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Index Title: Request for Information for Shared Services / Regional Pilots for mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (RFI # 1706 DMHSAS-SM)

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For: Area Administrators / Human Service Area Coordinators
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Subject: Request for Information for Shared Service / Regional Pilots for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. (RFI # 1706 DMHSAS-SM)

Document Summary

The Department of Health Services is informing interested parties of a Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Request for Information for Shared Service / Regional Pilots for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services from interested parties. Additional information about RFI # 1706 DMHSAS-SM can be found on the DHS Procurement and Grant Opportunities Webpage (<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rfp/>).

Background

The Department of Health Services commissioned a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Infrastructure Study in 2009. This Phase I study was a comprehensive effort to review the current system of financing and provision of publicly funded Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, as well as alternative funding and delivery systems in other states. The Phase I study report was presented and discussed at a summit that was attended by more than 230 system stakeholders in December 2009. Based on feedback from the summit, Phase II of the study project began in April 2010. Phase II brought together a broader group of system stakeholders representing consumers, counties, providers, advocates and state staff to form an expanded Infrastructure Study Committee with two workgroups; The Core Benefits Workgroup and The Shared Service / Regional Pilot Initiatives. This committee and workgroups had the responsibility to develop specific actionable recommendations for advancing improvements to the public Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services System. The two work groups developed recommendations that were, in turn, adopted by the full Study Committee in August 2010 and presented for broader public review and comment in September 2010.

Additional information about the Wisconsin Public Mental Health and Substance Abuse Infrastructure Study Committee can be found on their website¹.

Request for Information Process (RFI # 1706 DMHSAS-SM)

The Request for Information (RFI) process will be used to identify interested organizations and innovative ideas for potential pilot program initiatives that involve shared service and regional approaches to the delivery of MH / SA services. The Department and Division are seeking RFI responses that demonstrate new and creative thinking for shared service / regional pilot programs that can be implemented over a period of three years. These pilot programs would include partnerships and multi-county collaboration which will be defined by the RFI respondents, but should, at a minimum, include more than one county and organization.

The RFI process will be used as a preliminary step to gauge interest in and gather information about potential pilot programs that will help inform the development of a formal solicitation for proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process in the future. The eventual RFP process would occur when there is greater clarity regarding the number and type of pilots that can be supported. The responses to the RFI will be used to identify potential organizations that will be invited to submit full proposals through a subsequent RFP process. However, other organizations that have not responded to this initial RFI will also have the opportunity to submit proposals.

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Responses to the RFI should be emailed to the Central Office Contact **no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 1, 2010**

¹ The Wisconsin Public Mental Health and Substance Abuse Infrastructure Study Committee web site. (<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/mentalhealth/infrastructure/index.htm>)

For additional information and questions regarding this memo:

Regional Office Contact:

Please direct all questions regarding this memo to the Central Office Contact.

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Attachments:

Please Note: All of the attachments for this Action Memo can be found on the MHSA Infrastructure Study, RFI # 1706 DMHSAS-SM web page.
(<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rfp/DMHSAS/1706/index.htm>)

- Attachment 1: RFI # 1706-DMHSAS-SM
- Attachment 2: RFI # 1706-DMHSAS-SM Cover letter from John Easterday
- Attachment 3: RFI Attachment A Elements of Pilot Programs
- Attachment 4: RFI Attachment B Continuum of Core Benefits

Memo and RFI Websites:

DLTC / DMHSAS Memo Series web page.

(http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/dsl_info/index.htm)

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The DHS Procurement and Grant Opportunities Webpage

(<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rfp/>).

MHSA Infrastructure Study, RFI # 1706 DMHSAS-SM

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