

Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Division of Mental Health Services
First Episode Psychosis Initiative Announcement of Funding
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QUESTION/COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
<p>1. Section 1.2.4. "Two out of the following three TN counties will be served by the FEPI: Davidson, Hamilton, and Shelby."</p> <p>Does this mean that an agency has to provide services in any of these three counties, or more than one?</p>	<p>The agency is required to provide services in one of the three counties specified (Davidson, Hamilton, or Shelby) as written in the agency's proposal.</p>
<p>2. Section 1.4.3.3. The announcement of funding excludes an entity that "operates an inpatient psychiatric facility serving children and youth or an inpatient psychiatric unit serving children and youth within a facility".</p> <p>What is the reason for this exclusion criterion?</p>	<p>This exclusion criterion has been removed from the Announcement of Funding.</p>
<p>3. Is the Intent of 1.1.3 to serve 10 concurrent unduplicated participants that rotate in and out of 10 slots in a coverage area, or to follow 10 unduplicated clients throughout the term of the contract?</p>	<p>Agencies are required to serve at minimum 10 unduplicated youth and young adults within the 12 month contract period for the entirety of each youth or young adult's preference to participate in the program, up to twenty four months. The maximum total caseload of the OnTrackTN team at any point in time cannot exceed 35 youth and young adults.</p>
<p>4. Clarification on 1.2.1 and 1.1.4; Is this stating that each coverage area selected is eligible for up to \$400,000 serving 10 youth and young adults and that a contract will be awarded to two different coverage areas? Or is this stating that 2 contracts will be rewarded that require contract winners to cover 2 of those 3 areas splitting the \$400,000 between 20 clients in those selected coverage areas?</p>	<p>Two contracts will be awarded, each of which will serve one of the three counties specified (Davidson, Hamilton, or Shelby). Each contracted agency will be awarded up to \$400,000 to serve a minimum 10 unduplicated youth and young adults in the county specified in the contractor's proposal.</p> <p>Agencies can submit one proposal for each county to be served, with a maximum of three proposals.</p>

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<p>5. The grant states that up to \$400,000 will be available for two contracts. Will those two contracts split the \$400,000 or will each be awarded \$400,000</p>	<p>Each contracted agency will be awarded up to \$400,000.</p>
<p>6. What will the funding stream look like? Monthly, Quarterly, lump sum?</p>	<p>Awarded agencies will enter into a cost reimbursement contract with TDMHSAS. Agencies will submit monthly invoices to be reimbursed for monthly expenses incurred by the program.</p>
<p>7. Clarification on 1.8.7 do we submit different proposals for 2 different coverage areas or can we denote in the narrative section which coverage areas we would like to serve?</p>	<p>Agencies are required to submit one proposal per county to be served.</p>
<p>8. When an identified participant has Medicaid, what concurrent billable services are ruled out?</p>	<p>No billable services are ruled out. The contracted agency can use contracted funds to cover any costs not reimbursed by Medicaid or other insurance providers.</p>
<p>9. Does this program cover eligible consumers regardless of insurance coverage? Does lack of TennCare eligibility exclude individuals?</p>	<p>Yes, this program covers eligible youth and young adults regardless of insurance coverage. Lack of TennCare eligibility does not exclude individuals from participating in the program. Contract funding will cover any service costs not reimbursed by the program participants' insurance.</p>
<p>10. How long must a participant be supported and in services to fulfill the 10 youth and young adult requirement? (Example scenario: a participant engages with the service, but drops out after 30 days or less? Has one of the "10" contractual requirements been met?)</p>	<p>There is not a requirement for how long a youth or young adult should be enrolled in the program in order to fulfill the minimum requirement of 10 unduplicated youth and young adults. Each unique youth or young adult who enrolls in the program will count toward the total 10 to</p>

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	be served.
11. Will service participants be required to be residents of one of the 3 counties or are the surrounding metropolitan counties catchment areas as well if they receive services in a designated coverage county?	Service participants are required to live in the agency's proposed county to be served.
12. Of the service providers denoted in 2.13, are all expected to engage in the community?	No, the Prescriber is not expected to engage in the community. All other team members are expected to conduct outreach and engagement in the community as appropriate in their respective roles.
13. We are interested in the reason for the age limitations to be 15 to 30 years old. Why not any younger?	Age limitations across CSC programs vary. However, the OnTrackNY model, which OnTrackTN is replicating, serves youth and young adults ages 15 to 30 years old.
14. Do you know how much training is involved to implement the On Track model?	Once the provider agencies have been identified, TDMHSAS will work with the awarded agencies to coordinate training through OnTrackUSA. The initial training and consultation time will depend upon the complexities of implementation. Training and consultation may include, but is not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Consultation with Associate Director and Director of Program – up to 9 hours • Two Day On-Site Training with OnTrackNY staff • Clinical Consultation from Psychiatrist and other clinical staff—up to 12 hours • Access and Support to the Center for Practice Innovation's Learning Management System

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two on-line training meetings up to two hours each
15. Can you give some detail on the training for Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC)? At what points in time would training occur? This is provided to all staff working with this program?	<p>Please see above.</p> <p>OnTrackUSA will train all OnTrackTN team members.</p>
16. For the case manager position, it identifies a “Bachelor’s level social worker” as the credentials required. Is this limited to a BSW or can we use BS, BA, etc?	The case manager is required to have a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work.
17. Can you give some detail on the FEPI Learning Collaborative requirements?	TDMHSAS in conjunction with all OnTrackTN providers will create and inform the goals and objectives of the FEPI Learning Collaborative.
18. Is there specific monitoring for results/outcomes that you are expecting or requiring? If so, what criteria or instruments would be used?	TDMHSAS is currently developing an OnTrackTN fidelity measurement tool. TDMHSAS will assess the extent to which contracted agencies are adhering to the OnTrackNY model. Indicators may include, but are not limited to, time spent in community outreach and engagement activities, staffing full-time equivalents (FTEs), frequency of team meetings, and client-level outcomes.
19. Under section 1.4.2.3 : What type of certification and proof of certification is required regarding the following services: Pharmacological Management, Behavioral Health Counseling and Treatment and Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment? Does this mean licenses or accreditations for these areas?	Active Tennessee licenses that are in good standing will be required.
20. For profit agencies are not excluded from applying for the AOF, correct?	For profit agencies are excluded from applying.
21. Are provider organizations able to contract with an organization such as NAMI	Awarded agencies will be able to subcontract with additional agencies in

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Tennessee to provide recommended family education and support?	order to fulfill contractual requirements.
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