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## **Notice of Intent to Release Request for Application**

For

**Assertive Community Treatment Teams: (ACT)**

**Release Date: July 31, 2018**

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## Executive Summary

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention's Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) solicits applications from entities to develop and provide Assertive Community Treatment Programs. It is expected that this program will improve behavioral health outcomes for individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) by reducing rates of hospitalization, substance use, homelessness, and involvement with the criminal justice system.

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) is an evidenced based practice designed to assist individuals with SMI, primarily those who have been diagnosed with major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, borderline personality disorder, who struggle living independently within the community, have been unsuccessful in traditional treatment models, engage emergency services frequently, have housing instability, and/or have legal issues.

The ACT model is a team-based, multidisciplinary treatment approach that is capable of being more flexible towards individual needs than a more traditional model. This multidisciplinary treatment program will provide intensive wrap around services within the assembled team rather than referring to external providers. ACT is a service delivery model that provides services primarily within the community and home-based setting and is capable of providing participants with 24/7/365 service accessibility to meet individualized needs. A minimum of 75% of direct contact hours, as participants are encouraged to engage within their environment throughout services.

Applicants may submit proposals that includes approaches specific to Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) and Medical Assertive Community Treatment (MACT) populations.

## Application Evaluation Criteria

Applicants must provide evidence of their capacity to successfully execute all proposed strategies and activities to meet the objectives outlined in this Request for Applications (RFA). Applications will be scored using the following criteria:

### 1. ORGANIZATION STRENGTH AND DESCRIPTION

Elements to be evaluated: (1) Agency history, client population and levels of service, and experience in the community to include knowledge of local needs; (2) Project alignment with agency mission and goals; (3) Geographic Service Area; (4) Qualifications and tenure of staff providing proposed services, if staff is not currently hired, include a plan to onboard new staff, the type of staff and timeline in which this will occur; (5) The structure of the agency including Board of Directors (if applicable), hours of operation, and number of locations (6) Whether the program will have a local, regional or statewide impact.

## **2. COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

Elements to be evaluated: (1) Collaboration with external community resources; (2) Roles of collaborating partners including sub-awardees (if any); (3) Plan to monitor sub-awardees to ensure adherence to award agreements and terms; and (4) Formalized care coordination agreements that are in place.

## **3. SERVICE DELIVERY**

Elements to be evaluated: (1) Proposed Project Service System; (2) Scope of Work Deliverables; (3) Proposed plan to expand access to ACT Program services to include number of new, unduplicated patients to be serviced; (4) Patient and family engagement activities; (5) Population identification (SMI and/or COD with SMI) and plan for how the agency will access such clients.

## **4. COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND LEVERAGING OF FUNDS**

Elements to be evaluated: (1) Existing Grants and Projects dedicated to addressing individuals with chronic mental illness, primarily those who have been diagnosed with psychotic disorders and severe mood disorders with psychotic components, who struggle living independently within the community, have been unsuccessful in traditional treatment models, engage in emergency services frequently, have housing instability and/or have legal issues, and (2) Sources of reimbursement (e.g. Medicaid, Contracted MCOs, Sliding Fee Scale, Private Pay).

## **5. OUTCOMES & SUSTAINABILITY**

Elements to be evaluated: (1) Sustainability Plan to include transition from grant funds to 3<sup>rd</sup> party payers (2) Impact of services to patients (3) Data Collection (TEDS data when applicable, Consumer Satisfaction Survey, Client level data) and Management Plan to include submission of required reports in a timely manner; (4) Outcome Objectives Worksheet.

## Timeline

*NOTE: These dates represent a tentative schedule of events. The State reserves the right to modify these dates at any time, with appropriate notice to prospective applicants.*

TASK	DUE DATE & TIME
SAPTA distributes the Request for Application Guidance with all submission forms	July 31, 2018
Q&A Written Questions due to SAPTA	August 9, 2018
Informational Webinar to address questions	<p>August 14, 2018 (10:00am – 11:00am)</p> <p>Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or            Android: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/427831163">https://zoom.us/j/427831163</a>            Or iPhone one-tap :            US: +16699006833,,427831163# or            +16468769923,,427831163#            Or Telephone:            Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):            US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 646 876 9923            Meeting ID: 427 831 163            International numbers available: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/427831163">https://zoom.us/j/427831163</a></p>
<b>Deadline for submission of applications</b>	August 21, 2018 by noon.
Technical Review of Applications	August 21-22, 2018
SAPTA will notify organizations that have discrepancies within their application.	August 23, 2017
Evaluation Period: Content review of applications	August 23-28, 2018
Interviews with Applicants	August 30, 2018
Funding Decisions Announced – SAPTA will notify organizations via e-mail to the listed Project Director	September 4, 2018
Successful awardees MUST attend the MANDATORY AWARDEE MEETING: Kickoff Meeting	September 14, 2018
Completion of subgrant awards for selected awardees	September 30, 2018
Grant Award Commencement of Project – Pending approved SAMHSA grant award and receipt of Notice of Award	Upon Execution of Award October 2018

## Resources

- The Division of Public and Behavioral Health certifies substance abuse facilities and programs through its Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention. Per Nevada Revised Statute 458.024(d) and Nevada Administrative Code 458.103 programs and facilities that are not certified are ineligible to receive state and federal funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs. Applicable regulations on certification can be found at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-458.html#NAC458Sec103>
- National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) <https://knowledge.samhsa.gov/ta-centers/national-registry-evidence-based-programs-and-practices>
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) KIT <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Assertive-Community-Treatment-ACT-Evidence-Based-Practices-EBP-KIT/SMA08-4345>
- Behavioral Health Community Integration Plan [http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalSAPTA/Home\\_-\\_SAPTA/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalSAPTA/Home_-_SAPTA/)