

Questions Regarding Schoharie County OCS

IPS Supported Employment RFP

January 2012

Section 1.1

- 1) Please describe the criteria for participation within this program?
 - a. Adult individuals with a diagnosed severe mental illness who express a desire to work in a competitive employment setting
- 2) Can the program serve individuals who are not currently involved with mental health outpatient treatment?
 - a. Yes

Section 2.3

- 3) Will time frames outlined be given as exact dates?
 - a. Proposals are due 2/24/12, conditional award 3/7/12

Section 4.1

- 4) Will the proposal review committee evaluate proposals against weighted scoring criteria and if so, will they be published?
 - a. Method of award: Awards will be made to the vendors proposing the Best Value. Best value means the basis for awarding contracts for services to the proposal which optimizes quality, cost and efficiency, among responsive and responsible proposers. The proposal with the best value will be deemed to be the proposal with the highest final evaluation score.

Section 5.1 A

- 5) Will consideration be provided for individuals who are placed in positions outside of the county, despite increase in travel time and expenses for the IPS program and its employed individuals?
 - a. Expectation is for the Employment Specialist to carry a full caseload.
- 6) What are the timeframe expectations for ramp-up to full employment specialist caseload capacity of 20 each?
 - a. Within in the first quarter.
- 7) Is self-referral permitted, or is it expected that referrals will come from clinicians of the SCMHC?
 - a. Self-referrals are permitted
- 8) Are there expectations to work with ACCESS-VR?
 - a. It is expected to utilize all potential resources available.