MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM
CONSULTANT

Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals

May 31, 2016
Role of Mental Health System Consultants

Mental Health System Consultant

Office of Financial Management (OFM) must contract for the services on an external consultant who will examine the current configuration and financing of the state hospital system.

Psychiatric Clinical Care Model Consultant

DSHS shall contract for the services of an academic or independent state hospitals psychiatric clinical care model consultant to examine the role of staffing at the state hospitals.

Goal: “…to maximize access to, safety of, and the therapeutic role of the state hospitals to best serve patients while ensuring the safety of patients and employees.”

Objective: to inform the Governor, the Legislature, and the Committee on Long-term planning for state hospitals and to provide recommendations for use of Innovation Funds.

Chapter 37, Laws of 2016, 64th Legislature

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Mental Health System Consultant Update

Identification
- Public Consulting Group
- Leavitt Partners
- Lewin Group

Communication

Submission of Qualifications
- Nearly Complete

Selection / Commence Work
- Anticipated Mid-June 2016

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Desired Consultant Expertise

- Clinical Education/Experience
- State Psychiatric Hospital
- Community Mental Health
- Finance
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Technical Assistance and Implementation
- Project Management
Scope of Work

Approach in Two Phases:

- Phase One: Initial Baseline Report
  - Analyze and document current mental health system
  - Identify Best Practices
  - Provide recommendations
  - Due October 1, 2016

- Phase Two: Final Report
  - Provide gap analysis between baseline report and recommendations
  - Provide transition and implementation plan
  - Due Mid-November
Deliverables

- **Phase One**
  - Performance metrics
  - Current resources used to provide mental health services
  - Funding in the community and state hospitals
  - All services available to clients
  - Stakeholder work
  - Coordination between other mental health consultants
  - National best practice research
  - Findings & recommendations

- **Phase Two**
  - Gap analysis between current and future business practices
  - Impact on funding, services and resources
  - Implementation plan
  - Communication plan

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Considerations Moving Forward

- Deliverables
- Timelines
- Cost