

October 1, 2009

Reference: North Central Region Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the School-Based Behavioral Health Team (SBBH) Program

Dear

Community Care Behavioral Health is currently requesting proposals for the development and provision of a School-Based Behavioral Health Team (SBBH) Program for children, adolescents and their families in identified school districts in Northumberland, Snyder and Warren counties.

The SBBH Team will serve as the “behavioral health home” for a youth and his/her family by providing a single point of contact for the youth and family and by assuming full accountability for the clinical treatment, coordination of care and case management activities. While based in the school, services for a youth and his/her family are expected to extend into the home and community settings.

The SBBH Team Program was piloted in Luzerne County in the Hazleton Area School District and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District in January 2009. In these participating districts, the SBBH Team is proving to be an effective model to serve youth and families in a flexibly responsive way. Due to the success of the pilot, an expansion of the SBBH program is currently underway in the northeast in the Montrose Area School District in Susquehanna County and in the Scranton School District in Lackawanna County. This RFQ initiates the implementation of SBBH Team Services in the North Central Region.

Attached please find the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), in addition to the SBBH Service Description, for your review and consideration.

We will be hosting an Applicants’ Conference to answer any questions interested providers may have about the RFQ and the process for selection of a provider. The conference will be convened in two different regions of the North Central contract. Letters of Intent to Respond to the RFQ are due no later than October 22, 2009. Proposals are due no later than November 5, 2009. Details are included in the attachments.

We invite and welcome all providers who meet the qualifications and have an interest in serving youth and their families to consider responding to this RFQ for SBBH Team Program.

Sincerely,

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