

Request for Proposal: Behavioral Health Drop-In Center

Aitkin County Health and Human Services

Input for the development of an adult drop-in center solely supported by a Behavioral Health community provider.

Purpose and Objective

This is a request for interest and proposal in developing an adult behavioral health drop-in center for consumers in our county. Aitkin County Health and Human Services is seeking information from all interested providers to develop a program which builds resilience, supports recovery, provides opportunities for peers to learn and share coping skills/strategies within a stigma-free environment.

Response to this Request for Proposal (RFP) is completely voluntary. Responders can comment on all subject areas/questions where input is sought, or only subject areas/questions of interest to the responder. The county is seeking information that may be used for future planning, policy development, contract development and program performance. This RFP and responses to it, does not in any way obligate Aitkin County Health and Human Services, nor will it provide any advantage to respondents in potential future contracts for services.

Background

Aitkin County does not currently have a formal location for community members with lived mental health experience to informally meet. Aitkin County Health and Human Services is open to seeing what each interested responder can provide.

Service Description

The drop-in center service provider must provide the infrastructure for peer-focused supports and opportunities, which promote independence, stability, recovery and collaboration. The services could be provided within one fixed location or scattered sites throughout Aitkin County. Due to Aitkin County's large geographic make up, the services could be mobile in nature as well. The services must provide consumers with the opportunity to become increasingly self-reliant and improve the quality of their lives through meaningful activities, opportunities and collaboration.

Request for Information, Input and Interest

A. Target Populations

Adults with behavioral health needs.

B. Services Provided

Aitkin County Health and Human Services is interested in hearing from providers who are willing to work with the county, consumers, families and existing community resources to

develop a drop-in center. The drop-in center must be open, ideally daily, during the week and staffed with provider staff. The services must provide consumers with the opportunity to become increasingly self-reliant and improve the quality of their lives through meaningful activities, opportunities and collaboration. As the drop in center would become part of the mental health service continuum within Aitkin County, willingness and ability for collaboration with our local hospital, jail, existing mental health providers and Aitkin County Health and Human Services is essential.

C. Funding

Initial start-up costs for the drop-in center may be reduced through funds provided by Aitkin County Health and Human Services. However, on-going funding will need to be pursued, secured and apportioned by the drop-in center service provider.

D. Provider Requirements

The drop-in center service provider will follow existing guidelines and by-laws. When licensing is required, the service provider will pursue and remain licensed. The service provider shall comply with all applicable Federal and State statutes and regulations, as well as local ordinances and rules now in effect or hereafter adopted. The drop-in service provider will provide/oversee and maintain staff, who will facilitate peer-focused supports and programming.

E. Other Considerations

It is preferred that the provider have experience within the behavioral health field as the drop-in center is tasked with providing meaningful activities and opportunities to promote self-reliance, recovery and stability for its participants. The provider must also be willing to provide monthly attendance and programming lists to Aitkin County Health and Human Services. Transportation to and from the drop-in center (unless mobile service) as well as virtual programming options would be an added bonus to promote engagement and success of the drop-in center.

F. Response

As previously stated, Aitkin County Health and Human Services is looking for a behavioral health provider to create a drop-in center that builds resilience, supports recovery, provides opportunities for peers to learn and share coping skills/strategies within a stigma-free environment.

Questions may be submitted to Rebecca Person, Aitkin County Adult Services-Behavioral Health Services Supervisor, at rebecca.person@co.aitkin.mn.us. Final Bids/Proposals should be submitted by email to Rebecca Person at rebecca.person@co.aitkin.mn.us by 4:30 PM on 11/6/23. Any proposals submitted after 4:30 PM on 11/6/23 will not be accepted.

G. Proposed Timelines

Public Posting on 10/6/23

Emailed Proposals due on 11/6/23

Applicant's Proposal's Reviewed and Scored on 11/9/23

County Attorney Review Proposals on 11/13/23

Chosen Applicant Notified on 11/17/23

County Board Notified of Chosen Applicant on 11/21/23

Plan for Development and Service Implementation prior to: 6/1/24

A. Proprietary Information

Responders should be aware that any information provided becomes public information and the responsibility of removing or redacting proprietary information that the responder wants kept private is solely the responsibility of the responder prior to submission of information to Aitkin County.

We are very interested in seeing what response and what planning is shared through this RFP. We look forward to the continued work together around this service for our community members.

Respectfully,

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