

Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council Meeting on June 18th

Questions from planning council members and guests on a data presentation at the May planning council meeting. Responses from Ricky Moyd from BCHD- Ryan White.

Question: Is an agency required by HRSA to be a non-profit organization to be funded by Ryan White?

Response: According to the standards for Ryan White Part A/ MAI sub-recipients entities receiving funds for services must be non-profit. For-profit entities may receive funds in specific instances approved through the Grantee. (see attached documents). The qualification of sub-recipients are also stated in the request for proposal (RFP) of service categories.

Question: Have you made it easier for your workers to gain access to the prisoners? Last year that was a barrier?

Response: In regard to easier access into the correctional facilities (jails and prisons) the process is more streamlined to minimize barriers. The process doesn't supersede the rules of the correctional system as there must remain protocol for assurance public safety. The outreach staff under SOAR must have the standard background checks complete through the department of corrections. Once a person is cleared to enter the facilities based on the background check outcomes, the names are submitted by the outreach coordinator at DPSCS so that the clearance list is available at all facilities as being pre-approved to enter. It is still the responsibility of the SOAR outreach staff person to properly notify the facilities of the scheduled day and times they would like to meet with the client(s). Staff should not show up unannounced and expect to be allowed into the facilities.

Attachments:

- A. From Public Health Service Act
- B. From FY19 Oral Health and Housing RFP

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A.

Sec. 2604	PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT	1368
<p>2602(b)(4)(C), by the HIV health services planning council that serves such eligible area;</p>		
<p>(2) funds provided under section 2601 will be expended only for—</p>		
<p>(A) core medical services described in subsection (c);</p>		
<p>(B) support services described in subsection (d); and</p>		
<p>(C) administrative expenses described in subsection (h); and</p>		
<p>(3) the use of such funds will comply with the requirements of this section.</p>		
<p>(b) DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO APPROPRIATE ENTITIES.—</p>		
<p>(1) IN GENERAL.—The chief elected official of an eligible area shall use amounts from a grant under section 2601 to provide direct financial assistance to entities described in paragraph (2) for the purpose of providing core medical services and support services.</p>		
<p>(2) APPROPRIATE ENTITIES.—Direct financial assistance may be provided under paragraph (1) to public or nonprofit private entities, or private for-profit entities if such entities are the only available provider of quality HIV care in the area.</p>		
<p>(c) REQUIRED FUNDING FOR CORE MEDICAL SERVICES.—</p>		
<p>(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a grant under section 2601 for an eligible area for a grant year, the chief elected official of the area shall, of the portion of the grant remaining after reserving amounts for purposes of paragraphs (1) and (5)(B)(i) of subsection (h), use not less than 75 percent to provide core medical services that are needed in the eligible area for individuals with HIV/AIDS who are identified and eligible under this title (including services regarding the co-occurring conditions of the individuals).</p>		

B.

III. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS / ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants proposing to provide Dental Services must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Eligible applicants for Part A funds include public or non-profit entities including community based organizations, HIV/AIDS service organizations, outpatient programs of non-profit hospitals, community health centers, migrant health centers, homeless healthcare centers, and faith-based organizations. Individuals, national organizations and private for-profit entities are not eligible.
- Applicants must have at least two (2) recent years of experience in providing dental services to HIV-infected populations OR have at least two (2) recent years of experience providing dental services solicited to non-HIV-infected populations.
- Have a Medical Assistance number
- Be located within the Baltimore EMA i.e. Baltimore City and the surrounding counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard and Queen Anne's
- Applicants must be registered and in good standing with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation in order to enter into a contract with the City of Baltimore.

Compliance with the minimum qualifications and eligibility criteria will ultimately be assessed through the contents of the proposal. Any proposal that does not clearly document compliance with the minimum qualifications will be disqualified.