**Massachusetts Department of Mental Health**

**Federal Grant Request for Information (RFI)**

**Commbuys Bid # BD-21-1022-DMH08-8210C-62633**

**May 13, 2021**

### Questions For Response

DMH is interested in hearing your ideas about how to address the gaps or unmet needs in Massachusetts’s behavioral health prevention, treatment, and recovery services systems in the context of COVID-19 and what specific strategies (new or existing) that you would recommend to address these needs and gaps. Approaches could include (but are not limited to) adding to and expanding on existing efforts; adding new initiatives that expand into areas of unmet need or address current inequities; focusing on workforce development initiatives; infusing short term funding for covid-related gaps and needs; or implementing other approaches you have identified?

Contact Information

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You may respond to as many of the priority areas below as you would like. **Please submit a separate response for each priority/recommended action item**.

Please indicate which priority area you are addressing with this response:

Addressing the significant increase in behavioral health boarding episodes in emergency departments

Enhancing the crisis support service system in order to address the escalating need for urgent behavioral health care due to the impact of COVID19

Addressing the behavioral health needs of children and youth impacted by COVID19, including strategies to support parents and schools.

Expanding capacity to rapidly respond to youth experiencing psychosis and their families and to enhance access to specialized First Episode Psychosis services

Addressing social determinants of health and racial equity in the delivery of behavioral health prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery support.

Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Please provide a brief description of what you would recommend. In your description below, please include:’
   1. the specific gap in services or needs you seek to address;
   2. the specific community or cohort you are concerned about (e.g. Latinx youth; home bound seniors; 1st responders);
   3. the specific strategies you propose to better address this gap and needs; and
   4. how available funding could be used with current or new programs, services, trainings, to implement your strategies.
2. Please provide an estimate of the costs associated with your recommendation and the timeframe (e.g. a one-time expense or budget for a period of time over the available 24 month period.).
3. Do you have any further comments or suggestions for this funding that are not covered in the questions listed above?