

Request for Information                      IDHS, Division of Mental Health

Title: Mental Health Juvenile Inpatient Forensic services

The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health appreciates and thanks you for reviewing and considering this Request for Information (RFI) to assist the state in providing statutorily mandated services to juveniles.

Purpose:

To identify possible vendors interested in contracting with the IDHS, Division of Mental Health (DMH) for a contract to provide secure inpatient forensic treatment to juveniles aged 10 -17, adjudicated Unfit to Stand Trial (UST) and Not Guilty by Reason of Sanity (NGRI) by the Illinois criminal courts and remanded to the DHS. The inpatient forensic services would also include psychiatric services to both funded and unfunded youth, fitness restoration training (where applicable), medication management, risk and malingering assessments, case management and coordination, transportation, court reporting and expert witness testimony, as necessary. In addition, the potential vendor would be able to provide acute psychiatric stabilization for juveniles transferred to the DHS/DMH from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) under 730 ILCS 5/3-10-4 (Intradivisional Transfers).

This RFI does not constitute any commitment by the State to follow any particular procurement course of action. The RFI is for informational purposes only and may not necessarily result in an award of a contract or an increase in funding of an existing contract. The DHS/DMH reserves the right to enter into more than one contractual agreement with more than one vendor to procure cost effective and appropriate services in a timely manner.

Specifically, this RFI seeks to gain an understanding of:

- The organizations in the marketplace that have the capacity to provide these services in a dedicated unit/program
- The capacity of an organization to utilize public and private insurance funding sources
- The organization's knowledge of and ability to provide services to both juvenile forensic and justice-involved populations
- Knowledge of best practices in child and adolescent psychiatric treatment

Background:

The DHS/DMH is the State agency statutorily responsible for providing treatment to juveniles , ages 10-17, adjudicated Unfit to Stand Trial (UST) and Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) and remanded to the DHS under 725 ILCS 5/104-17 and 730 ILCS 5/5-2-4; respectively. The DHS/DMH closed the state operated juvenile forensic unit at McFarland Mental Health Center in 2008. Services were provided by a private community hospital prior to 2008 in conjunction with McFarland Mental Health Center; and primarily since 2008, without a contract. Juveniles in a forensic status have an average length of stay of approximately 4 months and for those eligible, treatment was billed through Medicaid. For unfunded youth, the treatment was funded directly by the DHS. In order to sustain this program, the DHS/DMH entered into a purchase of care contract (e.g., 10-bed dedicated unit) for FY16, with a community hospital

to provide secure inpatient forensic treatment. Historically, this arrangement has involved admission limitations (e.g., DCFS wards).

In addition, the current contract does not provide the Department with the ability to meet another statutory duty regarding intradivisional or emergency transfers from the Department of Juvenile Justice. Illinois Statute 730 ILCS 5/3-10-4 allows for the transfer of youth from the DJJ to DHS/DMH for provide acute psychiatric stabilization for a period of up to 6 months. There is no State Operated Hospital or unit or contract with a private/community hospital which provides this service currently. This RFI would seek potential vendors which could provide capacity and treatment for both populations.

Template for services include:

- Dedicated 10-15 bed unit in a secure (e.g., locked) inpatient environment
- Expertise in acute psychiatric treatment of children and adolescents ages 10-17
- Expertise in providing fitness restoration treatment for UST's and general psychiatric treatment to NGRI's and DJJ transfers
- Ability to provide medication management, risk and malingering assessments, case management and coordination, transportation, court reporting and expert witness testimony, as necessary
- Ability to provide other inpatient mental health treatment services such as education, substance abuse, anger management, etc.

Responses:

The information provided in response to this RFI is considered the property of the DHS/DMH and will be kept confidential by the DHS/DMH to the extent permitted by law. Information that you provide that you consider to be a trade secret or you consider confidential/proprietary (See section 7(1)(g) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act 5 ILCS 140/7) must be claimed as such at the time of submission. In addition, a detailed written justification explaining why the provided information is a trade secret or is confidential/proprietary must also be submitted. Please note that the DHS/DMH cannot reimburse organizations or other entities for any expenses associated with responding to this RFI. However, the State does appreciate your organization's efforts and values you input.