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ALAMEDA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADDENDUM No. 1

to

RFP No. 19-09 Severe Mental Illness Reentry Treatment Team

Specification Clarification/ Modification and Recap of the Networking/ Bidder's
Conferences held on
Tuesday, July 9, 2019 and Wednesday, July 10, 2019

This County of Alameda, General Services Agency (GSA), RFP/Q Addendum has been electronically issued to potential bidders via e-mail. E-mail addresses used are those in the County's Small Local Emerging Business (SLEB) Vendor Database or from other sources. If you have registered or are certified as a SLEB, please ensure that the complete and accurate e-mail address is noted and kept updated in the SLEB Vendor Database. This RFP/Q Addendum will also be posted on the GSA Contracting Opportunities website located at

https://www.acgov.org/gsa app/gsa/purchasing/bid content/contractopportunities.jsp

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The following Sections have been modified to read as shown below. Changes made to the original RFP document are in **bold** print and highlighted, and deletions made have a strike through.

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS/CHANGES THAT PERTAIN TO...

1. RFP

• Section II.B. Calendar of Events. Language updated as follows:

Event	Date/Location		
Request for Proposals	Tuesday, June 25, 2019 Wednesday, June 26, 2019		
(RFP) Issued			
Bidder's Written	By 5:00 pm on the day of 2 nd Bidder's Conference – ACBH strongly		
Questions Due	encourages Bidders to submit written questions earlier.		
1 st Bidders'	Tuesday, July 9, 3:00pm – 4:30pm		
Conference	2019		
2 nd Bidders' Conference	Wednesday, July 10, 1:00pm – 2:30pm		
	2019		
Addendum Issued	Wednesday, July 17, 2019		
Proposals Due	Tuesday, August 6, 2019 by 2:00pm		
Review/Evaluation Period	August 7, 2019 – September 10, 2019		
Oral Interviews	Tuesday, September 10, 2019		
(as needed)			
Award Recommendation	Wednesday, September 17, 2019		
Letters Issued			
Board Agenda Date	February 2020		
Contract Start Date	February 2020		

Section II. Table 3. Language updated as follows:

RFP SECTION	EVALUATION METHOD	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT
6. BIDDER EXPERIENCE, ABILITY AND PLAN	i. Three- Phase Model	 How well-matched is Bidder's plan to provide services, including: Plan to implement the program requirements? Management of clients that require services beyond the program's time frame? Change management strategy in case the program requires modification due to unforeseen circumstances? 	⊕ <mark>7</mark>

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RESPONSES TO BIDDERS QUESTIONS

General

- **Q1)** Could the County please provide additional information about how this program is different than the existing Forensic ACT (FACT) teams in terms of referral source(s), acuity, service intensity, etc?
- A1) The SMI Reentry Treatment Team program differs from the Forensic ACT (FACT) teams in a number of ways. Firstly, it is not a Full Service Partnership (FSP) Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model team. It is a pilot and is time-limited, and the priority population of this RFP requires AB-109 eligibility. Lastly, this program involves a close partnership with Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD) and has a distinct three-phase service delivery approach.
- Q2) Page 47 of the RFP states that the term of the contract "will be one year and may be renewed thereafter." However, page 14 of the RFP states that "ACBH anticipates clients with SMI will need services for up to 18 months, with possible extension up to six months." Could the County please explain this discrepancy and clarify the plan for funding to serve clients for up to 18-24 months?
- A2) The County reserves the right to renew contracts on an annual basis based on, but not limited to, the availability of funds, awarded Contractor's performance, and continued prioritization of the activities and priority populations as defined and determined by ACBH.

Start-up

- Q3) Page 3 of the RFP states that the "Program reimbursement will be based on a fee-forservice model, with a three-month start-up period based on actual costs." Given the various referral sources and potential delay in receiving referrals, would the County entertain a cost reimbursement funding model until the program is fully enrolled?
- A3) The awarded Contractor will be expected to conduct outreach to reach full enrollment, which ACBH anticipates will happen after the three-month start-up period.
- **Q4)** Could the County please confirm that the Contract Start Date (February 2020) is the beginning of the 3-month start-up period/that clients will be served beginning in May 2020?
- A4) Yes, the anticipated start date of February 2020 would be the beginning of the three month start-up period.

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Staffing

- **Q5)** Would the County recommend including a nurse in addition to psychiatry (to coordinate pharmacy needs, order labs, provide injections, etc.) in addition to the staffing listed on RFP page 17?
- A5) Bidders may propose a staffing model, beyond the minimum staffing requirements, that they consider to be the most beneficial to the program.
- **Q6)** RFP page 17 requests a 0.5 FTE Licensed Psychiatrist. Could a nurse practitioner or physician assistant (with MD supervision) fulfill this requirement?
- A6) Yes, a nurse practitioner or physician assistant with MD supervision may serve as prescriber.
- Q7) P. 19 says outcome is "app't w/ Primary Care Physician" must this be an MD? What about primary care NP or PA? (Assignment to an MD may be beyond our ability to mandate from partners/clinics.)
- A7) Yes, a Primary Care NP or PA may be used for this outcome.

Budget

- Q8) What are the County's expectations regarding FFP?
- A8) The Federal Financial Participation (FFP) program, or the percentage of state Medi-Cal Medi-Cal expenditures reimbursed by the federal government, was considered in the development of the total allocation for this RFP.
- **Q9)** Are there any additional funds available for start up expenses, or must proposers include those within the first year budget?
- A9) The total allocation of \$1,008,280 is the maximum amount available, and Bidders must include all costs within this amount.

SLEB

- Q10) The "SLEB Partnering Information Sheet" included on page 58 of the RFP states "Bidders not meeting the definition of a SLEB are required to subcontract with a SLEB for at least 20% of the total estimated bid amount in order to be considered for contract award." Can you please confirm that this 20% subcontracting requirement does not apply to this bid?
- A10) ACBH has been successful in the past in obtaining the Board of Supervisors' approval to waive the SLEB subcontracting requirements for clinical services and will utilize the same approach as needed.

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