

Vocational Services Request for Proposals (RFP)

Background

Lack of fair and competitive employment options/resources and difficulty with access to employment training programs are barriers identified for people living with a mental illness to become engaged in employment. Work can promote recovery and wellness; and often times, is an essential piece to a person's mental health treatment plan. While supported employment programs are known to provide the help a person with mental illness may need to find and maintain employment, being able to easily and quickly access the existing programs are limited.

The CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI) encompasses Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright Counties. The mission of CAMHI is to provide support for persons experiencing serious mental health problems to enhance their contributions to the community. The Initiative currently anticipates approximately \$50,000 in renewable funds available for this project. The funding may be renewed each year, pending availability, and provided the program is meeting the needs outlined in this R.F.P. Proposals are being sought from interested mental health providers for the delivery of a vocational services to adults with serious and persistent mental illness (S.P.M.I.) who are residents of the four county area. Preference given to funding requests specifically related to evidenced based practices.

Objective

The program will be designed for persons with a Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) by assisting them in achieving their goals in obtaining and maintaining gainful employment through a current program or business or by creating a new program or business.

Agency Responsibilities

- 1. Provide vocational services consistent with Evidenced Based Practices Supported Employment to the best ability of the agency to individuals. These services can include, but are not limited to :
 - Job Coaching
 - Job Development
 - Job Support
 - Career Advancement for persons with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness who's County of Financial Responsibility is Benton, Sherburne, Stearns or Wright Counties.
- 2. Provide outcome reporting at CAMHI Advisory Committee meetings.
 - Quarterly reports will also be submitted to the CommUNITY Program Coordinator according to information required on the Adult Mental Health Grant Quarterly Data Reporting Tool as designated by Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Proposal Requirements

- 1. Detailed description of service to be provided
- 2. Program budget of expenditures
- 3. Define outcome measurements
- 4. Contact Information

Process and Timeline for submitting proposals

Completed proposals must be received no later than 4:00pm on Friday, April 10, 2020. Proposals received after the deadline cannot be accepted. Proposals will be presented to the CAMHI Joint Powers Board at the first Board meeting following the RFP Reader Group meeting on April, 21, 2020.

Please send proposals to:

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