MRSS Questions & Answers – FAQ Summary

MRSS Stakeholder Meeting - July 25, 2024, Q & A:

Q: At some point, I would like to hear more about the subcontracting option between the selected Regional Mobile Response Stabilization Service Provider (RMP) and another local provider who can provide MRSS in a portion of the region.

A: Please refer to the Subcontracting section of the RFP, found in section 1.3.3.3.

Q: Several ADAMH Boards are providing significant local funds for MRSS to operate in their county. Is there a goal to eliminate the need for ADAMH Boards to provide local funding support for MRSS?

A: The MRSS model is intended to provide adequate funding to ensure access to MRSS services statewide. The funding model will braid two sources of funding to provide a single payment to two populations, those individuals eligible for Medicaid and those who are not eligible for Medicaid services. ADAMH Boards, commercial plans and self-insured payers are free to provide additional funding beyond this model.

Q: Will an RMP be assigned if no one does the RFP?

A: OhioMHAS and ODM will make such determinations once the RFP responses are in and reviewed.

Q: If RMP subcontracts with another provider in a different county, can the subcontractor say they can only do 8 am – 8 pm and expect the RMP to provide the after-hours telephonic support? Or is the subcontractor expected to also provide the after-hours telephonic support?

A: The terms of all subcontracted arrangements are between the RMP and other OhioMHAS certified MRSS service providers. The RMP will be responsible for meeting the terms of their contract with OhioMHAS that require access to service and after-hours support.

Q: How is the reimbursement rate for subcontractors determined? Will that be consistent throughout all the regions?

A: The terms of all subcontracted arrangements, including payment, are between the RMP and other OhioMHAS certified MRSS service providers. The RFP specifies that the payment arrangement between the RMP and the subcontracted provider(s) is expected to be reflective of and aligned with the MRSS rate model described in this RFP.

Q: I know MRSS and IHBT are both critical to OhioRISE success. This seems like a viable solution to the MRSS issues. Is there any consideration for a similar funding methodology for IHBT?

A: Not at this time.

Q: We need MRSS data to be available to Boards in a usable format - xls, csv, etc. - to integrate and aggregate with other local crisis data dashboards.

A: Details related to data availability are still to be determined.

Q: Assuming this process takes longer than anticipated, will funding continue to be made available to our current MRSS teams?

A: OhioMHAS is committed to continuing grant funding for current recipients if the process of implementing the statewide MRSS program takes longer than expected. Additionally, ODM will continue to permit enrolled providers to bill for MRSS Services and will continue supporting existing grantees through its MRSS grant program.

Q: During the MRSS Stakeholders meeting last week it was stated that all questions added to the chat or emailed would be captured and answered on a Frequently Asked Question document that would be posted on the OhioMHAS funding Opportunities page. I cannot locate this. Has it been done? If so, can you please send me the link.

A: The responses and vetting of Q & A will take place each time the FAQs are updated. The FAQ will be re-posted when updated.

Q: I am assuming that we will see rates before the August release of the RFP?

A: As outlined in the RFP, Baseline Rates will be informed by an RMP's staffing model and the data submitted by RMP's in Appendix 6.9 of the RFP.