

Mid Shore Behavioral Health Inc.
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Request for Expression of Interest
Building Healing Systems Learning Collaborative

Issued: June 16, 2023

Due: June 26, 2023, by 4:00 pm

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ISSUING OFFICER:
Kathryn G. Dilley
Executive Director

I. BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) has moved to decentralize the management of behavioral health services to Maryland Medicaid recipients and eligible uninsured residents by developing Local Behavioral Health authorities, Core Service Agencies, and Local Addictions Authorities. The Core Service Agency (CSA) acting as the designee of the Maryland Department of Health (hereafter known as “the Department”), shall complete a competitive procurement for its respective jurisdiction for all grant-funded activities.

Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. (MSBH) is the Core Service Agency (CSA) serving Kent, Queen Anne’s, Caroline, Talbot, and Dorchester Counties. MSBH is responsible for planning, systems management of the Public Behavioral Health Systems for the residents of the mid-shore counties of Maryland. MSBH is seeking interest from behavioral health providers to join in a Building Healthy System partnership.

The Building Healing System is a partnership between the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration, University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Bowie State University. The goal is to support Maryland Public Behavioral Health Systems in aligning with best practices in trauma-informed and healing-centered care and culture.

MSBH is looking for behavioral health provider to join the Healthy Systems Learning Collaborative. The collaborative will work together in the adoption of trauma informed policies and practices, and continuous quality improvement. To ensure optimal outcomes and maximize the benefits of this initiative, MSBH will be evaluating the following key considerations:

- Have some foundational knowledge about trauma and its impact on individuals and communities.
- May already be actively engaged in trauma-informed work.
- Have leadership that can participate and serve as champions for trauma-informed quality improvement process.
- Can identify staff (administrator, clinicians/providers, people with lived experience, director of quality improvement, and office management staff) to regularly engage in trainings and technical assistance.
- Willing to administer trauma-informed organizational assessments to workforce to support quality improvement.
- Willing to share results of assessment with key stakeholders to support quality improvement.
- Have consistent access to internet to participate in virtual trainings.

Benefits of participating in the Learning Collaborative:

- Receive one year of training and technical assistance from the Behavioral Health Building Healing Systems (BHBHS) team.
- Be on the cutting-edge of trauma-informed, resilience-oriented, equitable care and culture.
- Improve the quality of trauma-informed and healing-centered behavioral health systems.

- Join and learn together in a network of peers from across the state.
- Advance organizational policies to foster health and supportive behavioral health services for the community.
- Improve visibility for your work and receive state recognition from the BHBHS.

Funding available: Funding is to be determined by the Behavioral Health Administration.

II. Timeline:

June 30: LBHAs apply and select provider organization to participate.

Early July: LBHAs selection announced.

Later July-Oct: LBHAs and provider organizations participate in trainings (live, virtual, and recorded).

Late Aug/Early Sept: LBHAs and provider organizations roll out TIOA (assessment tool) to assess current policies and practices.

Nov: LBHAs and provider organizations start participating in Learning Collaborative.

III. Proposal Submission Format and Evaluation Criteria

1. Format of Proposals

Proposals will be received electronically. Proposals must indicate RFP title: Building Healing Systems Learning Collaborative: (Bidder Name and Date of Proposal).

2. Evaluation Criteria

In reference to key considerations above, please respond to the following questions:

- Describe your organizational practices and experiences related to trauma-informed care.
- Identify leadership and staff who could regularly engage in trainings and technical assistance.
- What would be your goal in engaging in this learning collaborative?

IV. PROCUREMENT PROCESS

MSBH is requesting proposals for the Building Healing Systems Learning Collaborative for FY2024, July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024; initial phase.

V. ELIGIBILITY

Any licensed or incorporated agency or organization, public or private, may apply under a Request for Proposals.

VI. ISSUING OFFICE

Request for Interest will be issued by: Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc.
28578 Mary's Court, Suite 1 Easton, MD 21601
The issuing officer is Kathryn G. Dilley, Executive Director
Email: kdilley@midshorebehavioralhealth.org

Proposal Submission and Deadline Date

The deadline for submission of proposals is June 26, 2023 no later than 4:00PM. Submissions are to be made electronically to Kathryn G. Dilley at kdilley@midshorebehavioralhealth.org

1. Selection and Respondent Selection Notification

The MSBH Programs Services Committee comprising MSBH Board of Directors members will review all submissions. The respondent selection notification date is June 30, 2023.

2. Organizational Capacity

The applicant complies with relevant Federal, State and County laws, regulations, and guidelines, as well as conditions imposed by BHA. Briefly state the bidder's organizational history, structure, nature, and scope of business activities.

The proposal demonstrates an understanding of the population to be served, number of persons to be served, eligibility criteria, as well as the importance of consumer input and collaboration, community integration, consumer rights protection, and community support for the program.