

Ex-Offender Mental Health “Stop Gap” Mini Grants

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- Current working relationship with ODRC
 - Community Linkage Social Work (CLSW)
 - Reentry/Diversion Sub-committee
 - Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition
- Difference throughout the state
 - Multiple agencies vs. one or two agencies
 - Additional levy dollars
 - Grants
 - Prioritizing
- Issues
 - Wait times are long
 - Not accepting clients without a pay source
 - No additional dollars to serve the population
 - Will not see clients coming out of prison
 - Care & services become more expensive
 - High “no show” rates for the population

Background & Need



- \$400,000 Federal Block Grant
- Up to 16 mini grants
- Target Population: Offenders with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness leaving an ODRC prison within 30-90 days.
 - Expand Capacity
 - Expand Services
- ADAMHS/CMH Boards will be the recipients

If population is not served, it will absorb resources in one way or another

New Initiative

- Collaboration with other stakeholders
 - Local Reentry Task Force/Coalition
 - Others entities that provide services to the criminal justice population
 - Other entities that provide services to individuals with mental illness (e.g. consumer operated services, employment agencies, etc.)
- Increase the number of offenders served or increase the types of services offered
- Frontloading – providing numerous services shortly before release and through the first several months post-release

Expectations

- Increased capacity
 - Serve more clients
 - Services within 14 days
 - Services for clients without a pay source
 - Decreased wait times
- Increased services to the population
 - In-reach
 - Services that address criminogenic factors
 - Employment assistance
 - Housing assistance

Expectations

- Identify:
 - Needs
 - Goals & Objectives
 - Methods to Accomplish the goals & objectives
 - Desired outcomes
- Identify the MH contracted provider
- Local Reentry Efforts
 - Local Reentry Coalition?
 - How will local efforts augment this project?
- Number of SPMI offenders that return to your area & number expected to serve

RFP Requirements

- Organization's plan to provide coordinated comprehensive services:
 - Where/what are the current gaps?
 - How will funds fill these gaps?
 - What services will be provided with the funds or via the partnerships that have been developed through the project?
- Other key partners beside MH agency
- How will projects assist with housing?
- How the utilization of these dollars will save money, increase "return on investment", leverage other dollars etc.

RFP Requirements

- Quarterly report providing the following information:
 - Number of enrolled ex-offenders
 - Services provided
 - Timeliness of services

Reporting Requirements

QUESTIONS?



The End!