

Residential Treatment Facility for Adults

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Questions and Answers

- 1. Will the targeted population be a mix of male and female participants? If so, will Applicants be required to have both male & female beds? Will there be one RTFA for males and one for females or a coed program?**

Yes, the targeted population will consist of both male and female participants. However, initial referrals will be predominately male. As such, both male and female beds should be available within the RTFA. For each potential facility, Applicants are required to describe how it can be configured as an RTFA. This configuration includes plans for meeting the needs of the targeted population. Please refer to section II.A.3 for additional details regarding the targeted population.

- 2. Could an Applicant use an existing RTFA for these participants?**

Applicants are expected to have a facility available within the City of Philadelphia that can be used for an RTFA. The Applicant may own or lease the property directly or describe control of the facility through a partnership with an entity that has an appropriate facility. For each potential facility, Applicants are required to provide information on the property's zoning and licensing status, as well as a description of how the property can be configured as an RTFA. Please refer to section II.A.2 for additional details regarding location.

- 3. Does the entire program have to all be at one site?**

Applicants should describe how the property(s) can be configured as an RTFA that will meet the needs of the program and targeted population. If the configuration involves multiple sites, the description should outline cohesive, planned program initiative with consistent programming. Please refer to section II.A.2 for additional details regarding location.

- 4. Will there be individuals with medical fragility referred to the RTFA?**

Applicants will be expected to manage those with medically co-occurring disorders. Integration of physical health providers should be part of treatment that is provided at the RTFA. Please refer to section II.B.7 for additional details regarding health and wellness.

- 5. What are the criminal backgrounds of the participants referred to the RTFA?**

There will be a wide array of criminal backgrounds, including both lower level and higher level offenses. The initial group of referred participants will likely have relatively lower level offenses; however, over time, there is possibility for referrals of participants with higher level offenses. The RTFA will need to be able to accommodate participants with various levels of offenses.

Currently participants are being evaluated, assessments related to violence risk are being completed before referral, and harm reduction plans being put into place. The Historical Clinical Risk Management-20 (HCR-20) assessment is being utilized.

Please refer to section II.B.4 for additional details regarding Criminal Justice Focus.

6. Will the program need to accept participants who have serious criminal charges?

Applicants will need to have direct experience with forensic populations. Referred participants will not likely have current open charges of that nature, but may have had a past history of serious charges that were resolved and/or the participant served time/met parole requirements. The selected Applicant(s) will be required to accept all individuals that DBHIDS deems appropriate. There must be a "no rejection" policy for the RTFA and will include individuals with serious behavioral health issues and criminal histories

Please refer to section II.A.3 for additional details regarding the target population.

7. Who is making the decisions around admission?

Referrals will be from the DBHIDS who will determine appropriateness in conjunction with recommendations from criminal justice system partners and current treatment providers.

8. Is there a 'No Exclusion' Policy?

Yes, the selected Applicant(s) will be required to accept all individuals that DBHIDS deems appropriate. There must be a "no rejection" policy for the RTFA. Please refer to Section I.D. for additional details on 'no rejection' policy.

9. Given that Mental Health Disorders and Substance Use are both to be treated in the program, is the substance use treatment expected to be onsite or can they go off site for that treatment?

The selected Applicant(s) should provide integrated treatment for co-occurring disorders. Please refer to section II.B.11 for additional details regarding co-occurring substance use issues.

10. What is the projected length of stay for participants in the RTFA?

The estimated length of stay will be 30 days-18 months. Please refer to section I, D for additional information on estimated length of stay.

11. What are the licensure requirements for the RTFA?

The RTFA facilities are to be licensed as mental health treatment facilities accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

To be eligible to respond to this RFO, Applicants must be enrolled currently in the MA program, enrolled in the CBH network for at least one year with a current mental health license and have demonstrated history of serving individuals with serious mental illness.

Please refer to sections I, D and I, E for additional information on licensure and Applicant Eligibility Requirements.

12. Are there any updated RTFA regulations?

No, please refer to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, RTFA regulations dated November 6, 1995.

13. Will it be Program funded or FFS?

During the first 12 months following the contract award, the provider will be program funded using four (4) quarterly allocations. During the second year of operation, the RTFA funding will move to a fee-for-service reimbursement model. Please refer to section II, G for additional information on Compensation/Reimbursement.

14. Is there an allocation amount for initial budget?

No, there is not an allocation amount for the initial budget. Please refer to section II, G for additional details on funding.

15. Will there be time for renovations to an existing space?

There likely will not be time for any major renovations as the expected program start date is May 2, 2016. Please refer to Section II, A for additional information on space specifications and Section IV, A for additional information on the project timeline.

16. How will the criminal justice system be involved in the RTFA?

If an individual has active charges the PO, DA, PD, and judge may request information regarding said individual (i.e. - level of participation, progress, prognosis, concerns, etc.) The justice partners may also request appearance in court by specific treatment staff as needed (i.e. counselor, CM, etc.) They may also request copies of assessments/evaluations. In general, the justice system seeks up-to-date information and outcomes.

17. Will the participants be eligible for ICM services?

Participants will be eligible for ICM services and will be authorized if such services are determined to be medically necessary and are not duplicative of any other existing services

18. When they say General Narrative Description, are they talking about everything in the proposal content or is it some of the subsections of the proposal content beginning on page 12?

The General Narrative Description does refer to the Section III, B, Proposal Content.