

Hello,

My name is Amy Upham and I am the Opioid Response Coordinator with Buncombe County Health and Human Services. We are exploring what options may exist for us to provide Licensed Counseling and Peer Support Services for those with Opioid Use Disorder at high risk of overdose from July 2020-December 2022. We are only seeking providers who have recent experience with providing this service or services that are functionally similar. Our minimum need is for a provider that can provide 25 hours of Licensed Counseling and 40 hours of Peer Support services.

We would greatly appreciate it if you or an authorized representative of your agency could respond to the following questions:

- 1) Does your organization have recent experience providing Opioid Use Disorder counseling through a Licensed mental health professional, and Peer Support services through a certified Peer Support Specialist?
- 2) If your answer to question 1 is yes: Does your organization have interest in providing this service in partnership with Buncombe County Health and Human Services? (If yes, please feel free to include any relevant information that demonstrates your experience in providing this or similar services. Please include specific therapies offered.)
- 3) If your answer to question 2 is yes:
 - a. Does your organization currently have the capacity to fulfill the level of service we are seeking? (If yes, please include any relevant information that demonstrates your capacity to provide this service, including therapeutic modalities you will offer, and your agency's experience and comfort level with harm reduction.)
 - b. What would your proposed rate of payment be in order to provide this service? Please include your CCA rate per participant, and any expected Medicaid reimbursement.
- 4) If your answer to question 3 is yes, does your agency have flexibility to provide such services as an independent program in which participants would only need to engage in this service to receive care? (ie: no requirements for psychiatric care, SAIOP, etc.) If no, please explain which additional services clients would need to engage in to receive the level of service we are seeking?
- 5) Is your agency able and willing to prescribe MAT to individuals at this level of service, without any barriers regarding continuation or induction? If no, is your agency able and willing to work with a local MAT provider in coordination of care, with the Peer Support as lead in care management?

Please reply by 3:00pm, February 14, 2020 in order to be considered as a potential partner for this service. Submittals should be emailed to Amy Upham at amy.upham@buncombecounty.org

Buncombe County reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all offers at any time if such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

Note: This and subsequent correspondence will be treated as informal bidding under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 45, Subtitle A, Subchapter A, Part 75.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Programs that may be applicable to the provision of this service:

CFDA #16.838 (Categories 1 and 2) and CFDA #16.754 (Category 3)