

MST-BSF Technical Assistance Q & A

11/3/2015

1. **Q.** The data was included in the RFP for the number of families that would be eligible for vouchers. Did that indicate anything about how many families we should expect that would have two parents who would be eligible to receive vouchers as the budgeted amount would be impacted?
 - A.** No, the data did not include two parent eligible households.

2. **Q.** Referring to the Social Club, it states that once a week all MST-BSF clients will be able to attend the 2-hour social club. From the current teams what is the percentage of the clients that attend?
 - A.** They are all invited to go, however, early on in their treatment they will have positive urines and if you have a positive urine you cannot participate in Social Club. Only clients with a negative urine can participate in Social Club and current average is 6 to 10 per group.

3. **Q.** Is there any anticipation by DCF that there could be a change to what is billable under Medicaid?
 - A.** Not at this point as MST-BSF is not yet evidenced-based.

4. **Q.** The only billable services are the Social Club and psychiatrist/APRN evaluations & medication management sessions. Is there room for the group to be offered somewhere that the transportation is sorted out but not necessarily directly in the region?
 - A.** Social Club will need to be in one of the towns covered by the area office being served.

5. **Q.** The link to access the budget forms in this and in the last RFP no longer works. Are they the same budget forms or have they been changed?
 - A.** It has been corrected. If you have any issues accessing the budget form contact Stacie Albert at stacie.albert@ct.gov

6. **Q.** To clarify the question about the Social Club and billing, would a proposal be considered that had a location in one of the towns that is covered by the Manchester or Norwich offices that was not licensed to bill or are you requiring that the application be able to maximize all billable services?

- A.** Yes, a proposal will be considered for a site in one of the towns in one of the Area Offices that was not licensed to bill. However, applicants are expected to demonstrate efforts to maximize billing for outpatient and psychiatric services.
7. **Q.** Under the questions – Page 25, Item 7 asks about Social Clubs and attending the group in the regions to be served. What is the correct location, regions or area office?
- A.** The correct location is the area office not the entire region.
8. **Q.** Throughout treatment clients receive various types of positive reinforcement for negative drug and alcohol screens. Is the expectation that every negative screen will be a \$10.00 voucher?
- A.** No, a maximum of three times per week at \$10.00 each for 14 weeks, for a maximum total of \$420
9. **Q.** In the case of marijuana usage, if the level of cannabinoids use is going down it has to be a zero to participate in the group and to get vouchers?
- A.** Yes – the testing cups utilized only give positive/negative and do not delineate levels. The client must have a “negative” screen in order to attend Social Club.
10. **Q.** Is there a specific trauma model used for adults?
- A.** Yes. The model’s name is Prolonged Exposure.
11. **Q.** Does a member of the MST-BSF team also do TF-CBT?
- A.** Yes, each therapist provides TF-CBT for children on his/her case load, when indicated.
12. **Q.** Is the TF-CBT training part of the MST-BSF training?
- A.** Yes, the 4-day trauma training consists of 2 days of TF-CBT training used with the children and 2 days of Prolonged Exposure training used with the adults
13. **Q.** Is that in anyway involved with the TF-CBT training that is offered throughout the state?
- A.** No, this is separate.

14. **Q.** Does the MST Institute data system accept batch transmissions?
A. MST Institute has the capacity to accept batch transmissions.
15. **Q.** Under questions #10, there is a request for job descriptions for the positions. Do you want them in the narrative response or as an appendix?
A. The job descriptions need to be in the body of the application.
16. **Q.** The last time the MST-BSF RFP was issued the Letters of Agreement were not one of the appendixes requirements and since subcontracting is not required, what kinds of Letters of Agreement are you anticipating, expecting or would like to receive?
A. Letters of agreement are not required, unless pertinent to your application.
17. **Q.** Many of the other DCF RFP's prefer outcomes to be provided as a separate appendix. Do you want them in the body or as a separate appendix?
A. Data can be added as an additional appendix.
18. **Q.** Are there costs associated with a GAIN training?
A. No. Staff are required to do a webinar and attend a skill session at DCF, with no cost to the agency.
19. **Q.** Will the received Letters of Intent be posted?
A. The Letters of Intent are not due until November 18, 2015 and can be posted to the DAS website by November 19, 2015.
20. **Q.** Please provide clarification of the request for Letters of Agreement in Appendix 1. Subcontracting is not permitted, and requirement for letters of agreement does not appear to be addressed elsewhere in the RFP. In addition, this was not a required Appendix in the 2/14/14 MST BSF RFP. What letters should applicants include with their submission?
A. See answer to question 16.
21. **Q.** What provider organizations currently have MST BSF teams serving other regions? Please provide a list by area office. Thank you.
A. Hartford Area Office – Wheeler Clinic
Waterbury Area Office – Wellmore

New Haven – Family Centered Services of Connecticut
New Britain and Meriden – Wheeler Clinic

22. Q. Page 24 of the RFP states that supporting data (Question 3B) and policies and/or practice guides (Question 3C) can be included in the appendices. The Appendices section lists the Letters of Agreement, Consulting Agreement Affidavit, and the Bidders CHRO package as the only appendices to be included in the proposal. Where within the Appendix does the Department expect the supporting data to be placed?

A. See question 17.

23. Q. During the technical assistance session DCF indicated that job descriptions requested in the response to question 10 (page 25 of RFP) should be included in the narrative. Will these job descriptions be counted toward the page limit?

A. Yes