

**State of Maine
Procurement Justification Form**

PART I: OVERVIEW

Department Office/Division/Program:		DHHS/OCFS	
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Chris Moiles/Elizabeth Heath	
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		CBH-21-1000	
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)	\$ 257,500.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	10A 20200602000000003653
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	7/1/2020	Proposed End Date: 6/30/2021
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Aroostook Mental Health Services, Inc. (AMHC) Caribou Maine	
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Strengthen Children's Crisis Services - Pilot Project	

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION

Mark an "X" before the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)

	A. Competitive Process		G. Grant
	B. Amendment		H. State Statute/Agency Directed
X	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor		I. Federal Agency Directed
	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents		J. Willing and Qualified
	E. Emergency		K. Client Choice
	F. University Cooperative Project		L. Other Authorization

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Please respond to ALL of the following:

1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

In collaboration with the Children's Cabinet and Fund for a Healthy Maine, OCFS will pilot an expansion of aftercare and crisis stabilization services that will assist children in remaining safely with their families and in their communities more often and will effectively prevent the need for higher levels of care.

The pilot will serve children in District 8, which in October, had the greatest number of youths waiting over ten (10) hours in Emergency Departments for safe and appropriate discharge plans, which would include community services such as Home and Community treatment, individual counseling, or psychiatry. From June 2019 to December 2019, Districts seven (7) and eight (8) had an average of eight (8) youth waiting over ten (10) hours for discharge from Emergency Departments. There was a maximum number of eighteen (18) youth waiting over ten (10) hours in the month of October and nineteen (19) youth in the month of November. To compare with the remainder of the state, the only other district with youth waiting over ten (10) hours was District three (3), and their average for the same time period was 1.6 youth waiting over ten (10) hours, with a

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maximum of two (2), and sometimes none waiting over ten (10) hours.

This demonstration pilot will provide expanded aftercare and stabilization services for families in their homes, as youth transition home from Hospitals (Emergency Departments and psychiatric in-patient units), Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) or Residential Treatment facilities. This additional support is intended to bridge the children to community resources and decrease length of unnecessary stays.

This service will include provision of therapeutic interventions and continued crisis stabilization in the home, including in-home clinical support from a licensed clinician. The family will be assigned a Child & Family Support Specialist who will work closely with the clinician to help the family understand the recommendations for treatment, to assist the family with referrals and obtaining the treatment that they need, to attend to barriers such as transportation, and to support families during the initial meetings with health providers to explain the youth needs and develop safety plans.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II.

Aroostook County was selected as the target for this pilot over the past six (6) months, their crisis data indicates that they have the largest number of children waiting in the Emergency Departments, and for the longest amount of time, statewide. The goal for this pilot is to influence this number so that there will not be youth waiting in the Emergency Departments in Aroostook County for any longer than ten (10) hours, and children who do experience crisis will not require higher levels of care.

AMHC is the only crisis provider for Districts 7 and 8 providing Mobile Crisis Services and Crisis Stabilization Units in Aroostook County. AMHC is a very large employer of individuals who provide behavioral health services in Districts 7 and 8.

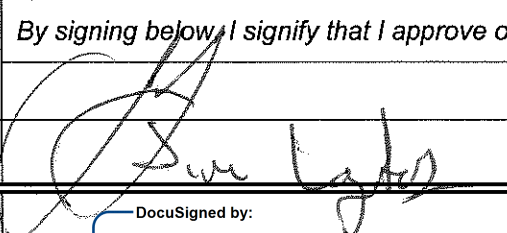
3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The costs were estimated based on the current funding structure and rates for the statewide crisis contracts, as well as the average wage for the clinical component.

4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.

The Department will use data collected during this pilot program to assess the effectiveness of expansion for aftercare and crisis stabilization services that will assist children in remaining safely with their families and in their communities more often and will effectively prevent the need for higher levels of care. If the pilot program continues beyond one year, the Department will extend the agreement to coincide with putting this service out to RFP for a new contract.

PART IV: APPROVALS

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):	<i>By signing below, I signify that I approve of this procurement request.</i>		
			
Printed Name:	Sue Lyden	Date:	23 Jun -20
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:	DocuSigned by: <i>Kathy Paquette</i>		
	Printed Name:	Kathy Paquette <small>41C2BA36FAF44CD...</small>	Date: