



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE WELLNESS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM (WISP), IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (COE) AND CONTRA COSTA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (CCBHS)**

In November of 2021, Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services, (hereinafter “CCBHS”), with funding provided by Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA), in collaboration with the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) and the Antioch Unified School District (AUSD), sought out proposals from suitably qualified community-based organizations (“CBO”s) to become a subcontracted provider in partnership, with the entities previously mentioned and existing service providers, to implement school-based services for AUSD middle-school aged youth in two distinct locations. Applicants were asked to provide program narrative, budget and budget narrative, and characteristics and qualifications of the applicant agency.

The review panel was comprised of members from each agency, CCBHS, CCCOE, and AUSD. The same review criteria was applied to all submissions. A total of five strong RFP submissions were received from CBOs. The review panel selected the proposal that met the highest standards of quality, completeness, and documented organizational capacity necessary to operate the proposed program. Therefore, CCBHS will move directly into the contract negotiation phase with the selected agency, Lincoln Families.

Each applicant was notified of their overall scores, including the scoring for each component of their RFP submission. CCBHS does reserve the right to change the decision to enter into contract with Lincoln, pending program circumstances, available funding, approval of the county’s finance department, and approval from the Board of Supervisors.

The agencies not selected were notified of the appeal process, in writing, on February 8, 2022. Agencies were provided with five business day from the date of notification to appeal, in writing, addressed to the Behavioral Health Director, Dr. Suzanne K. Tavano. As of February 23, 2022, no appeals were received by the CCBHS director.

Thank you to all the RFP applicants.