

Peer Support Services RFP
Vendor Conference Minutes
10/31/2018

Vendors present: Mishelle O'Shasky (The Peer Association Inc & Reentry Associates); Tita Yutuc (Family & Children's Center)

Staff present: Chris Sander, Paul Medinger, Mandy Bisek, Diane Oines, Tristine Bauman, Steve Anderson

Questions/Answers

- 1. With the numerous funding streams available, who makes the determination which funding stream will pay for which services?**

While the County will be making the eligibility determination through the screenings of clients, we want to work with the chosen vendor to set up the process for determining funding source for services. Some clients could be eligible for several funding sources and we will need to work through this and assure we are efficiently utilizing the funding that we have.

- 2. Is La Crosse County open to treatment court with addiction specialists/peer supports?**

We will most likely see a lot of treatment court participants coming through this program and we are curious to see what types of changes this service could make to the treatment courts in the future.

- 3. What risk assessment is La Crosse County using?**

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- 4. Will probation and parole be active in this process?**

Yes.

- 5. Will the peer support worker be transporting clients?**

Yes.

- 6. Will La Crosse County be providing a VPN for the vendor to use?**

Contracted vendors do not need to access our computer systems and therefore would not need a VPN.

- 7. Is there an instrument the County prefers the vendor to use for data collection?**

The County is flexible and would like vendors to discuss what type of data collection process and software they will use.

- 8. Section 2.2 Public View – What is the opinion of La Crosse County in disclosing information?**
All information is reviewed using rules outlined by La Crosse County Corporation Counsel. Proposals submitted are normally considered public record and are able to be released when the RFP process is concluded. Nothing is released during the active RFP process.
- 9. Just a point of clarification – can you please explain the difference between the 2 grants?**
The grants are very similar, but the Opioid grant needs to serve clients with an Opioid Use Disorder. This Opioid Use Disorder does not however need to be diagnosed by a MD. The Opioid grant will be asking for things like interviews, stages of change, etc.
- 10. Question for the Jail Captain – What are your thoughts about peer supports coming in to the jail?**
We have had peer supports in the jail before. We have numerous volunteers coming in to the jail. We are very open to this, but will also need to review records of peers before allowing them to come in to assure we feel comfortable with where they are at with their sobriety, etc.

Additional questions submitted and answered following the vendor conference:

- 1. Just to clarify, the budget should be a CCS Vendor budget? Or should this be a typically grant project budget? It's a little confusing with the crossover.**
*The budget needs to set a quarter hour rate which will can be billed for all activities related to the 2nd Chance Act grant and Opioid STR grant. You will only bill for the quarter hours provided to each program.
The WRIC CCS preferred provider rate (\$15.21/qthr in 2019; \$14.88/qthr in 2018) will be paid for CCS funded services.*
- 2. The clarification I'm asking is the proposal only for a budget of the total amount of the 2 Grant's combined and anticipate expanding hours with the understanding that CCS participants may or may not be specific to the 2 grants requirements and or the participants will be shifted into CCS when those grant dollars are depleted. At the end of the day are the grant funds separate from CCS billing or is this project using CCS billing and hours provided are only to reflect the total amount calculated for the combined grant award ceilings?**
These grant dollars are separate from CCS. The budget we are looking for would be to fit in to the two grant amounts combined for their particular time periods. Grant funds from these 2 grants will not pay for services that are able to be paid by CCS. CCS funding is available for CCS eligible clients receiving CCS eligible services. Anything paid by CCS would be in addition to the amounts listed in this RFP.
- 3. Can I submit separate budgets for each grant versus lumping them together. In my experience this would be comingling if not separate and the data would not be correct to each identified funding stream. Program audits would be difficult as well**
We are looking for one quarter hour unit amount to cover both funding sources. If you want to break out the two budgets, you can do that, but in the end, we want one quarter hour unit amount that you would bill us for STR and Fresh Start.

- 4. Is the \$14.88Q/\$59.52 per hour the only source for the calculation consideration or can some of the grant funds be used outside of that direct service allotment to provide the tools each employee needs to begin their first day of work?**

\$14.88/qthr is the current rate that would be paid by CCS for the services that are provided to CCS eligible clients receiving CCS eligible services. This rate goes up to \$15.21/qthr in 2019. You will need to wrap the cost of the tools needed for employees in to the quarter hour rate you submit as a part of your proposal.