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To: Executive Directors, Local Mental Health Authorities
Executive Director, Texas Council of Community Mental Health and Mental
Retardation Centers

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Subject: Needs and Capacity Assessment for Crisis Expansion

Overview

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is requesting information related to the need for additional crisis services in your local service area. Based on the needs and capacity throughout the state, DSHS is committed to providing funding to address the below priorities:

1. Establishing, expanding or enhancing facility-based crisis options such as Crisis Stabilization Units, Crisis Residential, and Crisis Respite facilities;
2. Establishing, expanding, or enhancing crisis projects that augment the crisis response system and facility-based services including expansion of Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams, Transportation Services, Mental Health Deputy Programs, Peer Support and enhanced Continuity of Care Services, Medical Clearance, and Substance Use Treatment; and
3. Short-term startup funds to build capacity related to operating rapid crisis stabilization in licensed settings to address the needs of rural and frontier communities.

DSHS encourages Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) to complete the attached Needs and Capacity (NCA) Assessment and consider applying for a project(s) that meets the needs of your community. Each provider must be able to obtain at least a 25% local match (cash and/or in-kind), should funds become available.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for submission is July 1, 2015 by 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). Please submit a NCA for each proposed project to the following email addresses in the format below:

To: lurece.pierre-carr@dshs.state.tx.us
Cc: jennifer.perez@dshs.state.tx.us
kathleen.hubbard@dshs.state.tx.us
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Subject: Psychiatric Emergency Service Projects_NCA_Name of LMHA

Upon submission of your proposal(s), you will receive an email confirmation that contains a read receipt. If you do not receive an email confirmation within one business day of submission, contact Lucrece Pierre-Carr at 512-206-5065.

Webinar and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

DSHS will facilitate a webinar to provide guidance on completing proposal(s). The webinar is scheduled for June 3, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST. Please use the following link to access the webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4726083972591841025>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Submit questions regarding the NCA to Lucrece Pierre-Carr at lucrece.pierre-carr@dshs.state.tx.us by the close of business on May 29, 2015 and they will be addressed during the webinar. Questions received after the above date will be incorporated into a FAQ document and distributed to LMHAs via email.

Attachment I: Needs and Capacity Assessment: Psychiatric Emergency Service Projects
Attachment II: Form P: Budget Summary