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To: Executive Directors, Local Mental Health Authorities
Executive Directors, Local Behavioral Health Authorities

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Subject: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Funding Opportunity – Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Outreach
Team

Overview

On December 14, 2016, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the availability of new funding to address the national prescription opioid and heroin crisis. Texas is eligible to apply for more than \$27 million per year for 2 years to establish programs addressing the opioid epidemic in local communities across the state.

In response to the grant, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) submitted a proposal to implement the Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) program. This comprehensive program will allow HHSC to expand prevention and treatment efforts promoting recovery and early intervention for populations identified as high risk for Opioid Use Disorders (OUD). This program will enhance outreach and education for the public,



provide training to enhance workforce, and target individuals at risk of developing OUDs, or experiencing a potential overdose, while increasing access to enhanced recovery-oriented treatment.

HHSC is offering the opportunity to fund up to five Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors (LCDCs) into existing Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOTs). A goal of this project is to include a staff person trained in screening, assessing, and providing targeted intervention to individuals with opioid use needs.

Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) and Local Behavioral Health Authorities (LBHAs) interested in operating a specialized MCOT with the incorporation of an LCDC trained in targeted interventions for opioid use may review Attachment I – Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Outreach Team Statement of Work (draft) and complete the following attachments:

- Attachment II - Needs and Capacity Assessment (NCA)
- Attachment III - Form P – Budget Schedule

NCA Submission Deadline

The deadline for submission is March 15, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). Please send submissions to the following email addresses in the format below:

To: performance.contracts@dshs.state.tx.us
Cc: britney.rohsner@hhsc.state.tx.us
mariselle.mckeeon@hhsc.state.tx.us
Subject: Behavioral Health MCOT _ Proposal_CompCode_Name of Organization

All applicants will receive an email confirmation of receipt. If you do not receive confirmation within one business day of submission, please contact performance.contracts@dshs.state.tx.us with a courtesy copy to Britney Rohsner at britney.rohsner@hhsc.state.tx.us.



Webinar

HHSC will facilitate a webinar to provide guidance on completing the NCA on March 3, 2017, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. CST. Please register for the webinar related to the Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Outreach Team at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6732860933206168835>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Please send any questions you may have prior to the call or questions regarding this Broadcast Message to Britney Rohsner at britney.rohsner@hhsc.state.tx.us or (512) 838-4383.

Awards

Awards under this NCA are contingent upon HHSC's receipt of Notice of Grant Award from SAMHSA and are targeted to start May 1, 2017. To promote timely implementation of TTOR, HHSC plans to have all NCA related contract actions finalized and executed upon HHSC's receipt of SAMHSA Notice of Grant Award. HHSC plans to notify contractors to proceed with services under these contract actions, via Notice to Proceed, once HHSC receives the Notice of Grant Award. HHSC also plans to address general contract processing timelines during the scheduled conference calls.

Attachments

- Attachment I - Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Outreach Team - Statement of Work (draft);
- Attachment II - Needs and Capacity Assessment; and
- Attachment III - Form P – Budget Schedule.