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AMENDMENT #1
TO
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION 1512-555
REGARDING COMPETENCY RESTORATION SERVICES
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE INTEGRATION ADMINISTRATION

RFI 1512-555 is amended to add the following DSHS Responses to Questions Received:

- Question:** Do you have information as to the time and location of the information session presently planned for June 26, 2015?

Answer: Please note that more details will be posted in an Amendment to this RFI as arrangements are finalized. Our current plan is to hold the information session at a DSHS facility in Lacey, Washington, a few miles north of Olympia, Washington, on June 26, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. A summary of DSHS remarks, questions asked at the session, and the responses provided, will be posted on line for the information of those who are unable to attend. Questions submitted prior to the session may be answered in an Amendment to RFI 1512-555, such as the present Amendment #1, or may be deferred for response at the Information Session.
- Question:** Other than the two state hospitals, what providers provide competency restoration services for pre-trial detainees within the state of Washington at the present time?

Answer: To the best of our knowledge, no other organization or individual presently provides these services other than the two state adult psychiatric hospitals.
- Question:** Can you provide a more comprehensive definition of "competency restoration" services than what is included in the RFI?

Answer: Competency restoration services consist of clinical mental health services that are intended to restore an individual's competency to stand trial. For purposes of the RFI, these services consist of both clinical and administrative services. Clinical services may include the services of trained clinicians; for example, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists and psychiatrists, and may also include persons providing therapy or assistance directed by such clinicians; for example, patient care attendants, counselors and recreational therapists and assistants. Restoration services typically include medication monitoring, supportive individual therapy and group educational experiences about criminal trial procedures.

4. **Question** Who in the legal system monitors the provision of these services?

Answer: The court orders the services to be provided. Upon conclusion of the period of restoration services that has been ordered, DSHS reports back to the court. If the individual has not been restored to competency, the court may issue orders for the provision of additional/continued restoration services.

5. **Question:** Is it possible to provide the competency restoration services while NOT providing the competency evaluation services? If yes, how are individuals referred for the competency restoration services?

Answer: Yes, that is possible, although the provision of competency restoration services necessarily includes an element of assessment and reassessment of competency to evaluate an individual's progress. After the court receives a report on a Competency to Stand Trial (CST) evaluation, the court then makes a finding as to the defendant's competence. The court may then order restoration services. We have not yet finalized procedures for how the referral system would work if contracted providers conduct restoration services in addition to those conducted by DSHS.

This Amendment to RFI 1512-555, and any further amendments supplementing the RFI, will be posted on the DSHS website at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/fsa/central-contract-services/procurements-and-contracting> and on WEBS at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/webs>

Thank you for participating in this RFI.