

Recommended Proposed Outline of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Stakeholder Contracts

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Background

- The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funds to support stakeholder contracts for local and state level advocacy efforts.
 - Prior funding for contracts \$1.954M per year.
- The 2015/16 Budget Act added \$1 million dollars to the Commission's budget for youth, veterans, and racial and ethnic minorities.
 - Total amount, subject to availability, not to exceed \$2.954M.
- Transition from a sole-source to competitive contracting model.



Lessons Learned

Individual interviews and public meetings were conducted to identify lessons learned and common themes from contracts and activities.

- Prioritize advocacy, education, and outreach at state and local level
- Support expanded collaborative efforts among contractors
- Enhance integration of stakeholder efforts and Commission activities



RFP Outline: Overall Principles

- Alignment with the MHSA.
- Focused on transformational change of the mental health system.
- Enhanced opportunities to ensure the perspective and participation of stakeholders are a significant factor at all levels of decision making.
- Support a robust state and local level stakeholder process.



RFP Outline: Proposed Scope of Work

- Activities are to be carried out in three priority areas:
 - Advocacy
 - Training and Education
 - Outreach, Engagement, and Communication



RFP Outline: Proposed Scope of Work

- Contractors will be asked to develop deliverables in response to the scope of work as outlined in the RFPs.
- Deliverables will be developed in response to the unique needs of each population served.



RFP Outline: Proposed Minimum Qualifications for All Bidders

- Have evidence of capacity to provide statewide, county-level, and state-level participation;
- Be a non-profit organization;
- Have evidence of capacity to engage communities reflective of California's diverse population.



RFP Outline: Proposed Minimum Qualifications for Each Population

The recommended minimum qualifications for each population are:

- ***Clients/Consumers***

A statewide client/consumer-run organization with a board of directors and/or staff comprised of more than 51% clients/consumers.

- ***Families of clients/consumers***

A statewide organization with a demonstrated ability to support the needs of families of clients/consumers.



RFP Outline: Proposed Minimum Qualifications for Each Population *continued*

- ***Children and Youth (under 18 years) and their parents/caregivers***

A statewide family-run organization with a board of directors and/or staff comprised of more than 51% parents and/or caregivers who have raised or are currently raising a child in the mental health system.

- ***Transition Age Youth (ages 16-25 years)***

A statewide youth-run organization with a board of directors and/or staff comprised of more than 51% youth with experience in the public mental health system.



RFP Outline: Proposed Minimum Qualifications for Each Population *continued*

- **Veterans:**

An established statewide organization with experience providing programs and services related to the mental health needs of California's veteran population.

- **Diverse racial and ethnic communities/ populations**

An established statewide organization with experience providing programs and services related to achieving mental health equity for diverse racial and ethnic communities/populations and other vulnerable populations.



Next Steps

- Upon Commission approval, Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released.
- The most qualified Proposers will be selected through a competitive process.
- The results of the selection process will be presented to the Commission in May to obtain approval to enter into the contracts.
- Contracts expected to begin on July 1, 2016.



Proposed Motion

- The Commission approves the proposed outline of the scope of work and minimum qualifications for the stakeholder contracts.
- The Commission authorizes the Executive Director to initiate a competitive bid process.

