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MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Q/A for RFP: Create a Strategic Plan Transforming the Homeless Service Delivery System Through a Racial Equity Lens (Phase I)

1. With respect to the Covid-19 pandemic, what guidance or circumstances should bidders consider when planning to engage CoC stakeholders or collect data?

   All of the CoCs across the state have pivoted to virtual meetings in response to COVID-19. Furthermore, the MCTEH has moved its events virtual such as the Annual Summit on Ending Homelessness. The Authority encourages bidders to utilize virtual events to the fullest extent possible.

2. Is there an existing virtual platform commonly used by the Authority and a majority of the stakeholders who will be participating in this project? If so, will the selected vendor be required to obtain access or would the Authority arrange for all meetings/presentations?

   There is not currently a single virtual meeting platform that the Authority and all the stakeholders across the state are currently using. When hosting virtual meetings and events, the Authority has primarily used Zoom and Microsoft Teams. However other state partners use platforms such as Webex and Gotowebinar. The Authority is not planning on hosting any of the virtual events related to this project, however we will promote meetings and encourage stakeholders to attend.

3. Will the selected vendor be granted access to each CoC's HMIS and Stella P data for analytic purposes?

   The Authority has aggregate statewide data that it can share, however the vendor would need the permission of each CoC to access their HMIS and Stella P data. The Authority will work with the vendor to assure that these permissions are obtained in a timely manner.

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4. Regarding Section IV., Part A. Items 1 & 2, to what extent have the different CoC communities acknowledged the potential racial disparities in their service delivery systems, and/or documented existing racial disparities in their service delivery systems?

Communities vary across the spectrum in terms of their response to racial disparities within their respective homeless service delivery system. A handful of communities are already engaged in efforts to transform their service delivery systems from a racial equity lens, while other communities are just now exploring their data to deepen their understanding of the racial inequities that exist within their service delivery system.