

RFP for Fiduciary for Distribution of SBHC Mental Health Funding #2023-0904

Questions and Answers

Question 1.

Can you clarify section 2.c.2. Describe how technical assistance to SBHC Mental Health staff will be provided including how to identify health care providers in the community willing to offer services to students and their families in the SBHC setting?

1. Does this mean that RFP applicants may be community health organizations applying to start school-based mental health services ONLY (without an existing School-Based Health Center)?
2. Or is it intended to limit RFP Applicants to those with EXISTING school-based health centers?

Answer 1.

Clarify Section 2.c.2.

Section 2.c.2 is contained under the heading Collaborations/Community Linkage.

The applicant should describe how they (the applicant) plan to offer technical assistance to the SBHC Mental Health staff (the applicants' subcontractors) including how they (the applicants' subcontractors) can identify health care providers (Collaborations/Community Linkage) in the community willing to offer services to students and families in (or outside) the SBHC setting.

Sub questions 1 & 2

2.c.2 offers no description or guidance on who can apply to be a subcontractor for the applicant.

Question 2.

What is the plan to sustain funding for the identified SBHCs, and for the QI/evaluation role of the fiduciary, after December 2024? Does DPH anticipate that the fiduciary be asked to continue in their QI/evaluation role if funding continues?

Answer 2.

Funding will be for a 1 year and 4-month period beginning approximately September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. A final report will need to be submitted as part of the contract. No funding will be provided after this period and there is no plan to continue the QI/evaluation role.

Question 3.

What type of technical assistance is requested? What QI indicators/outcomes would the fiduciary be measuring?

Answer 3.

The fiduciary will need to provide technical assistance and training to SBHC sites. This may include orientations, planning calls, trainings on topics related to SBHCs, etc. The contractor will need to collect data from SBHC sites that includes visit data, clients enrolled, clients who have had visits, type of insurance, number of clients screened, tested, and vaccinated, number of client's screened for mental health and found at risk and referred to internal or external sources, billing data, etc. Reports will be in electronic format as directed by DPH.

Question 4.

How does DPH view the fiduciary's QI role with identified districts in light of QI for the other SBHCs in the state?

Answer 4.

The fiduciary will provide QI for the sites identified through the RFP process. There may be an instance where DPH offers QI for all SBHC sites.

Question 5.

What is the timeline that DPH anticipates within the 16-month contract for 1) releasing an RFP; 2) selecting new SBHCs; 3) services to start at the new SBHCs

Answer 5.

1) Release an RFP within 3 weeks of contract execution; 2) select new SBHC within 6 weeks of RFP release; 3) services to start at new SBHC sites within 2 months to 4 months of RFP release.

Question 6.

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D.1.d. Detail existing contracts serving the community.

What should we include under this given we are a national organization? The work with existing CT sites? Summary of most applicable contracts (federal, state, local)?

Answer 6. Yes, detail any work with CT sites. Provide summary of any applicable federal, state or local contracts.

Question 7.

Will there be an option to extend the contract beyond 2024?

Answer 7.

No, December 31, 2024 is the end of the contract. There will be no extensions.

Question 8.

Since DPH SBHC staff are currently responsible for program and contract management, what will the relationship be between DPH SBHC staff and the chosen fiduciary?

Answer 8.

The fiduciary will be responsible for the program and contract management of the sites awarded through this RFP. DPH will work directly with the fiduciary only.

Question 9.

Does DPH have a metric for how many schools are expected to receive funding under the work of this RFP?

Answer 9.

There is no limit to how many schools can receive funding for this project. Each site can request up to \$250,000.

Question 10.

What is the targeted date for selection of awardee?

Answer 10.

April 20, 2023

Question 11.

Is it acceptable to provide the electronic copy of proposal on flash drive or sent email?

Answer 11.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be evaluated. A Flash Drive will be accepted. The electronic copy of the proposal must be compatible with *Microsoft Office Word 2013*. For the electronic copy, required forms and appendices may be scanned and submitted in Portable Document Format (PDF) or similar file format. Please see Section I.C.10. Proposal Due Date and Time for more information.

Question 12.

What is the age range of students served in Pre-K-12 population?

Answer 12.

Ages typically served in CT SBHCs range from 2-21.

Question 13.

Does DPH staff the SBHC sites directly? If so, which type of positions?

Answer 13.

DPH does not staff the SBHCs. Each contractor we have is responsible for staffing the SBHC sites they oversee.

Question 14.

What is the average amount of funding a SBHC will receive?

Answer 14.

Each site can request up to \$250,000.

Question 15.

Is there a current service provider? If so, will there be a transition process to include potential personnel?

Answer 15.

There is not a current service provider. Each contractor managed by the fiduciary will need to have in place their own service provider to operate the SBHC site.

Question 16.

Is there a current database of patient information that will be required? If so, please provide.

Answer 16.

Each site will need to have access to a EHR to collect data and report data back to the fiduciary in a format agreed upon with DPH.