

## Request for Proposals Respondents' Conference

### Extended Acute Inpatient Care (EAC) for Children and Adolescents

September 2, 2022

#### Questions and Answers

1. Is there any data available on the demand for this service by age, gender, etc.?
  - Allegheny County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) and Community Care estimate 30-35 children/adolescents will be served each year with more females than males, and the average being between 13-18 years of age.
2. What is the expected length of stay?
  - Data on the average or expected length of stay is not yet available since this is a new service for this target population. The average length of stay will be analyzed after the sixth and twelfth month after the start of operations. The child or youth's clinical presentation and the assessment of their ability to safely transition to the community with an aftercare plan will decide the length of stay during the development period. The EAC is not expected to function as a Residential Treatment Facility or Diversion and Acute Stabilization Program, but an extended inpatient mental health unit.
3. Will Community Care be the only payor, or will other Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations be using beds, too?
  - ACDHS and Community Care are developing this program on behalf of the target population in Allegheny County and expect to have referrals to fill the number of beds referenced in the RFP document. Allegheny County is investing unused capitated funds in the development of this program. The EAC will be reimbursed under Allegheny HealthChoices and HealthChoices rules do not prevent other HealthChoices BHOs or providers from entering into agreements for inpatient services.
4. Is there a budgeted amount for start-up costs?
  - There is not a budgeted amount for startup costs. Respondents are being asked to send budgets as part of the procurement process.
5. Is there a budget cap for operational costs?
  - There is not a budgeted amount for startup costs. Respondents are being asked to send budgets as part of the procurement process.
6. Is there preference for a provider already offering services in the Allegheny area or is there interest in other Pennsylvania providers who are looking to grow their footprint into Allegheny?
  - If your organization meets the mandatory minimum requirements the Evaluation Committee will be prepared to review the proposal.
7. The RFP says the capacity is a minimum of 10-13 beds. Is this negotiable?
  - The Evaluation Committee will want to understand why the minimum cannot be met or would not need to be met. This should be explained in the proposal.
8. I assumed that there would be Inpatient Psychiatric regulations on Extended Acute for children. I have not found any regulations for this level of care. Do you know if there are regulations?
  - There are draft guidelines for hospital and non-hospital based Extended Acute Care for adults 18 years or older. There are no Extended Acute Care guidelines, draft or otherwise, for those under 18 years of age. The EAC will be licensed as an inpatient psychiatric unit.