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ADDENDUM 3

To: All Interested Bidders

From: Linda Mena, Inventory Bid Technician

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Subject: RFP # 10-087, Multi Systemic Therapy for Juvenile Probation
Department

The Purchasing Department received questions relating to the above referenced RFP; below are the responses to the following questions:

1. On page 7, in the section entitled purpose, the list of youth excluded from services does not include sex offenders. MST Services does include this in their exclusionary list for core MST and have developed a special adaptation for this offense. Will the provider be expected to work with Sex Offenders?

MST excludes juvenile sex offenders in the absence of other delinquent conduct or antisocial behaviors. Texas statutes however, allows for a child to be adjudicated for a reportable offense that may not necessarily be sexual in nature i.e. kidnapping, unlawful restraints that would require the child to adhere to mandates that may classify a child as a sex offender (i.e. mandated counseling and/or registration). Youth referred may be adjudicated of a reportable/sexual offense, however, those that have been identified as not presenting other issues, delinquent conduct or antisocial behaviors will be excluded. It is recommended that the bidder identify any population that will be excluded as well as the criteria for exclusion. Youth adjudicated of a reportable offense will be provided with the appropriate treatment as mandated by law and the bidder is expected to work in conjunction with the therapist providing services.

2. Will El Paso County Probation send the same clients to both FFT and MST, if not what will be the distinguishing risk factor(s) to determine referral?

The Department will not refer the same child/family for MST & FFT services. FFT services will be provided to the high risk offenders as studies indicate outcomes are

successful with high risk offenders. Determinations will be based on departmental staffing held, youth that are deemed to be of higher risk based on emotional and/or mental health issues will be considered for MST, whereas youth who's conduct is based more on behavioral health issues will be considered for FFT. The development of skills and rehabilitative services vs. therapeutic services will also be a factor on identifying if MST or FFT will be appropriate. Selected vendor is encouraged to participate in the staffing process for input.

3. The RFP asks for a "Daily Rate", a therapist could perform several services in a day, have contract with school, probation and scheduled meeting with family. If the family misses the appointment it states the provided will not get paid, how will this be distinguished within the "Daily Rate"?

Contractor will be requested to provide a proposed schedule for services, since both MST & FFT are flexible models and services are subject to change based on the needs of the family the daily rate should encompass an average of services expected to be provided. Services under both models are normally more intensive at the onset and taper off towards transition and discharge the rate calculated should account for these difference. A prorated rate may be utilized based on start and end dates of services as well if excessive absences are documented in contact logs.

4. Is it possible to send two rate structures, with a higher rate for the first six months to cover start-up expenses?

No