

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOME LEARNING COMMUNITY

TAKE NOTICE that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the following program.

Program Name: Request for Letters of Interest to Participate in the Behavioral Health Home Learning Community

Purpose: The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is requesting Letters of Interest from licensed mental health provider agencies to participate in a Behavioral Health Home-Learning Community (BHH-LC). Participation in the BHH-LC is a requirement of becoming a Behavioral Health Home (BHH) provider. However, participation in the BHH-LC does not guarantee that an agency will become a BHH provider.

New Jersey has procured the services of The National Council for Behavioral Healthcare (The National Council) to facilitate this Learning Community. This BHH-LC is designed to build BHH capacity in Burlington, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, and Warren Counties. Each participant of the BHH-LC will develop a BHH implementation plan that will be reviewed and assessed by DMHAS. If the plan is approved, the provider will become eligible to provide BHH services and to apply for BHH startup funds, if available. The availability of these funds is not guaranteed. The amount of start-up resources will depend on the availability of state funds for this purpose, as well as the number of agencies chosen and the identified needs. The BHH Implementation Plan will be used to identify start up needs but there is no guarantee that any or all identified needs will be funded. To qualify for startup funds, agencies will be required to complete an application, separate and distinct from this RLI. State certified BHHs will have two years in which to achieve certification as a Health Home by a nationally recognized and state approved accrediting body.

Available Funding Amount: There is no funding to support an agency's participation in the BHH-LC. DMHAS will supply the training, consultation, and meeting places. Staff time and travel expenses will be the responsibility of the provider agencies.

Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:

- Applicant must be licensed by DHS as a mental health services provider agency.
- Applicant must be an approved New Jersey Medicaid provider.
- Applicant must serve Burlington, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, or Warren County residents. At least 80% of applicant agency's current consumers must be Burlington, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, or Warren County residents.
- Applicant's licensed and intended site of the service must be in Burlington, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, or Warren County residents.
- Applicant provider agency leadership must identify willingness and capacity to create and implement process change with the goal of creating and/or enhancing integrated treatment services and developing a BHH.
- Applicant must agree to:
 - Work collaboratively with the Technical Assistance Contractor and DMHAS staff to develop a BHH readiness evaluation and implementation plan;
 - Assign lead staff to participate in the BHH-LC and work with the Technical Assistance Contractor and DMHAS staff;
 - Participate in technical assistance activities such as instruction, training sessions and instructional conference calls;
 - Assign a minimum of two (2) agency staff to the BHH-LC with the authority and the agency support to design a BHH plan and take the necessary steps to implement that plan;
 - Allow agency staff time and resources to participate in onsite trainings facilitated by the Technical Assistance Contractor and/or DMHAS staff on topics relevant to the development of the BHH services;
 - Allow agency staff resources and time to participate in BHH-LC sessions, either onsite and/or offsite with the other partnering BHH-LC agencies on implementing their BHH implementation plan;
 - Participate fully in sharing successes and challenges implementing the agency's individual BHH implementing plan;
 - Agree to attend ongoing learning activities sponsored by DMHAS after the formal BHH-LC has ended; and
 - Attend the BHH-LC Kick-Off session which will be scheduled in October 2016.

Proposal Procedure: Effective August 22, 2016, the Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) is available at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/index.html and www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/. A Letter of Interest must be submitted that comports with the RLI requirements and instructions.

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Submission Deadline: Letters must be received by 4:00 p.m. local time on September 6, 2016.

Notification Date: Applicants will be notified on or before September 23, 2016.

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Elizabeth Connolly, Acting Commissioner

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Date