

Forensic Long Term Structured Residence

Request for Proposal

Questions & Answers

1. What is the Contract term for this contract? **The contract term, as outlined in the reissued Request for Proposal which is slated to be advertised Thursday, July 1, 2021 , is five years subject to annual available funding and County Council's approval.**
2. Due to the complexity of establishing a Long-Term Structured Residence, would the County consider a 30-day extension to the RFP deadline to allow vendors time to fully prepare a cost effective and fully compliant proposal? **The Request for Proposal will be reissued and is scheduled to be advertised Thursday, July 1, 2021 includes an extended timeframe for submission of proposals.**
3. In addition to the extension, would the county consider a 2nd round of questions. Due to the complexity of this response, we anticipate having some additional questions that could provide vendors with valuable information to provide a complaint proposal. **No, a second round of questions will not be considered.**
4. Will the County allow the Long-Term Structured Residence facility to be established outside of Delaware County? **All proposals submitted in accordance to the instructions outlined in the Request for Proposal will be considered.**
5. Please confirm that the county will pay the successful vendor a monthly amount for a 16-bed Long-Term Structured Residential program. **The pricing is based on an Alternative Payment Arrangement with the County's Managed Care Organization and a Fee for Service payment schedule with the County.**
6. Is the Long-Term Structured Residence program currently provided under a contract? **Yes, the County Department of Human Services currently has this service under contract, however a need to expand has been identified.**
If so, can the county provide vendors with a copy of the current contract or provider information on how vendors can obtain a copy. **Once the process for this Request for Proposal is completed you may submit a Right to Know Request through the County Open Records process.**
7. Is there a sample contract available for review? **The standard appendices included in the release of the Request for Proposal is all that can be shared at this time.**
8. What is the planned term of the agreement, and any options to renew? **See response to question #1.**
9. Would the Agency allow for at least 30 days prior notice for termination? **The Agreement contains a 60 day without cause advance written notice termination clause.**
10. Would the Agency allow for mutual termination for convenience? **No, any Agreement which results from the Request for Proposal process will contain a sixty day without cause advance written notice of termination clause.**
11. Please indicate the exact license that would be necessary from Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. Will it be a hospital or similar type license? **Required licenses are Long-Term Structured Residence license as well as a license to contract with Delaware County's Managed Care Organization for Outpatient Services in an Alternative Setting.**
12. Please explain the Sec 304 and Sec. 305 commitment in relation to this program. **Individuals can be involuntarily committed to this program using sections 304 and 305 of the Pennsylvania Mental Health Procedures Act.**
13. Would the Sec 304 and Sec 305 population involve the same individuals as those at a psychiatric hospital? **The Section 304 and 305 are processed via the Mental Health Court in Delaware County.**
14. Please help us understand what "Medical Assistance eligible HealthChoices residents of the County" is referring to (per page 2 of the RFP). **Medical Assistance eligible means the individual must meet the State of Pennsylvania's criteria for the Medical Assistance HealthChoices program.**
15. The RFP page 2 states, "these individuals will also have forensic involvement which may include recent and/or long term-incarceration, active probation/parole and/or may be at high risk of reoffending." Can you please confirm that all residents will be appointed by Court Order and will be under court supervision? **The individuals will be appointed by Court Order and will be under court supervision and/or diverted to this program by the Department of Human Services 'Mental Health Office.**
16. Please clarify whether all residents must have a mental health issue to enter the program and what level or provide examples of the mental health diagnosis?

Yes, all residents must have a mental health issue to enter the program. Serious Mental Illness is defined as someone over the age of eighteen who has, or has had within the past year, a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder that causes serious functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.

Serious Mental Illness is a small subset of the 300 mental illnesses listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder. Serious Mental Illness includes disorders such as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder.

17. Please confirm if the pricing structure will be a fixed monthly fee.

The rate is paid based on a per diem for beds filled/units of service for services and the budget includes a vacancy rate. Services provided under Medical Assistance are paid by the Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization on an alternate payment arrangement.

18. Please confirm the length of stay for each resident is a minimum of 30 days or more. Please indicate whether that is based on the length of program or other. The length of stay for each resident is based on each resident's treatment status as well as the length of time of the civil commitment which is based on the length of time of their civil commitment.

19. Will the residents be discharged to the public or transferred to another less restrictive facility/housing upon discharge from the program? Based on the clinical team's recommendation(s) and the Court's approval, individualized discharge planning will take place for each resident. Individuals will be discharged to the setting that is most appropriate.

20. Is the discharge based on the individual's mental health or sentencing period? It is based on both. Individuals who are there on a civil commitment (304 or 305) can remain for the term of the civil commitment unless they agree to voluntary treatment.

21. Will individuals stay in the facility past their court supervision or sentencing? If so, for how long can they be held without a court order? Individuals who are there on a civil commitment (304 or 305) can remain for the term of the civil commitment unless they agree to voluntary treatment.