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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

**Nursing Home for Individuals who are Transitioning from a
Correctional Facility or Receiving Services from the
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.**

DATE ISSUED: September 30, 2011

RESPOND BY: Written responses to this RFI must be received by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Contact Person (listed below) no later than **4:00 pm local time on November 1, 2011.**

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
ATTN: Laurel Reagan, Director of Older Adult Services
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**ANTICIPATED
ACTION:**

This RFI is anticipatory of a *Nursing Home Level of Care* Request for Proposals (RFP) to be released by the Department in the Spring of 2012. No funding is associated with this RFI.

BACKGROUND:

The Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and Correction (DOC) are in need of access to Nursing Home Level of Care for individuals transitioning from correctional or mental health facilities. To this end, DMHAS and DOC are looking for innovative and effective approaches that will provide their clients access to long term care. A nursing home is the most appropriate long term care option for a small group of DMHAS and DOC (End of Sentence (EOS) and Parole Release) clients. Nursing home placement may be considered the least restrictive, most integrated setting for a variety of reasons including:

- a) client has physical, medical, and/or cognitive needs requiring 24-hour skilled nursing services and/or
- b) all community options have been explored and the health and safety needs of the client can only be met in a skilled nursing home setting and
- c) the admission complies with Federal and State Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) criteria because of:
 - 1) the presence of an uncontrolled and/or unstable and/or chronic medical condition requiring continuous skilled nursing services as evidenced by diagnosis(es), therapies/services, observation requirements, and frequency; *or*
 - 2) chronic condition(s) requiring substantial assistance with daily personal care

RFI PROPOSAL: DMHAS, in consultation with DOC and DSS, will enter into a contract to provide nursing home level of care for certain residents who have complex legal issues and meet PASRR requirements

The agencies are seeking innovative submissions that effectively describe a plan for long term care for certain DMHAS and DOC clients.

The agencies are most interested in submissions that:

- stimulate innovation and efficiency in service delivery
- support person-centered approaches
- provide access to care for a population that existing nursing homes refuse due to criminal histories and/or level of psychiatric disability
- contain a plan to maintain the population below IMD levels
- are financially sustainable

SUBMISSIONS

Interested parties should submit a letter, not to exceed 4 pages, including:

1. **Agency Contact(s):** Name, address and contact person (phone, fax, and email) for submitting agency, in addition to contact person(s) if this submission is a collaborative effort with other agencies.
2. **Project Description:** Provide a clear and specific description of proposed approaches and how it further supports establishment and implementation of a Nursing Home Level of Care for this selected population.

The plan should include a(n):

- organizational summary
- strategy and implementation summary
- service descriptions
- staffing models
- management summary
- operating budget and financial summary
- any necessary technology
- an explanation of any anticipated need and amount for capital expenditures
- location and suggested facility (with documented approved zoning)
- outcome measures that will be used to evaluate project performance.

AGENCY CONTACTS:

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