



## RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES

August 11, 2016

ITN#2017-001-MH

1. Question: This population will require medication management, can we add an RN/LPN position to the ITN?

Answer: Minimum staffing requirements must be met per Guidance 28. The Guidance does not prohibit additional positions.

2. Question: Can the budget include car leasing to provide transportation for this population?

Answer: Cost principles addressed in 65E-14.017, F.A.C. apply to this funding.

3. Question: I am requesting clarification of the deadline for submitting a proposal for the Forensic Multidisciplinary Team ITN. On page 4 of the ITN, the deadline is listed at Wednesday, August 24 and on page 7 the deadline is listed at Thursday, August 25?

Answer: The deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, August 25, 2016 by 4:00 P.M. [EST].

4. Question: Will the clients under our care be coming directly from within the FL Department of Corrections or within State forensic hospitals, or will this diversion be the end result of the initial trial so clients can avoid criminal sentence time within the FL DOC and State forensic hospitals?

Answer: Per Guidance 28, individuals may be referred to the FMT by duly authorized representatives of local law enforcement, local courts, the State Attorney, the Public Defender or the Managing Entity. THE FMT service delivery must relate to the program goals listed in the Guidance, which includes diverting individuals who do not require the intensity of a forensic secure placement from the criminal justice system to community-based care and collaborating with the criminal justice system to minimize or divert incarcerations.

5. Question: Is this a fixed rate contract or based on billing units in cost centers?

Answer: Payment methodology shall be the same as described for FACT Teams in 65E-14.021, F.A.C.

6. Question: What is the difference between the proposed MDT and a FACT team?

Answer: The major differences are the focus of population served, number of individuals served at a given time (FMT= 45; FACT=100 approx.) and client to staff ratio. You may refer to Guidance 28-FMT and Guidance 16-FACT in the link below for comparison.

<http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/substance-abuse/managing-entities/2016-contract-docs>

7. Question: Is the forensic facility Chattahoochee state hospital?

Answer: The State of Florida operates more than one forensic facility. You may refer to the DCF link below for additional information:

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/samh/mentalhealth/forensic/answers.shtml>

8. Question: If so, how are the limits of the crimes going to be set? (Chattahoochee houses frequent misdemeanor crimes to murderers)

Answer: The intent of the FMT is to serve Forensic clients which is defined by Chapter 916, FS as any defendant who has been committed to the department or agency pursuant to s. 916.13, s. 916.15, or s. 916.302. Chapter 916 covers felony charges only.

9. Question: Will there be a limit on how much assistance can be done with housing and financials? For the FACT teams there are times when rent is paid through the company and the client's check is managed through the FACT team...what are the limits that will be set for financial involvement on the team's part?

Answer: Guidance 28 does not set any limits for assistance. Providers acting as Representative Payees must follow 1 C.F.R § 305.91-3.

10. Question: What would be minimum and maximum age for entering treatment?

Answer: The minimum age is 18. There is no maximum age limit.

11. Question: Is there a limit of how long the client will be allowed in the program?

Answer: Guidance 28 does not set any limits.

12. Question: What extent of medical services that will be included? (labs?, general internist responsibilities).

Answer: Medical Services is defined in 65E-14.021, F.A.C. The FMT is responsible for locating and coordinating needed additional services for individuals served.

13. Question: Would prescription costs be factored in to the team budget?

Answer: Proposals and budgets must be developed in line with the goals and objectives of Guidance 28. It is up to the bidder to determine revenue sources to benefit the individuals served.

14. Who would be making the initial referrals to the team?

Answer: Referrals may be submitted by duly authorized representatives of local law enforcement, local courts, the State Attorney, the Public Defender or the Managing Entity.

15. Where would the majority of clients reside? ALFs?

Answer: Clients will reside in appropriate placements that best meets the individual's needs as determined by the FMT.