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Subject:

Start up Funding for Community Support Program and Comprehensive Community Services Programs

Document Summary

This memo describes an opportunity for counties and tribes to start up either a Community Support Program (CSP) or Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Program.

The Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services would like to foster local community programs where meaningful consumer participation and recovery-oriented services are integral parts of the program development and on-going quality improvement. There is \$100,000 in total funding available for start-up. This funding is available for county or tribal agencies without a certified CCS or CSP program for the calendar year 2010. Start-up funding will be provided for either new Community Support Programs (CSP) or new Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) programs. Agencies may apply for both if they are interested in starting both a CSP and CCS program. Information regarding funding and proposal requirements are available in the relevant sections below.

Proposals for funding need to be delivered to the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services by 5 pm December 18, 2009. Applications will also be accepted via e-mail. (Please see the section entitled 'Proposal Submission' at the end of this Memo.)

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and proposals will be assessed points as identified below. Announcement of successful candidates will be made by January 15, 2009. Please provide a proposal of no more than eight pages for each section for which you apply.

Section A - Certified CSP Start- Up

Up to \$40,000 is available for each application in Section A for counties or tribes without a certified CSP program. The proposal should address the following:

1. Brief statement of need.
2. Description of how consumers will be involved in development of the program.
3. Description of how service delivery development under DHS 63 will be recovery, outcome, and evidence based. Some examples of service delivery development would be: local systems change to provide for comprehensive access; a fluid continuum of care; revision of assessment and care plan processes and forms to assure they are recovery based; processes that involve the consumer at all points in creating a treatment plan; staff training in outcomes; promotion of trauma informed treatment and recovery based treatment; and, how outcomes for consumers and quality service delivery will be measured at the county or tribal level. The narrative should indicate how the agency plans to use the mental health and co-occurring substance abuse functional screen and the timeframe and work plan for meeting certification standards.
4. The amount of money requested for this project.
5. The evaluation process the agency will use to measure project outcomes.

Evaluation Criteria

Statement of Need: 15 points

- Indicate the projected annual number of individuals that will be served by the certified program that are not currently being served, or are being under served.
- Indicate how the agency will perform outreach to individuals not identified at this time.
- Indicate how information and referral and intake will take place at the agency, and who the projected referral sources are.

Consumer and Family Involvement: 30 points

- Indicate how consumers and families will be involved in program planning and what supports will be provided to ensure consistent and meaningful input into treatment decisions.
- Describe the process whereby consumers and families will have continued input into the development of program policies and quality improvement.
- Describe the training, education and support that consumers will have access to that will ensure continued meaningful input into treatment decisions.

Program Elements: 60 points

- Describe how recovery principles will be incorporated into the DHS 63 required elements of assessment, care planning and on-going case management.
- Indicate how the program development will include the use of the mental health and co-occurring functional screen.
- Describe the process of self assessment that will be used with all CSP staff to ensure that CSP staff are trained in recovery, trauma, and the inclusion of consumers in their own recovery planning process.
- Describe the continuum of care you will be developing at the local level to ensure that individuals in need of services will receive the level of services they need in a timely manner.
- Describe how forms and processes will be developed that conform to DHS 63 and also reflect recovery, hope and consumer inclusion.
- Describe how training and education will be delivered to both staff and consumers to ensure a shared program philosophy. This should include an on-going training plan.
- Include a work plan with a timeframe for reaching full certification within 12 months.

Budget: 25 points

- Indicate the amount of money needed to implement the development plan in a detailed budget.
- Indicate the amount of county, tribe or agency resources that will be part of the budget.

Quality and Evaluation Plan: 15 points

- Describe the process that will be used to train staff, stakeholders and consumers in quality principles.
- List the indicators and measurements that will be used by the agency to ensure that the implementation of this CSP start-up project has been achieved. Benchmarks used to assess process development would include forms, review by DQA, and identification of population that will be offered CSP services.

