

ADDENDUM “A”

Request for Proposals for 2023 Randolph County High Impact Opioid Abatement Strategies

THIS ADDENDUM HEREBY CLARIFIES, MODIFIES, or RESPONDS to QUESTIONS received regarding the Request for Proposals for 2023 Randolph County High Impact Opioid Abatement Strategies issued on Friday, January 6, 2023. This Addendum is being issued to notify potential Vendors of changes, additions, or needed clarifications that are being made.

The following is questions that has been received by Randolph County and the County’s response:

1. **Question:** Can applicants provide sources of evidence-based practices that are not provided in the RFP? For example, the California Evidence-Based Clearing House for Child Welfare?

Answer: Applicants are encouraged to review all available, relevant evidence-based practices addressing opioid use disorder (OUD) appropriate for populations of focus (individuals with OUD) served by your proposed program.

2. **Question:** How can applicants provide the County with success stories regarding their programs if HIPPA protects individuals’ medical rights and information?

Answer: Aggregated or anonymized data and success stories may be provided to comply with this reporting request to maintain protected information.

3. **Question:** Does an organization need to submit multiple applications for naloxone distribution and Syringe Service Provider activities, even though SSPs may participate in naloxone distribution?

Answer: Yes. Exhibit A to the NC MOA makes a distinction between Strategy 7 Naloxone Distribution and Strategy 9 Syringe Service Program. Separate proposals are required to be submitted for individual strategies.

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4. **Question:** Is an organization intending to apply for funds through the Naloxone Distribution strategy required to solicit a distribution standing order? Does the state-wide standing order for dispensing naloxone meet this need?

Answer: An organization intending to apply for funds through the Strategy 7: Naloxone Distribution must obtain a distribution standing order signed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Consult the North Carolina Naloxone Distribution Toolkit from NC DHHS here: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/media/8091/download>.

5. **Question:** Does an organization have to maintain the level of employment insurance request in the RFP if the organization is exempt by State statute by having fewer than 3 employees?

Answer: All organizations must meet or exceed the level of Workers’ Compensation coverage required in the RFP. Review Section X: Legal Provisions, item 13 Insurance on page 33 of the RFP for more information.

6. **Question:** What strategy does an organization that provides transportation for individuals to access recovery support services fall under?

Answer: Strategy 3: Recovery Support Services. Review Exhibit A Strategy 3 of the NC MOA for the definition of recovery support services and review Section III: Request for Proposals - Scope of Services, page 10 of the RFP for examples.

7. **Question:** Does an organization intending to provide connections to care need to apply for separate strategies pertaining to the services that the organization connects individuals to?

Answer: Organizations are encouraged to identify which strategy best suits their proposed program and best represents the proposed activities.

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8. **Question:** Does an organization intending to provide services for incarcerated individuals qualifying under several approved strategies need to submit multiple applications?

Answer: Yes. Organizations intending to provide services eligible under the NC MOA and the Randolph County High Impact Opioid Abatement RFP are encouraged to identify the strategy or strategies that best suits the proposed program. For example, an organization intending to provide MAT for incarcerated individuals and intending to connect individuals with OUD to care post-release would need to submit proposals under two separate strategies (Strategy 11 Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons AND Strategy 3 Recovery Support Services), for example.

9. **Question:** Can organizations partner with other agencies for their application?

Answer: Yes. Organizations may co-apply for funds toward a single strategy. The proposal should clearly outline the responsibilities of each organization. Formal Memorandums of Agreement/Understanding from partnering organizations is encouraged. Note that one organization in the partnership must serve as the fiscal agent/organization that will take total responsibility for the fiscal, reporting, and grant-related compliance requirements (See Section I: Award Overview under Eligibility Criteria on page 3 of the RFP).

10. **Question:** Which strategy is recommended for organizations intending to propose programming that services eligible youth populations?

Answer: Organizations pursuing youth intervention activities eligible for funding under the NC MOA and the Randolph County High Impact Opioid Abatement RFP are encouraged to submit proposals under the NC MOA Strategy #6 Early Intervention.

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11. **Question:** For organizations providing recovery support services through transportation services, must all services to which clients are transported be a provider utilizing evidence-based strategies?

Answer: Organizations providing Recovery Support Services such as transportation for individuals with OUD should note its definition in Exhibit A to the NC MOA as services which support individuals with OUD in “in accessing addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services or support they need to improve their health or well-being.”

12. **Question:** Where applicable, must organizations provide proof of licensure (e.g., behavioral health providers and hospitals)?

Answer: Yes. See Section VII: Other Required Documentation on page 26 of the RFP.

13. **Question:** Can organizations include costs such as Workers’ Compensation coverage necessary to receive these grant funds in its proposal?

Answer: Organizations are encouraged to identify cost items that are necessary for the implementation of proposed programming. Such costs are direct costs. An organization requesting a staff member/personnel cost, for example, may include a cost for a new staff member, fringe benefits, and worker’s compensation under their direct cost request. Note that for staff requests whose work may not be 100% devoted to the implementation of programming must pro-rate all associated costs accurately to reflect the percentage of time devoted to the program.