



**CENTRAL FLORIDA CARES HEALTH SYSTEM, INC. (CFCHS)
LIMITED COMPETITION PROCUREMENT (LCP)
RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES REGARDING
LCP# 2013-001-ASA**

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Background and Process Statement:

- A. Written inquiries due to CFCHS: 5:00pm September 10, 2013
- B. CFCHS' response to inquiries due: 5:00pm September 11, 2013
- C. CFCHS received 14 written inquiries by the inquiry deadline; no verbal inquiries were received.
- D. The questions received are documented verbatim; possible grammatical errors and spelling mistakes were not corrected for the sake of maintaining the integrity of the inquiry received.
- E. "Department" and "DCF" refer to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

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1.	Is CFCHS seeking intensive outpatient or outpatient treatment services? It is listed as both in the LCP under 1.1 Introduction and 1.2 Statement of Purpose on Page 3 of 12.	CFCHS is seeking a continuum of services which includes any DCF substance abuse licensable component defined in 65D-30, F.A.C. that can serve the target population described in the LCP.
2.	If CFCHS is seeking intensive outpatient services, can we propose day treatment services?	Any DCF substance abuse licensable component defined in 65D-30, F.A.C. that can serve the target population described in the LCP may be proposed.
3.	Can you please define the "housing support" component of the outpatient services?	In accordance with 65E-14, F.A.C. housing support refers to services that assist persons with substance abuse disabilities in the selection of housing of their choice. These services also provide the necessary services and supports to assure their continued successful living in the community and transitioning into the community. Services may also provide for the placement and monitoring of recipients who are participating in non-residential services; recipients who have completed or are completing substance abuse treatment; and those recipients who need assistance and support in independent or supervised living within a "live-in" environment.



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4.	<p>[Our] program is located in Orange County where we currently serve women from Orange, Osceola, Brevard and Seminole Counties.</p> <p>In our budget are we to utilize money from each county allocation based on the number of beds we propose to serve for women coming from these counties, or, will we simply budget it based on the Orange County allocation?</p>	<p>CFCHS requests a separate proposal per county. The proposal must include the budget and all services proposed for that county.</p>
5.	<p>The LCP breaks out funds by County, can services be proposed at a location in another county while earmarking funds for the County of residence ensuring that the participant is from that County? For example providing residential beds in Orange County earmarked specifically for Brevard County residents.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
6.	<p>The LCP indicates there are “No Protests Permitted”. Is this consistent with the policies of CFCHS? What happens if there is a disagreement? How can State dollars be put out with no appeal process? Under what authority does CFCHS have to do this?</p>	<p>According to section 287.057 Florida Statutes, “health services, including, but not limited to, substance abuse and mental health services...are not subject to the competitive solicitation requirements of this section.” In a spirit of transparency and fairness, CFCHS chose to add formality to an otherwise informal procurement process while meeting tight deadlines that could not be met using a traditional competitive procurement method. This LCP process is in accordance with CFCHS’ current Procurement Policy. Disagreements will be handled according to CFCHS’ current policies. CFCHS policies are available upon request.</p>



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7.	Does a separate proposal need to be done for each geographic area to be targeted.	Yes. CFCHS requests a separate proposal per county.
8.	If a provider is going to propose services at two locations in two different counties also taking into the fact there will be different types of services, Do you want one proposal and budget for all locations and services together, or separate by county and/or service?	CFCHS requests a separate proposal per county. The proposal must include the budget and all services proposed for that county.
9.	If a provider is going to propose residential services should it (or can it) be a separate budget and/or proposal from other types of services, or should it be all inclusive?	CFCHS requests a separate proposal per county. The proposal must include the budget and all services proposed for that county.
10.	If a residential program is proposed can clients and /or funds come from counties other than where they reside?	Clients must originate/have permanent residence in Brevard, Seminole, Orange, or Osceola counties in order to be served by this funding. Refer to the answer for question #5.
11.	It appears to be unrealistic to answer all of the elements and sub-elements identified in the LCP scoring criteria in any detail given the fact there is a cap of 5 pages for the narrative. Will the number of items and limited amount of space be taken into account when proposals are being scored?	Yes.
12.	Like other special DCF funded contract services, is the contract going to be paid on an available services basis, ie. % of total since these funds are time limited and non-recurring funds? If not, how will the services be paid?	Payment methods will be negotiated during the negotiation meetings listed in the Schedule of Activities Table of the LCP.



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13.	<p>The language in Statute, Appropriation 375 states:</p> <p>“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 375, \$8,967,700 of nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue fund is provided for the expansion of substance abuse services for pregnant women and their affected families. These services shall include the expansion of residential treatment, outpatient treatment with housing support, and post-partum case management supporting both the mother and child consistent with recommendations from the Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse and Newborns. Priority for services shall be given to counties with greatest need and available treatment capacity”,</p> <p>This language clearly identifies that the funds are to be used for pregnant women and their affected families. The LCP however indicates that the services are provided to “pregnant women or women with dependent children”. The LCP does not appear to be consistent with the statute. Please explain how the LCP can define a target population different than in Statute. Is the ME indicating that the response should follow the LCP and not statute?</p>	<p>To clarify, appropriation language is not statute; therefore, the LCP is not defining a target population different than statute.</p> <p>The Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse & Newborns February 2013 Final Report repeatedly refers to “mothers” and/or “newborns.” By definition, a mother is not necessarily “pregnant.” Additionally, DCF obtained clarification from the Legislature that the intent of the appropriation is to serve not only pregnant women, but also women who are not pregnant. Services funded by this LCP may serve pregnant women, pregnant women who also have dependent children, or non-pregnant women with dependent newborns or dependent children.</p>



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14.	Is the ME recommending these funds to the Department as a priority for its LBR request so that they can be continued next year?	It is unknown at this time if the ME (managing entity) will be invited to participate in the LBR (Legislative Budget Request) process.