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TO: Executive Directors of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)

FROM:  Elizabeth Knisely, Director
Bureau of Community Mental Health Services
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) Adult Mental Health Block Grant Request for Applications (RFA)
Proposal Application Due Date: **Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.**

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has historically provided Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funds to PIHPs, and their affiliate members in a non-competitive award process. For FY15, MDCH is making MHBG funds available to the PIHPs through a competitive application process. This process will entail projects having to meet a minimum score to be considered for funding. Each application must receive a minimum score of 85 out of the 100 points available. Projects that receive a score of 70 – 84 will be given an opportunity to address any identified areas of concern in order to increase the application score to the funding range. Any projects that receive an initial review score of 69 or lower will not have the opportunity to receive funding.

The funds will be used to support up to two of the following four efforts in each PIHP region:

1. Establishment of a technology based recovery support program that utilizes smart phone technology.
2. Development and use of peers as Health Coaches to support integrated behavioral and physical health care.
3. Continuation of the current MHBG integrated healthcare project that reflects efforts within the new PIHP structure.
4. Trauma-informed system of care development within the PIHP region.

For FY15, up to \$350,000 will be awarded to each PIHP to develop and/or strengthen one of the efforts outlined above or up to \$175,000 each (for a total of \$350,000) for two projects. No more than two areas will be approved. If two projects are selected, a separate application is required for each project. Applications may be submitted for two years (FY15 and FY16) with no local contribution required for FY15. For FY16, a maximum of \$300,000 in MHBG funds will be available with a local contribution of one dollar for every three MHBG dollars (1:3).

Questions regarding this RFA may be directed to Karen Cashen, Grants Manager, at cashenk@michigan.gov or (517) 335-5934. Please immediately share this RFA with pertinent PIHP and affiliate CMHSP staff.

Attachments

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