

Request for Information (RFI) Addendum 2

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Title: Public Health Center Services – Explore Interest of Community and Partner Organizations for Potential Transition of PHSKC Services

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This Addendum provides the following clarifications and additional information about the referenced solicitation.

Q: During the pre-response conference, PHKCS mentioned that there would be no transition funding available to community agencies who take on current PHKCS clients. Do you expect that these agencies will be required to provide a transition plan (though unfunded) as part of their response to the ultimate solicitation that derives from this RFI?

A: While at this time no transition funding has been identified or approved, the RFI includes opportunities to let us know at a high level what your organization might need to make a smooth transition of clients possible. We would appreciate anything your organization can share related to resource needs, including one-time transition funding.

Q: We are curious about the nature of the “Dental Community Based Prevention Program” that is listed as one of the PHSKC programs in the Public Health Center Services- Community Interest RFI. Is there somewhere we could learn more about the current state of the program to better understand the extent of the program? Does it fall under the ABCD program, or is it separate?

A: This program provides preventive dental care services to students/children (ages 0-11 yrs.) at schools and early learning centers in King County. This includes children that are experiencing homelessness or who are unstably housed. The program also serves refugees, immigrants, and children with special needs. In 2022, 660 pre-K and elementary grade students were served, including:

- 77% Black, Indigenous, and People of Color which breaks down as follows:
 - Hispanic (28%), Black (26%), White, non-Hispanic (xx%), Asian (26%), Mixed (9%), Pacific Islander (3%) American Indian and Native Hawaiian (2%) and Middle Eastern (1%)
- 51% (336) spoke English as a second language

Services provided include screenings, fluoride varnish treatments, education, referrals into care, and outreach via partnerships with King County school districts. Schools are selected based on factors such as % free/reduced lunch and those serving marginalized communities such as immigrants and refugees. Currently, 45 schools and early learning centers are served in Seattle, and 27 in South King County.

This program is separate from the ABCD program.

This Addendum will be provided in alternative formats upon request.

Q: The RFI references Title X as a program, but I'm not seeing a specific mention of Title X in the Appendix. I know this is a bit different than other PHSKC programs in that there is a funding award coupled with it. Would the current Title X award follow the patient/programs (i.e., is it transferrable?) or is this funding that would need to be returned to state/federal agencies and reapplied for in order to continue funding patient care? We are current Title X recipients, but I'm unclear how a transfer of services/funding would work between agencies.

A: It's correct that Title X is not a stand-alone service, but it is integral to the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services currently provided by PHSKC. We would like to understand partner interest in providing comprehensive SRH services to the populations who depend on no-to-low barrier access and/or are uninsured. Separately, we also want to know specifically the interest and capacity of partners in participating in the Title X Sexual and Reproductive Health program.

Any future solicitation to award Title X dollars would be at the sole discretion of WA DOH who administers these funds. The Title X funding that PHSKC currently receives from WA DOH is not transferrable. This RFI is aiming to gauge interest and capacity of partners for all PH Center services, and as an efficiency, this includes those administered and funded by Washington State.

Q: We would like to apply but didn't see a link to the application. Could you please send, or should we fill out the blank fields in the RFI word document? Also, we have two sites that would apply. Do we fill out separate applications for the two or do a combined one?

A: Yes, please provide responses within the RFI Word document. Feel free to include any attachments as well, although attachments are not required.

One response from each organization would be ideal. So, for an organization that has multiple locations, providing one combined response is preferred.

Q: Some programs identified in the RFI involve medical and dental services (Ex: Mobile Medical Van). Can the medical and dental components be responded to separately if an organization has capacity for medical services but cannot provide dental services?

A: Yes, these components can be responded to separately. Please use the "Comments" column to indicate specific areas of interest for your organization.

Q: Will funding be available to support organizations in the provision or expansion of these identified services? One-time transitional funding and/or ongoing operational funding?

A: Given the county's current financial situation, no funding is available for ongoing operational support. While at this time no transition funding has been identified or approved, the RFI includes opportunities to let us know at a high level what your organization might need to make a smooth transition of clients possible. We would appreciate anything your organization can share related to resource needs, including one-time transition funding.

Q: Can PHSKC provide detailed information on all programs including the following data points: visit volumes by month, additional patient demographic information (zip codes, age, gender), payor mix, billed charges and reimbursement %, referral sources by volume, percent of appointments that are walk in/unplanned versus planned, staffing levels/methodology by staff type, and % employed vs contract/agency staff?

For Primary Care at Downtown and Eastgate, can PHSKC provide the following data: top DRG and CPT codes by volume and zip code, number of available appointments per month, average return visit interval, empaneled versus unpaneled patients, and % of women who receive OB services and concurrently receive services for opioid dependency? Do these locations serve as a training site and have medical residents providing care? Is there lab or radiology or other capabilities on site and please describe?

A: This process is aiming to understand potential partner interest in PHSKC services/locations identified in the RFI. As the RFI is a high-level information gathering exercise, the data currently available and the data currently requested of organizations is also high level. So, we aren't able to provide the requested data at this time.

Any future process(es) related to service transition would be more detailed, specific to service(s) and location(s) identified for transition and include more detailed data related to PHSKC's provision of those service(s). PHSKC encourages all interested organizations to submit a response to this RFI. If there is specific information that would be helpful for PHSKC to include in a future process related to transition of services, please include that in your organization's response to this RFI.

Q: Will PHSKC consider space use agreement(s) to allow interested organizations to provide services within the existing physical space locations currently owned / utilized by PHSKC for a period of time? Is it acceptable to consolidate or co-locate operations with existing physical locations currently utilized by a Respondent organization and located geographically close to the PHSKC service location? What is the square footage of Eastgate and Downtown Public Health Center buildings and the current number of exam rooms? Please share a floor map of the Eastgate and Downtown Public Health Center buildings if able.

A: The RFI is a high-level information gathering exercise, so we are not able to provide the requested facility information at this time. And we are interested in exploring opportunities and arrangements that could support partners and ensure a smooth transition of clients.

The RFI includes opportunities to let us know what your organization might need to make a smooth transition of clients possible. We would appreciate anything your organization can share, including needs or preferences related to physical space and/or geographic locations.

All other terms of Request for Proposals (RFP) 2024ODIR539RFA remain unchanged.