Request for Information (RFI)
Partner Provider Agencies to Deliver Services in a Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse/Addiction Criminal Justice Diversion Program/Center

Issue Date: May 21, 2020
Submission Deadline: 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2020

Submit RFI Response by E-mail to: RFP@adamhscc.org

Please Note: Submission of an RFI does not guarantee a contract with the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. However, the ADAMHS Board reserves the right to award a contract based on the responses to the RFI.

In anticipation of Cuyahoga County releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse/Addiction Criminal Justice Diversion Program/Center, the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) in preparation of responding to the RFP.

The ADAMHS Board realizes that no one single entity could provide all the services required to properly run a successful Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse/Addiction Criminal Justice Diversion Program/Center with the best outcomes for individuals and our community. Therefore, we are seeking interest from provider agencies to be included in the ADAMHS Board response to the County RFP.

Responses to this ADAMHS Board RFI are welcomed from provider agencies that have the experience and ability to deliver treatment and recovery services that could be included in a diversion program/center with the overall goal of diverting low-level offenders from jail, which can occur at any point during the processing of a criminal case through the judicial system, including: Pre-arrest/booking; Post-arrest and Court ordered. Services may include the following:

1. **Sobering Unit:**
   A short-term recovery unit for those under the acute influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Treatment would include detoxification, hydration, substance abuse counseling, education regarding the risk of mixing alcohol with other drugs, particularly opiates. Immediate linkage to treatment, in the community, including medication assisted treatment as indicated, would be provided prior to discharge.

2. **Detoxification/Withdrawal Management Unit:**
   Detoxification services that meet the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s criteria for Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Services/Withdrawal Management for adults. Will provide 24-hour nursing care with a physician’s availability for significant problems. Consistent monitoring for suicide risk would also be provided.
3. **Crisis Stabilization Unit:**
Following the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration's National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care, the Crisis Stabilization Unit would offer immediate emotional support to stabilize the individual; provide an assessment and support for medical stability; screen for suicide risk and complete a comprehensive suicide risk assessments and planning when clinically indicated, as well as immediately begin discharge planning and connecting individuals with ongoing treatment, benefits and recovery supports in the community.

4. **Medication-assisted treatment (MAT):**
Starting an individual on MAT for opioid use disorder that includes the use of medication such as methadone, naltrexone (Vivitrol) or buprenorphine (Suboxone) along with counseling and other supports to aid individuals in recovery.

5. **Peer Support:**
Support provided by certified Peer Support Specialist - individuals in recovery from mental illness and/ or addictions who use their lived experience as a tool to assist others by sharing their personal journeys and knowledge. Individuals engaged in peer services play a vital role in laying the foundation for sustained recovery.

6. **Family Support:**
Support provided to family members/friends of individuals with serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, clinical depression, and anxiety disorders. Offering free support groups, education programs, information and referral, and advocacy.

7. **Faith-based Services:**
Secular programs/events/activities that do not promote any religion, but provide spirituality, health and wellness, prevention/early intervention, awareness, and education with the overarching goal to aid in recovery.

8. **Coordination of Ongoing Treatment and Linkages to Recovery Supports:**
Coordination and support for individuals to receive ongoing treatment and recovery housing, group homes, vocational, educational & employment training and job placement, transportation, etc.