

# ENHANCED SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The following are answers to questions that were posed by prospective applicants:

- 1. Can you provide the number of San Mateo youth who qualify for this service, their age ranges, and the county in which they reside? What is your daily rate for TFC?**

Over the last fiscal year, we served 1600 children/youth; those who qualify for ICC and IHBS services are full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries, up to age 21, who reside in San Mateo county.

The TFC services for our county is a new start-up program and we anticipate a small number of clients in the range of 3-5 children/youth.

- 2. What is San Mateo's approach to providing the assessment and the handoff to the provider of these services?**

***Children/Youth are referred to TFC services*** through CFS or Probation departments as an out-of-home placement option. Recommendations for this level of service are processed through the Child and Family Team and placement is facilitated by the appropriate placing agency.

If a TFC is recommended through the CFT, our internal assessor will either confirm that recommendation or determines another level of care is best needed. It will then go to IPRC for final approval into the TFC agency to assign to a TFC home.

***For ICC and IHBS services:*** BHRS receives all initial referrals and will do the initial screening to determine level of care. If appropriate the referral will be triaged to the contractor providing ICC and/or IHBS.

- 3. Does San Mateo have a minimum educational and skills requirement for Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialists?**

The qualifications for an MHRS are as follows as required by DHCS: Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist. A mental health rehabilitation specialist shall be an individual who has a baccalaureate degree and four

years of experience in a mental health setting as a specialist in the fields of physical restoration, social adjustment, or vocational adjustment. Up to two years of graduate professional education may be substituted for the experience requirement on a year-for-year basis; up to two years of post-associate arts

**4. Would these be new services or are they existing services? If existing, who are current providers and how long have they been in contract?**

These are new services.

**5. What is the Budget Cap?**

We will develop rates/budget based on the information provided in the submitted proposals for the projected cost to be incurred by the agency, for the services outlined in the RFI document.