

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

The City of Peabody requests proposals for a behavioral health clinician to provide mentoring for staff at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School. Proposals must be received by August 29, 2014.

Description of project:

The City of Peabody has received a grant to provide training and mentoring in mental health counseling for school administrators, public health school nurses, school resource officers, and school guidance and adjustment counselors at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School (PVMHS). Approximately 20 staff will participate in this project. A behavioral health clinician will be contracted to be on site at PVMHS for approximately 7 hours per week for 26 weeks, beginning the week of October 6, 2014. The clinician will provide counseling to students who are referred by school staff. Select school staff will observe and/or participate in the counseling session with the clinician, and afterward the clinician and school staffer will debrief the session and develop recommendations for follow-up. The goals of the project are to improve access to care for students and to increase the skill set and capacity of select staff to meet the behavioral health needs of the student population. The project is also expected to reduce barriers to accessing behavioral health services and improve linkage between school-based and community-based medical providers.

Requirements:

The behavioral health clinician shall be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Psychologist, or other clinician who meets the requirements of 262 CMR 2.00: Requirements For Licensure As a Mental Health Counselor. The clinician will have a minimum of 5 years of full-time equivalent experience working with adolescents. The clinician will have a minimum of 2 years of full-time equivalent experience in supervising and/or training other mental health clinicians or professional educators.

Selection Criteria:

Peabody Health Department and Peabody Public Schools staff will be responsible for choosing the proposal that best meets the needs of the project. Cost, experience and references will be considered.

Timeline:

August 15, 2014	RFP released
August 29, 2014	Proposals due by email to Sharon.cameron@peabody-ma.gov
September 10, 2014	Notification of award
October 6, 2014 – May 8, 2015	Service delivery

Please submit questions via email to Sharon Cameron, Director of Health and Human Services, City of Peabody, at Sharon.cameron@peabody-ma.gov.