Section B - Certified Comprehensive Community Services Start-Up

Up to \$40,000 is available for each application in Section B for counties and tribes without certified CCS programs. The purpose of these funds is to assist counties and tribes to develop CCS Plans and applications for CCS certification and to provide training to prepare staff, consumers and contracted providers for participation in CCS. Completion of the outcomes required in this RFP (See Attachment) will guide recipients through the tasks and decision-making activities necessary for the system change to support CCS program development and a recovery-oriented system. Technical assistance will be provided as requested to assist with these tasks and activities.

CCS program development depends upon implementation of system change practices. Training will include skill building in areas such as meaningful involvement of consumers in Coordination Committees, recovery teams and person-centered planning; the provision of person-centered, psychosocial rehabilitation services; and documentation for successful Medicaid reimbursement. Depending upon the size of the department, it might be feasible to include CSP staff and contract agencies in some of the training opportunities made available to prospective CCS programs.

Applications must include:

1. *Narrative statement of the county or tribe's current readiness for certification*
This should reflect readiness to complete the attached outcomes timeline and meet the requirements of DHS 36. It should include brief information about other programs in the county, tribe or region that are recovery-oriented and / or incorporate consumer participation and wraparound practices. It should also include information about previous training for staff and consumers relevant to recovery-oriented and person-centered services.
2. *Estimation of timeframes*
The Attached form DHS F-21365, 2009 Comprehensive Community Services Startup Outcomes (<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms1/F2/f21365.doc>) contains a list of outcomes that inform the process of developing a CCS Plan and application for certification. Complete the Attachment, expressing the timeframes by the quarter of the contract year by which completion of each outcome is anticipated. Additional information should be included in narrative form to justify the time frames and ordering of outcomes.
3. *Budget*
The budget should include the amount of money requested and how it is to be spent. Include line items regarding reimbursement to consumers participating in program development activities, reimbursement of trainer costs not provided by DMHSAS staff, travel for participation in CCS quarterly meetings and other activities identified locally that address system change and CCS development. Funds may be used to support a variety of activities related to completion of required outcomes and an application for certification and/or software and equipment needed to implement a CCS program.

Evaluation Criteria

Statement of the current readiness to apply for certification should address the following: 30 points

- Identify staff resources to successfully address the outcomes.
Describe appropriate collaboration partners needed to address the requirements of DHS 36.07, the CCS Plan.
- Describe plans for meaningful involvement of consumers as partners, including participation of consumers on the Coordination Committee and other activities that elicit consumer input or educate consumers.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the roles of the Coordination Committee.
- Indicate the scope of the CCS program anticipated—initial size, services, timeframes for addressing the specialized needs of various populations, evaluating consumer satisfaction.

Estimation of timeframes: 55 points

Refer to above referenced form, [DHS F-21365](#) for more information.

- Timeframes are reasonable, based upon the information provided regarding readiness for developing a CCS Plan, application for certification and the staffing available.
- Timeframes reflect a process that builds a lasting infrastructure change.
- Timeframes support readiness for an application for certification within 2011.

Budget: 25 points

- Indicate the amount of money needed to support completion of the outcomes and justification for requests.
- Indicate the amount of county, tribe or agency resources that will be available to support the completion of the outcomes, in addition to the grant money.
- Indicate the amount money requested to support meaningful participation of consumers in local, regional or statewide CCS activities and training activities.

Proposal Submission

Send completed applications to Cheryl Lofton by **5 pm on December 18, 2009**.

Submission of hard-copy applications:

Cheryl Lofton
Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
PO Box 7851
Madison WI 53707-7851

Submissions via Email:

Send completed applications to: cheryl.lofton@wisconsin.gov.

The subject line should be:

"Proposal Submission: CCS and CSP from <County or Tribe Name>"

Applications **must** be in Microsoft Word 2003 format (.doc).

Please CC: a copy to Gerald.Livings@wisconsin.gov to ensure that your proposal is received.

For questions regarding this opportunity

Contact Cheryl Lofton at Telephone: (608) 267-1427 or email: cheryl.lofton@wisconsin.gov.

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http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/dsl_info/

Attachment:

Form DHS F-21365, 2009 Comprehensive Community Services Startup Outcomes

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms1/F2/f21365.doc>