April 5, 2012

To: Executive Directors of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)

From: Elizabeth Knisely, Director
Bureau of Community Mental Health Services
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration

Subject: Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Adult Mental Health Block Grant Request for Applications (RFA)
Letter of Intent Due Date: May 3, 2012
Proposal Application Due Date: June 8, 2012

Attached for your careful review and response is the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant RFA for adult integrated health services for FY13. Funding available under this RFA is to be used for enhancing capacity to deliver integrated health services in one or more of the following domains:

(1) Organizational Governance and Infrastructure,
(2) Funding and Sustainability,
(3) Management of Health Information and Data,
(4) Consumer Access to Primary and Behavioral Health Services,
(5) Clinical Services Coordination, and/or
(6) Use of Evidence-Based Practices for Integrated Healthcare Services Delivery.

For this purpose, integrated care is defined as the comprehensive and coordinated person-centered system of care that allows for healthcare professionals (i.e., behavioral health, primary care, and specialty providers) to consider all health conditions at the same time, resulting in the systematic coordination of physical and behavioral healthcare delivery. Healthcare services that are integrated have been shown to produce the best outcomes for people with multiple and complex healthcare needs (http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/). Services funded under this initiative will be for one year, beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013.

Each PIHP is eligible and encouraged to apply for these noncompetitive block grant funds in the amount of up to $130,000 to support the assessment, further development, and implementation of integrated healthcare services for people receiving services through Michigan’s public behavioral health system. Each PIHP that applies will first submit a letter of intent to Karen Cashen at cashenk@michigan.gov by May 3, 2012.
In addition to the $130,000, each PIHP may apply for a maximum of $5,000 for each consumer-run drop-in center that exists within their region. This funding is to be used for integrated health activities facilitated by the drop-in for enhancements not already covered by their regular operating budget. Examples of acceptable use include healthy cooking classes, walking clubs, gardening, computer software for training on nutrition, recreational activities that have been shown to promote health and exercise, smoking cessation programming, education regarding emotional eating, etc.

For this RFA, it is strongly recommended that the PIHPs will:

1) Submit grant applications that reflect an affiliation-wide assessment of progress in the abovementioned six domains of integrated health care: Organizational Governance and Infrastructure, Funding and Sustainability, Management of Health Information and Data, Consumer Access to Primary and Behavioral Health Services, Clinical Services Coordination and Use of Evidence-Based Practices for Integrated Healthcare Services Delivery. Each PIHP must then identify from one to three of these areas to further plan, prepare, and move forward to the next level of integrated health provision.

2) Attend the planned Technical Assistance (TA) Session to finalize the logic model and grant work plan that will be expected as part of each proposal. Assistance will be available at no cost to PIHP. Program and fiscal staff must attend this session. This technical assistance session is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 21, 2012, at the site of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) Spring Conference (Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, MI). Registration information and an agenda will be sent to the designated project director following submission of Letters of Intent.

3) The purpose of the TA session is to insure that all grantees have the necessary information to produce and submit a finalized grant application. Following the TA session, grantees must submit their final grant RFA electronically (in Word or Excel) to Karen Cashen at cashenk@michigan.gov by June 8, 2012.

The above information does not apply to ongoing, multi-year block grant projects. Questions regarding this RFA may be directed to Karen Cashen at cashenk@michigan.gov or (517) 335-5934. Please immediately share this RFA with pertinent PIHP and affiliate CMHSP staff.

Attachments

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