

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT ON SOLE SOURCE BASIS

Program Agency: Department of Behavioral Health
Proposed Contractor: Wisconsin Avenue Psychiatric Center operating as
Psychiatric Institute of Washington (PIW)
Contract Number: RM-16-C-082-BY0-MTD
Caption: Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management
Treatment Services

AUTHORITY

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700, and 1701

1. MINIMUM NEED:

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) provides an array of services that includes prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery services which serve children, youth and adults with mental and/or substance use disorders. Specifically, the modalities of care encompass emergency psychiatric care and community-based outpatient and residential services. DBH serves more than 12,000 adults, children, youth and their families each year through a network of community based providers and unique government delivered services. The DBH Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Division has a requirement to incorporate into the array of services, a Provider operating as a specialty behavioral health hospital or psychiatric hospital that can provide inpatient Substance Abuse Withdrawal Management for Adolescent and Adults.

Through the DBH's Adolescent Substance Treatment Expansion Program (ASTEP), and the Adult Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services (ASARS) level of care continuum, Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management (Level 3.7) or Medically Managed Intensive inpatient Withdrawal Management (Level 4), treatment is provided to Consumers whose intoxication / withdrawal signs and symptoms are severe enough to require access to a 24-hour acute care structure and support system. With an increase in opioid use, illegal substance overdose and alcohol use in the District there are indicators this population is more prone to experience severe withdrawal as well as certain associated trauma, co-occurring, primary care and mental health issues consistent with their long term substance use disorder.

DBH also requires a Provider to utilize the Agency's approved electronic health record system (EHR). Treatment services combined with the use of the Agency's EHR support the DBH in Consumer treatment tracking, monitoring activities while also promoting humane and clinically appropriate care in an environment that supports the delivery of Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management Treatment services.

2. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated Fair and Reasonable Price is \$950,000.00 for one year. PIW pricing is in accordance with to the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria. The pricing is also based upon an established fixed rate unit pricing schedule currently utilized by DBH Substance Abuse Treatment Services (SATS) Providers which is a published rate

The Provider's pricing is therefore determined to be fair and reasonable as the pricing structure is consistent with District fixed rate pricing and will be billed and delivered in accordance with industry standards for providing Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management Treatment.

3. FACTS SUPPORTING SOURCE SELECTION:

PIW was previously a DBH Certified Substance Abuse Treatment Provider. As a result of regulation changes under the District of Columbia's Municipal Regulations, Title 22A, Chapter 63, DBH does not have authority to certify a Hospital for Substance Use Disorder Services resulting in the current Provider certification to expire with no ability to recertify. District Hospital regulations are overseen by the Department of Health agency. The following additional facts support why it is medically and operationally necessary to issue a Sole Source Procurement to the specialty Behavioral Health Hospital.

- PIW has met all required District of Columbia certifications and standards, including those set forth in the DC Code.
- Pricing was based upon an established Fixed Rate Unit.
- After detailed Market Assessment and Research, it has been determined that Psychiatric Institute of Washington (PIW) is the only specialty Hospital operating in the District of Columbia committed to providing Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management treatment services for adolescent and adults while ensuring compliance with the DBH HER
- PIW can provide Level of Care (3.7 Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management treatment services for youth and adults as well as Level 4 Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Withdrawal Management) in a psychiatric hospital setting. There is no other known available source within the District of Columbia that can provide withdrawal management Substance Use Disorder Treatment Level 3.7 and Level 4 to adolescents and adults.
- DBH intends to refer and monitor Provider services which shall be implemented when medically necessary, based on need as identified within the results of a comprehensive clinical assessment.
- PIW maintains the ability to utilize the District Automated Treatment and Accounting (DATA) system which is the tool for Consumer Treatment referrals and Treatment Planning. DATA is also DBH's electronic health record system on record. DATA enables DBH to monitor Consumers throughout the continuum of care, support the ability to coordinate patient care within the DBH network, as well as ensure appropriate billing using the approved DBH fee schedule.

- PIW has exhibited the ability to follow and apply all rules related to payment, specifically the understanding that DBH is the payer of last resort. PIW shall bill in accordance with Clinical Standards and DBH Provider rules which covers verifying Consumer eligibility for third party payees, prior to billing DBH.

4. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Dr. Tanya Royster, Agency Director
Department of Behavioral Health

Date

5. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST

I hereby certify that the above findings are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I certify that the notice on intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

Margaret T. Desper, CPPB
Contract Specialist

Date

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the Sole Source method of procurement.

George Lewis
Contracting Officer

Date