

FY22, EMHOT RFP Bidders Conference

Questions and Answers

Question: How many "new" programs will be funded?

Answer: There is no set number of programs to be funded, applicants can submit a proposal for a maximum of \$75,000 for the initial performance period of 12/1/21 through 6/30/22.

Question: Is there a requirement that the EMHOT provide one-to-one counseling?

Answer: If the bidder cannot provide counseling/direct service, they must have a contract with a provider who can; we note that one of the key components of the EMHOT model is to be able to provide that initial/crisis counseling, and once the person is stable be able to transfer that person to another provider in the community.

Question: Is there a minimum level of licensure for the lead clinician?

Answer: EMHOT Projects need to have an LMHC, the EMHOT does not have to have an LMHC on staff, they can contract out with an LMHC, and have LICSW's and/or MSW's or MSW interns on staff (and may contract out for LICSW's as well).

Question: If we are hiring a FT clinician why do we need 5 MH agencies to refer to? is that because the # of expected referrals is more than 1 FTE could manage?

Answer: The 5 behavioral health providers, are for the EMHOT to be able to refer clients to, (as well as receive referrals from). EMHOT clients may have long-term behavioral health counseling needs. Caseloads may get very high very fast without having those community behavioral health partners to refer to.

Question: Does the provider who sees clients and prescribes medications have to be a behavioral health provider or can it be a PCP?

Answer: The provider who prescribes medication does not have to be a psychiatrist; the provider can be a PCP.