

AMENDMENT I

September 30, 2020

All Prospective Bidders:

Reference is made to the Mississippi Department of Corrections Invitation for Bids (IFB) # 3160003893 for the Integrated Reentry Support and Treatment Services for Individuals with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness (CSAMI) in Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River and Stone counties, dated September 15, 2020.

Amendment I acknowledges that the IFB is modified and superseded by the following change in terms, conditions and specifications:

2.2 Scope of Services

The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) is implementing the Second Chance Act - Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness FY2019 Grant (CSAMI CORP19). The project will provide integrated reentry support and treatment services to MDOC offenders who are moderate-to-high risk for recidivism as they transition back to an identified target area in order to reduce recidivism, improve the quality of life for the individuals, and increase public safety. CMHC, in coordination with MDOC designated staff, shall meet with program participants housed at MDOC facilities at least thirty (30) days prior to release. CMHC shall provide post-release community-based CSAMI, Criminogenic Risk Needs treatment and recovery support services for a minimum of 175 returning citizens within Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River and Stone counties. CMHC will engage in information sharing throughout the planning, implementation and operational phases of the program.

CMHC must be certified to provide adult mental health services and substance use disorder services. CMHC must possess personnel trained in accessing community resources to build networks that support recovery for CSAMI and symptom management, as well as daily living activities. These resources include 12-step groups, faith-based groups, vocational/educational, supportive employment, housing, medical, veteran-specific services, and family services for help with child custody and parenting needs.

The CMHC will designate a point of contact to oversee the project throughout the planning, implementation, and operational phases.

Pre-Release Services:

- CMHC will participate in quarterly Resource Fairs hosted by MDOC Pre-Release.
- CMHC designated personnel will participate in the final pre-release care coordination meetings, within thirty (30) days of offenders' release, to ensure a smooth transition

of services and coordination to address reentry needs.

- CMHC will provide each participant an appointment for post-release treatment and support services within seven (7) days of release.

Post-Release Services:

- Offenders will continue to be monitored for progress periodically by MDOC and CMHC. The CMHC will utilize an industry-recognized screening tool approved for use by MDOC and U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance to monitor offenders' progress post-release.
- The CMHC shall provide outpatient services using a standardized method of delivering clinical care based on clinical practice guidelines and/or evidence-based practice.
- The CMHC shall provide intensive outpatient counseling defined as up to nine (9) hours of weekly group counseling, up to one (1) hour of individual counseling weekly, and up to one (1) hour of monthly family counseling, all for up to six (6) months dependent upon the specified needs of each individual.
- The CMHC may use funds allocated as the client services fee to pay for any upfront/co-pay/nominal fees for costs associated with social, legal, medical, or other community agency services that program participants need to access.
- The CMHC shall provide credentialed personnel to conduct an evaluation and prescribe psychiatric medications as necessary based on individualized needs.
- The CMHC shall provide access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for individuals with alcohol and opioid addiction who are willing to participate in the MAT program to reduce, eliminate, or prevent the use of illicit drugs, potential criminal activity and focus on improving the quality of life of those receiving treatment.
- The CMHC shall provide recovery support services consisting of linkage to housing, medical, vocational/educational, and faith-based services. The CMHC will be responsible for folding in local agencies that better understand the local area needs.
- The CMHC shall collaborate with MDOC program and Community Corrections staff regarding modifications to comprehensive case plans for each participant based on the risk level and criminogenic needs identified with the MDOC Risk tool and Needs Questionnaire, and their specific CSAMI diagnosis and symptoms resulting from screenings and assessments.

The CMHC is required to develop/revise written policies and procedures to outline the roles and responsibilities of developing the case plans. Participant progress, barriers, and solutions will be addressed during monthly post-release care coordination meetings.

MDOC will utilize a Participant Tracking form that includes demographic information, CSAMI diagnoses, risk level, total therapeutic hours of service and supervision hours of service, as well as housing, employment and health coverage status.

The CMHC and MDOC will offer a variety of Evidence-Based Protocols (EBPs) for Criminogenic Risk, Mental Illness, and Substance Abuse, including traditional Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Matrix Model, Seeking Safety, Moral Reconciliation

Therapy and 12-Step Facilitation, as well as Thinking for a Change (T4C). All of these EBPs have been proven effective for the target population in reducing criminal and addictive thinking, providing healing from trauma, and teaching personal responsibility for self-care from mental health conditions.

MDOC will partner with an independent evaluator to lead all aspects of data collection from pre-release screening visits, routine reporting requirements, and providing constant programmatic feedback to inform project changes as needed. Unique pre/post-release participant data will be collected and analyzed to measure performance and inform project changes and will include the following at a minimum: volume (eligible vs. enrolled), demographics, screening results, psychiatric diagnoses, recidivism-risk scores, supervision compliance, hours of counseling/recovery support activities, facility of release, offense, sentence term, prior arrests, re-arrests, relapse, and securement of non-programmatic services (Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, etc.). The CMHC will provide data as requested by the evaluator and/or MDOC in a timely manner to ensure timely reporting of performance measurements to BJA. Data will be collected on a monthly basis for BJA quarterly reporting.

4.1.6 Bid Submission Format

The Bid package must be sealed and must contain the following:

- Bid Cover Sheet (**Attachment A**)
- Bid Form (**Attachment B**)
- References (**Attachment C**)
- Certifications and Assurances (**Attachment D**)
- Bureau of Justice Assistance Special Conditions (**Attachment E**)
- Insurance Certificates
- Appropriate licenses and/or certifications to provide behavioral health services for Adult Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services
- E-Verification Registration
- W-9 Form
- Mississippi Secretary of State Registration, if applicable. If not applicable, specify why.

4.1.8 Minimum Qualifications to be Deemed Responsible

- Submit Attachment C – References
- Submit appropriate licenses and/or certifications to provide behavioral health services for Adult Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

In the event that any provision of this first amendment conflicts in whole or in part with any of the terms, conditions, or specifications of the IFB, the provisions of this first amendment will control. The effective date of this amendment is September 30, 2020.

All other terms, conditions, and specifications of this solicitation remain unchanged.

Bid Opening Date and Time: October 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. CST

Acknowledgment

This amendment must be signed and returned with your bid, or otherwise acknowledged prior to the opening date and time shown above. If you have already submitted your bid and need to make corrections, submit a corrected bid with this amendment prior to the opening date and time shown above.

Company Name

Signature

Title

Date