

# Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

## RFP LGBTQ+-003

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1	7.B. Minimum Qualifications (p. 14)	The RFP states, “At least 50% of the paid staff, board members, or advisory board members identify as members of the Population.” Can you please clarify whether applicants must achieve 50% representation in all or any of these roles? For example, would an applicant qualify if 50% of their advisory board, but not 50% of their staff, are members of the population?	Yes, the 50% requirement is for any of the identified roles and not required for all of the roles.
2	7.B. Minimum Qualifications (p. 15) 6.A.1.2. Scope of Work (p. 8)	The RFP states that the contractor must “Be a non-profit organization.” The contractor must also “Advocate for statewide policy initiatives and legislation [...]” Given restrictions for non-profits on using state funds for lobbying, can you please clarify what is the contractor’s role in advocating for state legislation? Is the contractor advocating to the legislature (lobbying), advocating to a public audience, and/or some other role?	<p>The intent of this RFP is for an advocacy contractor. The purpose of this contract is to provide advocacy activities and events led by the Population that highlight local mental health services available, to have the Population identify existing needs in their local communities, reduce stigma, and inform local and statewide leadership on the specific needs.</p> <p>State level advocacy activities include elevating the mental and behavioral health needs of the Population to state level decisionmakers. State level decision-makers and decision-making bodies include State Legislature, members of the California State Assembly and Senate and their staff, and California state agencies.</p>

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3	10.B. Submission Instructions (p. 28)	Is there a required or recommended page limit for the narrative, and/or for individual sections?	<p>There is no required or recommended page or section limit for a response.</p> <p>Proposals are to be prepared in such a way as to provide a straightforward, concise explanation of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP.</p>
4	General	Last I knew, organizations could hold more than one MHSOAC Advocacy Contracts. Is that still true?	For this RFP, there is no restriction on a single organization holding more than one advocacy contract. Organizations may submit a proposal for more than one Advocacy contract as long as they meet the minimum qualifications. All proposals will be scored based on the scoring criteria stated in the RFP.