

**PRE-PROPOSAL Q & A CONFERENCE
SPECIALIZED RESIDENTIAL SETTING FOR
CONSUMERS WITH SIGNIFICANT
BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES**

August 1, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

On location at 3473 West Wilson Rd., Clio, MI 48532

Present: Hope Network J. Lockhart and K. Ferguson; Lotus Community Living E. Paige and N. Jordan

GHS: David Hunter; Cindy Stahmer, Jacob Miller, Darren McAllister, Connie Swain

A general overview of the RFP was presented by Cindy Stahmer, providing a reminder of the dates and the importance of the presented proposal to follow the order of the RFP Section 4.

Deadline for Final Submission of Proposals DUE DATE, August 14, 2024, by 11:00 am

Jake Miller provided a rundown of the various upgrades made to the home since the former provider vacated the house. Recent experience with high-behavioral homes has indicated the need for Masonite on the walls, upgraded countertops and other modifications. While there are many improvements that can be made, only the features most relevant to the type of consumer expected have been done at this time. Improvements yet to be made include the landscaping to be made easier to maintain, thermostat moved to the office with sensor(s) in the living space.

David Hunter commented on additional improvements that move towards making the home lower maintenance. The Masonite is in the living areas and bedrooms, FRP is in the bathroom to be more water resistant. The home is painted a basic white as a starting point. Currently the closets in this home have 2 single doors. These may need to be removed and replaced or no doors on the closet. GHS is requesting that anything removed should be kept and notification provided to GHS. This is a Facility Board owned home, and products are standardized among the homes so fixtures within each home can be repaired or replaced with available parts. The furnace will be inspected. The sprinkler heads will be serviced and certified.

All maintenance issues are to be reported to GHS, an open line of communication will promote a more efficient operation of the home. There will always be questions as to which party is responsible for the various areas of maintenance of the home. Much of this is outlined in the RFP. This home is on city water and sewer.

Connie Swain shared how the home is expected to be operated. This is to be operated as a 6-bed home for 6 individuals. Payment will be higher than the 706. The other high-behavioral home operates with 3 staff on all shifts plus a home manager. The goal is to have a reduced number of hospitalizations and not have continual 30-day discharges, the intent is to get the consumer stable and transition them out to a standard specialized home.

Questions/Answers:

Q1. We (Provider) will need to furnish the home?

A1. Yes. No furniture is included in this home. The washer and dryer as well as all kitchen appliances are included.

Q2. Is a crisis bed required?

A2. This is a 4-bedroom 2 bath home. The crisis bed is an option, not required. The home is for 6 individuals and the crisis bed is possible.

Q3. Will GHS provide clinical staff?

A3. Yes. GHS has a Behavior Specialist on contract.

Q4. Will the consumers be attending program?

A4. That will be based on the needs of the consumer.

Q5. Would we need to do community integration?

A5. Yes.

Q6. Are there consumers that wanted to return to these homes, or will they be new referrals?

A6. It will be all new referrals once the winning bidder receives their license. All former consumers have been placed and are doing well in their new environments, so there is no intention for them to return.

Q7. How will the consumers be placed?

A7. The consumers will be placed according to what makes sense from a clinical basis with staggered admissions. It would be possible to be full after a month of operation.

Q8. Will a fence be provided?

A8. It has been considered and will be based on the consumer's need. This would need to be required in the consumer's plan of service.

Q9. Will there be a monitoring system?

A9. No. HCBS doesn't allow for an alarm system unless it is required by an individual's IPOS. In that case it would need to be added to the IPOS.

Q10. What about the bathroom mirror, what safety features have been considered?

A10. The standard bathroom mirrors will be re-hung. If necessary, due to any consumer behavior with the standard mirrors, GHS can install acrylic mirrors and hopefully that will address any issues.