



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Milwaukee County

Geri Lyday, Interim Director

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To: Community Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

The Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Behavioral Health Division (BHD) announces a Request for Information (RFI). BHD is issuing this RFI to receive information from community providers and organizations on each entity's current capacity to provide mental health services, and interest and ability to participate in a redesigned mental health system. The overall goal of the redesigned mental health system is to decrease reliance on emergency and inpatient levels of care and increase community-based programming and support. BHD has a strong and continuing interest in ensuring that our diverse clients have access to equally diverse, high quality services.

Broad service categories in the RFI include Acute Inpatient Services (both Adult and Child and Adolescent); Residential Services (both Short and Long Term); Adult Community Services; and Crisis Diversion/Stabilization Services.

BHD may use the results of the RFI to craft more specific Requests for Proposals (RFP) as needed services are identified to support a redesigned mental health system and continuum of care. In addition, Milwaukee County may use information submitted to develop a network of providers that can provide all or some of the components of Community-Based Supports within a fee-for-service approach to services.

RFI materials will be available for download from:

http://county.milwaukee.gov/DHHS_bids beginning on Monday, October 3, 2011.

Question and answer sessions will be held to assist respondents in completing the RFI spreadsheet. The date and time of sessions can be found in the RFI.

All responses for this RFI must be received by DHHS Contract Administration in electronic format no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT on **Friday, November 4, 2011.**

Thank you for your interest in the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services RFI process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Geri Lyday'.

Ger Lyday
Interim Director

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