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**ADDENDUM #3**

**RFP #: 7598854**

**Title: Family Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder**

**Submission Deadline: July 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ET)**

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**Notice to Vendors**

**Attached are State responses to Vendor questions received through email by the submission deadline. No Further questions will be answered.**

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*Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information that may be posted.*

**BHDDH Response - Vendor Questions for RFP #7598854 Family Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder (Addendum 3)**

Question 1: Is there an age or gender limit on # of kids per family?

Answer to question 1: The children must be less than 18 years of age. There is no limit on the number of children beyond the capacity of the apartment as determined by applicable statute, regulation and licensing requirements (see answer to question 4).

Question 2: Is the cap at 4 families or can we serve more if we have the residential building/ facilities that can accommodate more than 4 families?

Answer to question 2: The property owned by the state referenced in the RFP which was made available for viewing as part of the bidder's conference and referred to as Option 2, on p.8 of the RFP, consists of four apartments with kitchens and is capable of accommodating up to four families. If the offeror is proposing to deliver the program in their own setting, the number of families can be adjusted upwards or downwards provided that it comports with applicable statute, regulation and licensing requirements.

Question 3: Will vendors have a say on who gets accepted into the program (i.e. a joint disposition process)

Answer to question 3: The vendor will be required to provide a policy and procedure manual which will need to be approved by the Department prior to opening of the facility Admission and discharge criteria should be outlined in the manual. The adult(s) seeking admission into the program must meet the criteria for the level of care provided in the family residential program as outlined on page 6 of the RFP.

Question 4: What's the regulating body regarding space (i.e. Foster care regulations)

Answer to question 4: The Title IV-E rules require that the facility is licensed and meets the components of the child welfare standards. For RI DCYF, that will likely mean that the IV-E eligible facility will have to meet the standards of the Residential Child Care Regulations for Licensure (see <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/214-40-00-4>). Since the facility will also be residential provider of services for adults with substance use disorder, it will also have to be licensed as a BHO under the BHDDH licensing standards (see <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/212-10-00-1> and <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/212-10-10-01>). Compliance with the standards

for a dually licensed facility requires that the program adhere to the stricter of the standards for which it is licensed when the standards are not in alignment.

Question 5: If parents relapse and need a higher level of care, what is the vendor's responsibility in terms of housing/caretaking of the kids?

Answer to question 5: The successful vendor will be required to provide a policy and procedure manual prior to opening of the facility, which will need to be approved by the Department. Transition planning protocols and procedures should include planning for children when a parent is discharged should be outlined and addressed in the manual.

Question 6: At the bidder's conference Linda Mahoney referenced that extensive research was completed on Evidence Based Practices across the nation that were successful would you be able to share what those programs/models were that were successful.

Answer to question 6: The optimal service array is described in the RFP on pages 8-10. Please note that the service array is described in detail at footnotes 2 and 3 on page 10. The offeror may propose additional services based on other family residential models offered throughout the nation including those identified in the link provided on page 9 of the RFP, but must at a minimum, provide all of the services described on the pages referenced above.