Implementation of Integration in Tennessee

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North Carolina’s 2016 Joint Prevention and Care Request for Applications (RFA)

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What are we doing?

- The Communicable Disease (CD) Branch combined the HIV Prevention and AIDS Care separate RFAs into one joint RFA.
- This RFA will be used to elicit joint applications for:
  - Ryan White (RW) Part B
  - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
  - Integrated Targeted Testing Services (ITTS)
  - Substance Abuse Treatment Facility HIV Testing (SAC)
  - Prevention with Positives (PwP)
- One application will be funded in each Prevention/Care Region; more than one contract is likely for each region.
- A timeline was developed to guide this process.
Why did we do this?

- To augment the CD Branch initiative to:
  - Identify HIV+ persons and get them into care.
  - Retain them in care, and suppress their viral load, in accordance with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.
- To further integrate HIV Prevention and Care efforts in the Regions by ensuring that HIV Prevention and Care providers and consumers in each Region work together to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to address HIV Prevention and Care services in each Region.
- To implement data-driven formula funding for Prevention and Care services.
The Original Timeline

- **5/8/15** Distribute RFA (via email/ CD Branch and DPH Contracts Office websites)
- **5/20/15** Bidders Conference
- **7/31/15** Applications due by 5:00 pm
- **9/14/15** 2016 - 2019 Awards Announced
- **4/1/16** Ryan White Part B Contracts begin
- **6/1/16** HOPWA and Prevention Contracts begin
The Actual Timeline

- **8/2/16** Distribute RFA (via email/ CD Branch and DPH Contracts Office websites)
- **8/17/16** Bidders Conference
- **10/3/16** Applications due by 5:00 pm
- **11/17/16** 2016 - 2019 Awards Announced
- **4/1/17** Ryan White Part B Contracts begin
- **6/1/17** Prevention Contracts begin
- **10/1/17** HOPWA Contracts begin
How did this happen?

- Beginning in June 2014 staff provided presentations and discussions at Network Meetings in each Region and Joint Providers Meetings.

- Prevention and Care providers and consumers in each region begin collaborative planning in 2014.

- Distributed the funding allocation formulas for Ryan White Part B, HOPWA and Prevention at the October 2015 Joint Providers Meeting.

- State Prevention and Care program staff held conference calls, and/or meetings with providers upon request to answer questions.
How did this happen? (cont.)

- The regional networks became concerned about issues they were experiencing with prevention and care networks and agencies collaborating on becoming a network of prevention and care.

- The Branch took notice of this concern and decided to delay the release of the Joint RFA until 2016.

- The RFA will be released 8/2/16.
RFA Application Overview

- One Joint Prevention and Care Application will be funded in each Region, which must address Prevention and Care services in all counties within the Region.
- Each application will address how prevention and care services will be integrated and coordinated in the Region.
- Each application will address two programmatic areas:
  - Care (Ryan White Part B and HOPWA)
  - Prevention (Three Project Areas)
    - ITTS
    - PwP
    - SAC
Number of Contracts to be issued for Funded Applications

- The state will issue a maximum of 4 Care (Ryan White Part B and HOPWA) contracts per region.

- The state will issue a maximum of 5 Prevention (ITTS, PwP, and SAC) contracts per region.

- Contractors will be allowed to subcontract with different agencies.
Remember....

- The purpose of this effort is to require closer collaboration between care and prevention providers.
- The Regional Network for Care and Prevention (RNCP) will submit the application after working with Care and Prevention providers to illustrate the services proposed.
- It is possible that some agencies will serve more than one region and will need to be part of more than one Network application.
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