

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) – Passaic County

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS) hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

Name of program: Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) – Passaic County

Purpose: This notice announces the availability of grants designed to permit the continuation of PACT services within Passaic County to approximately 130 mental health consumers currently enrolled in PACT, as well as new admissions for eligible consumers as need, vacancies, and resources allow. The Program of Assertive Community Treatment is an evidence based practice targeted to individuals with severe mental illness and endorsed by The United States Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA). Based on longitudinal service utilization data specific to Passaic County, the DMHS anticipates the continued need for two PACT teams in Passaic County, with each team carrying a caseload of 60-65 consumers.

Amount of funding available: The Division of Mental Health Services is reserving sufficient funds from current appropriations to support continued PACT service delivery in Passaic County. Total annual operational costs for two high fidelity PACT teams are estimated at approximately \$1.8M. The DMHS has \$1.2M in annualized state funds available through this RFP. PACT services are a NJDMAHS Medicaid reimbursable service (N.J.A.C. 10:76). Based on longitudinal data specific to New Jersey PACT

Medicaid revenue figures, the DMHS anticipates that the applicant selected pursuant to this RFP will be able to cover the remaining operational costs of \$600,000 per year via Medicaid revenue. The DMHS anticipates Medicaid revenue will exceed this amount in subsequent contract years.

Organizations that may apply: In order to be eligible for consideration for this Request For Proposal, an applicant must be a corporation duly registered to conduct business within the State of New Jersey.

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to meet all rules and regulations for any DMHS program element of service proposed by the applicant.

The applicant must comply with the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services' contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document, the Contracts Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contracts Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).

Any fiscally viable corporation, as noted above, which meets the qualifications of the Department of Human Services' Contract Policy and Information Manual, N.J.A.C. 10:3, may apply. If needed, a copy of this manual may be obtained at the time an application is requested.

Applicants may contact the Division of Mental Health Services Contract Unit at 609-777-0608 with general questions about the requirements in these manuals.

Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered:

Applicants must:

- 1) Be a fiscally viable profit or non-profit organization, and document demonstrable experience in successfully providing mental health support, rehabilitation, and treatment or housing services for adults with serious and persistent mental illness.
- 2) The applicant must be duly registered to conduct business in the State of New Jersey, or if not yet registered, eligible to register. (Note: registering as a business in the State of New Jersey will be a contractual requirement.)
- 3) The applicant must currently meet DMHS PACT licensing standards, N.J.A.C. 10:37J, or demonstrate the capability of meeting such standards by December 31, 2009.
- 4) The applicant must currently meet, or be able to meet, the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services' contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).
- 5) Non-public applicants must demonstrate that they are incorporated through the New Jersey Department of State and provide documentation of their current non-profit status under Federal IRS 501 (c) (3) regulations, as applicable.

Procedure to apply: Effective March 16, 2009, eligible and interested organizations

may obtain a Request for Proposal via the Internet at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/publicnotices.html>:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/publicnotice.html> or by contacting

John Verney, Statewide PACT Coordinator at 973-977-4489.

All applicants must attend a mandatory Bidders Conference:

Date of Bidders Conference: March 27, 2009.
10:00am – 12:00pm

Division of Mental Health Services
Capital Center, 50 E. State St.
3rd Floor Conference Room, 336
Trenton, NJ 08625

Applications must be submitted to:

John Verney, Statewide PACT Coordinator
Department of Human Services
New Jersey Division of Mental Health Services
Northern Region Office
100 Hamilton Plaza – Suite 615
Box 4 TD Bank North
Paterson, NJ 07505

Deadline by which all applications must be submitted: Applications must be submitted to the Division of Mental Health Services by 4:00 pm, April 23, 2009. No fax or electronic submissions will be accepted. **Please note that proposals not physically received within the above timeframe will not be considered.**

Date by which applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection. Final approval and notice of awards will occur by 4:00 pm, May 22, 2009.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date