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

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Subject: Needs and Capacity Assessment (NCA) for Substance Abuse Outreach, Screening, Assessment and Referral (OSAR) services

Overview

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is requesting information related to the need for Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA) to implement the Outreach, Screening Assessment and Referral (OSAR) functions as outlined in SB 1507, 84th Legislature. Based on the current OSAR structure through the eleven Health and Human Service regions, DSHS is committed to ensuring the least amount of service disruption as possible during this transition. Funding will address the priorities listed below:

Priority 1: Provide Outreach, Screening, Assessment, and Referral (OSAR) services to all Texas residents. (see attachment 1-Statement of Work)

Priority 2: Provide OSAR services to individuals seeking substance abuse information and treatment within each of the Texas Health Service Region Program Service Areas for all Texas residents. (see attachment 2-Service Areas)

DSHS encourages Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) to complete the attached Needs and Capacity Assessment (NCA) using providers, to the extent feasible, who have historically administered OSAR functions.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for submission is July 29, 2015, by 12:00 midnight Central Standard Time (CST). Please submit an NCA for the proposed project, to the following email addresses in the format below:

To: Tina.Hosaka@dshs.state.tx.us
Cc: Philander.moore@dshs.state.tx.us
Substanceabuse.contracts@dshs.state.tx.us

Subject: LMHA/OSAR Transition project NCA_ *Name of LMHA*

Upon submission of your proposal, you will receive an email confirmation that contains a read receipt. If you do not receive an email within one business day of submission, contact Tina Hosaka at 512-206-5205.

Webinar and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

DSHS will facilitate a webinar to provide guidance on completing this proposal. In consideration of the limited timeframe the webinar is scheduled for July 22, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST. Please use the following link to access the webinar:

<https://www-na2.globalmeet.com/w/pub/ctl?mode=frm&hcid=1156021&loc=en-US&ts=1437132617308>.

You must register as a 'Guest' to log onto the webinar. Submit questions regarding the NCA to Tina Hosaka at: Tina.Hosaka@dshs.state.tx.us by close of business Tuesday, July 21, 2015, and they will be addressed during the webinar. Questions received after the above date will be incorporated into the FAQ document and distributed to the LMHAs via email.

Attachments:

- Needs and Capacity Assessment: LMHA/OSAR Transition project
- Attachment 1: OSAR Statement of Work
- Attachment 2: Service Providers, Services Areas, Regional Funding Amounts
- Attachment 3: Budget Schedule
- Attachment 4: 2016 General Provisions Core
- Attachment 5: 2016 Substance ADD Provisions
- Attachment 6: 2016 GP Sub-recipient ADD Provisions Final
- Attachment 7: SAPT Contractor Requirements – Exhibit A