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FUNDING AVAILABLE TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (SUD) TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY FOR FY 11-12

Background: Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) is pleased to announce that awards in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) will be available to fund Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) with Mental Health Services Act funds. NRT includes over-the-counter patches, gum or lozenges for clients enrolled in selected SUD treatment programs. A maximum of two (2) awards will be given to selected agencies to participate in the implementation of a Best Practices Protocol for treating tobacco dependence with their clients in programs from **November 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012**. Best Practices consists of NRT plus counseling support.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible to apply for funding, applicants, must:

- Be a current BHCS contracted SUD treatment program serving adults, 18 years and older;
- Be compliant with Alameda County BHCS Provider Tobacco Policies and Consumer Treatment Protocols (see attached);
- Have a program infrastructure that:
 - Supports client tobacco-use assessment;
 - Provides education and treatment;
 - Currently employs staff who have been trained and possess the skills to treat tobacco-use with clients;
 - Currently and routinely provides tobacco cessation/dependence treatment such as:
 - Motivational counseling; or
 - Cessation groups conducted by skilled staff.

Selection Criteria: A BHCS Selection Committee will evaluate each proposal meeting the criteria as outlined in this announcement. The Selection Committee may be composed of County staff and other parties that have expertise or experience in the delivery of these services.

Notice of Award: All applicants will be notified of the evaluation decisions by **October 26, 2011**.

Provider Criteria:

If a provider is funded to provide the NRT Best Practices Protocol, the provider must:

- Agree to work closely with BHCS and the ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs) Network staff, Dr. Cathy McDonald and Judy Gerard, who will be providing staff training and technical assistance to implement the program.
- Agree to make necessary systems changes in order to be successful.
- Have a designated staff person to serve as the tobacco champion/coordinator for the NRT Best Practices Protocol program who will:
 - Attend monthly tobacco workgroup meetings to check-in and/or receive technical assistance to ensure that provider meets requirements for the Best Practices Protocol for treating tobacco dependence with their clients;



- Maintain ongoing communication with BHCS and contracted ATOD Network staff;
- Provide bi-monthly one-page reports summarizing activities performed each month, including type of activities and the number of clients receiving NRT.
- Provide a final one-page report using the format provided by BHCS by July 10, 2012.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the attached **BHCS Applicant Pre-Qualification Questionnaire**;
2. Attach any relevant policy documents from your agency; and
3. Prepare a budget showing exactly how the funds will be spent, including the specific program names that will benefit from the NRT.

Submit application materials by Wednesday, October 5, 2011, by 5:00pm to:

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