other Psychotic Disorders;

Major Depressive Disorder Recurrent;
Bipolar I Disorder;
Bipolar II Disorder;
Schizotypal Personality Disorder;
Borderline Personality Disorder;
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder; and
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The service array includes the following services: comprehensive assessment; brief screening; on-site psychiatric evaluation; medication services (prescribing and monitoring); treatment planning, psychotherapy; crisis intervention; case management; and discharge planning.

Amount of funding available: Annualized funding of up to \$400,000 is available through this RFP to competitively award one (1) outpatient program in Warren County.

Organizations that may apply: In order to be eligible for consideration for this Request for Proposal, an applicant must be a corporation duly registered to conduct business within the State of New Jersey.

The applicant must be a fiscally viable for-profit or non-profit corporation or a government entity and document demonstrable experience in successfully providing outpatient mental health services and supports to adults who have severe and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorder in a manner fully consonant with recovery principles.

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the applicant.

The applicant must comply with the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services' contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the DHS Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM). A copy of this manual can be accessed from the webpage of the Office of Contract Policy and Management at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/home/resources/manuals/index.html>.

Procedure to apply: Effective August 25, 2014, eligible and interested organizations may obtain an RFP via the Internet at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/info/notices/> or by contacting Alicia Meyer, Coordinator, at (609) 777-0069 or at alicia.meyer@dhs.state.nj.us Proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements stipulated in the RFP.

Mandatory Bidders' Conference: A Mandatory Bidders' Conference will be conducted for interested applicants. All applicants intending to submit a proposal in response to this request must attend the Mandatory Bidders' Conference on September 5, 2014. Information regarding the time and location of the bidder's conference may be found in

the RFP. *Proposals submitted by an applicant not in attendance at the bidder's conference will not be considered.*

Deadline by which all applications must be submitted: Applications must be received by 4:00 pm, October 3, 2014. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF form to John.Verney@dhs.state.nj.us. Additionally, one hard copy of the proposal with an original signature and six additional hard copies must be submitted to the attention of John Verney (see RFP for mailing address) no later than 4:00 pm, October 3, 2014. No format other than the PDF and one original signed hardcopy and six hard copies will be accepted for this RFP.

Date by which applicants will be notified of preliminary decision to accept or reject proposal:

Applicants will be notified no later than November 10, 2014.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date