

Opiate Substitution Treatment Bidders Conference

18-Apr-17

Questions and Answers

General Questions:

What are the expectations related to reduction of jail referrals?

Answer: The intention of this statement is to provide treatment options across all groups. This is an expected outcome of recovery under opiate substitution treatment.

Does the area have drug courts?

Answer: Yes, each county has a drug court program in place.

What are the expected locations and areas that would allow the treatment centers?

Answer: Seeking locations in Bremerton and Port Angeles due to the majority of the Medicaid population is concentrated in these areas. Bremerton has specific zoned area that would be allowed (Auto Center Way).

Is their Tribal involvement in this project?

Answer: Tribes have sovereignty and do not contract with SBHO at this time.

What is the reasoning for medication choices?

Answer: Seeking client choice in treatment options. All available medication options are to be provided in each program.

§ Note: Concerns over variation in population being served by each medication. Methadone tends to serve those with longer abuse histories, daily treatment, Medicaid. Suboxone tends to be prescribed to upper income clients with shorter addicted history, typically started from pain prescriptions.

Does it require presence prior to the bid?

Answer: No, it does not require current presence in areas to be served. The contractor would have to have an active license in Washington State.

How large is the expected grant and how will it be dispersed?

Answer: The contract will be fee for service based on daily rate. Please project number of individual in budget summaries.

Are you looking for one entity to cover the region?

Answer: SBHO would prefer one provider contract to cover both areas.

Can there be satellites?

Answer: The contractor will need to provide direct services or collaborate with existing providers.

Can Telemedicine be used?

Answer: Yes, Telemedicine may be used.

Who is the state opiate treatment authority?

Answer: The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery provides certification for this category.

What are the guidelines?

Answer: Guidelines are set forth by WAC 388-877B

What is the expected counselor to client ratio?

Answer: This is not a mandated ratio. Please create a summary of needed staff as part of your proposal.

Does the Mayor know of the problem?

Answer: Mayors in both areas are aware of the issues and have attended related meetings.

Does the program require a pharmacist on staff?

Answer: This is not a requirement. It will be determined by the provider and the ability to have access to needed medication or partnership with pharmacy services.

How are staffing needs determined?

Answer: The bid should include a budget justification for needed staff.

Is the grant one time or on-going?

Answer: The expectation is that this contract will be on-going. This is not a grant, it is a request for proposal for contract purposes.

Who would be the best contact for local data information?

Answer: Contact SBHO, ADAI (Dr. Caleb Banta-Green), Julian Gonzalez (DSHS-BHA-Certification Specialist).

Is an oral presentation required for the proposal?

Answer: No oral presentation required. Written proposals will be reviewed by the review team and scored based on criteria set forth in the Request for Proposal document.

Is the number of applicants limited?

Answer: There is no limitation on number of applicants.

There is conflicting information on the page limit for Program Activities & Services Narrative, what is the correct limit?

Answer: The correct limit is 6 pages.