

Alcohol and Other Drugs Services Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver Substance Use Disorder Treatment Continuum of Care Accepted Requests for Interest

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In February of 2017, Behavioral Health's Alcohol and Other Drugs Services (hereinafter "AODS") sought out expressions of interest from suitably qualified community based providers to become a subcontracted provider under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) for the provision of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment to Contra Costa residents. Applicants were asked to provide: organizational history and philosophy, approach, plan, budget and objectives for implementing and integrating the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria along with Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) within the program's clinical practices.

AODS applied the same policies and procedures equally to all providers regardless of public, private, for-profit or non-profit status in the selection process. AODS received strong submissions from various applicants throughout the county that will allow for multiple contracts at each ASAM Level of Care required under the DMC-ODS Waiver. Awards were based upon the quality and completeness of the submissions, organizational capacity of the applicants and availability of funds.

AODS issued an RFI in fulfillment of the Terms and Conditions of the DMC-ODS Waiver to ensure that all Medi-Cal covered benefits are available and accessible to Medi-Cal beneficiaries regardless of where they live in Contra Costa. Based on the number of submissions and strong qualification of the proposals received, AODS has chosen to forego the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP), and will move directly into the contract negotiation phase with the following selected organizations:

Organization	ASAM Levels of Care Covered in Submission
ANKA Behavioral Health	1.0 & 2.1
Bay Area Community Resources	1.0 & 2.1
Bi-Bett	1.0, 3.1 & 3.2
Diablo Valley Drug and Alcohol Services	2.1
J Cole Recovery Homes	3.1
MHN Government Services LLC	1.0 & 2.1
REACH Project	1.0 & 2.1
Trinity Center	1.0 & 2.1
Ujima Family Recovery Services	1.0, 2.1 & 3.1

Organizations listed above will become providers in Contra Costa's Organized Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Managed Care Plan and will be eligible to bill Drug Medi-Cal. In total, Behavioral Health's AODS will initially fund a total of 27 SUD treatment facilities covering the various geographical areas of the county with through the DMC-ODS Waiver.

Although selected to continue with the contracting phase, each facility proposal will go through further revisions which will be required prior to finalizing a contract under the DMC-ODS Waiver with Behavioral Health's AODS. A representative with AODS will reach out to each selected organization within the coming weeks to schedule a date for further negotiations.

At the time of the scheduled meeting, each organization will be notified of any deficiencies or revisions that must be amended prior to final approval and finalizing a contract for each facility. These revisions could include pricing, technical information, and/or other elements of the proposal. The final contents of the amended submissions shall become contractual obligations and acceptance of all of the terms and conditions of the DMC-ODS Waiver, failure to accept these obligations may result in cancellation of the award.

Organizations that were not selected, or for which an ASAM Level of Care was not accepted may appeal AODS's selection of awardees within five days of this notification. Appeals must be addressed to the Director of Behavioral Health. All appeals must be in writing and shall be limited to the following grounds:

- 1. The county failed to follow the RFI procedures, which affected the submission scoring; and/or
- 2. The RFI evaluation criteria were not appropriately applied to the submission.

All appeals must be delivered to the following address by no later than 5pm on Thursday, April 13, 2017:

Director of Behavioral Health Contra Costa Alcohol and Other Drugs Services 1220 Morello Ave, Suite 200 Martinez, CA 94553 Attn: RFI Appeals

The Director of Behavioral Health will respond to the appeal within seven days and the decision of the Behavioral Health Director will be final and not subject to further review.

Thank you and we look forward to working with each organization as we move into the DMC-ODS Waiver.