

Public Notice

MHMRA of Harris County is the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) designated local Mental Health Authority (MHA) established to plan, coordinate, develop policy, develop and allocate resources, supervise, and ensure the provision of community based mental health services for the residents of Harris County, Texas. The MHA is conducting open enrollment to expand our network of service providers. Services are needed in the following area: Children’s Mental Health – Service Package 1.2 for the contract period of Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The provider enrollment period will be continuous or until the Local MHA has received enough applications to meet the percentage of service capacity stated in the Request for Application (RFA).

CAS SP 1.2 services for the geographic area of Harris County to include:

- **Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview Examination** - A face-to-face interview with the child/adolescent and family to evaluate the child/adolescent’s psychiatric diagnosis and treatment needs provided by a licensed professional practicing within the scope of their license. This service must be provided and documentation as described in the most current version of the 25 TAC, Chapter 412, Subchapter G, *MH Community Services Standards*.
- **Pharmacological Management** - A service provided to a child/adolescent by a physician or other prescribing professional, when applicable, to the consumer to determine symptom remission and the medication regimen needed.
- **Counseling** – Child/adolescent, family, and group therapy focused on the reduction or elimination of a child/adolescent’s symptoms of emotional disturbance and increasing the child/adolescent’s ability to perform activities of daily living. Counseling shall be provided by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA), practicing within the scope of their license or by a child/adolescent with a master’s degree in a human services field pursuing licensure under the direct supervision of a LPHA. This service includes treatment planning to enhance recovery and resiliency.
- **Medication Training and Support** – Information provided to the child/adolescent and family on the mental health disorder, medications, monitoring of symptoms and side effects. The instruction and guidance must be based on curricula promulgated by DSHS. The curricula include the Patient/Family Education Program Guidelines referenced in TAC §419.468(3) (relating to Guidelines), and other materials which have been formally reviewed and approved by DSHS. Must be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 419, Subchapter L, *MH Rehabilitative Services*.

Copies of the RFA, Contract Document, and Application packet will be available beginning November 1, 2010 and may be obtained:

- Via internet at the agency website, <http://www.mhmraharris.org/>
- By written request to:
MHMRA Harris County
Attn: Network Management Dept.
7011 Southwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77074
- Via e-mail to: mhnetworkdevelopment@mhmraharris.org
- In person on or after November 1, 2010 at the above location (see lobby receptionist)

Questions regarding the Request for Application - Open Enrollment Process should be directed to the above address or:

E-mail: mhnetworkdevelopment@mhmraharris.org

Phone: (713) 970-3400 press 3

Interested parties must complete the application packet and return all required documents for review to above address.