Allegheny County Department of Human Services Request for Proposals Q&A

RFP for Mental Health (MH) Assessment, Outpatient Therapy, and Additional Service referral and Support for Residents of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP)

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1. Is there a description of the HACP Clinical Coordinator role for provider's reference?

No

2. What is the relationship of the HACP Clinical Coordinator with these communities? Do they interact with the residents frequently?

The HACP Clinical Coordinator monitors HACP referrals, assessments and linkages to independent service programs; maintaining data and preparing reports on service performance.

Yes, to conduct assessments and review their progression after linking them to services.

3. Does the HACP Clinical Coordinator or some other HACP person/position aide in getting residents connected with health insurance for participation in mental health services?

No.

4. Is there any satisfaction feedback collected or available from the residents about the HACP clinical coordinator? (Are they a trusted member within these communities?)

No.

5. What does the screening tool for referrals entail? Has that been developed? Can that be shared now?

The Clinical Coordinator has assessment tools to filter all referrals. The referrals will only be for mental health.

6. Is participation in this service considered a last resort, before starting the eviction process for the resident?

Not necessarily. It will vary case by case.

7. Do the therapeutic spaces identified at the HACP locations meet the Outpatient regulations? Adding locations to an existing Outpatient License typically involves licensing by the state and Promise ID enrollment.

Program was unable to provide a clear response to this question.

8. The RFP mentions the expectation to provide treatment in the resident's apartment if they choose that. This typically requires adding Mobile Mental Health Treatment (MMHT) to an existing license. Has the state indicated they will waive that, or will these services all be paid by HACP?

Program was unable to provide a clear response to this question.

9. The RFP states that the applicant organization must be a licensed mental health practice. If an organization is not a licensed mental health facility, it is sufficient for the organization to have funded staff who are licensed therapists who are (or could be) credentialed?

No, the Successful Proposer must be a licensed outpatient provider through the Commonwealth of PA and able to provide services on site or through telehealth.