**Community-Based Care Single Source Continuum-Contractor, Regions 3E, 4, 5 and 9 – HHS0011832**

**Questions and Answers Document**

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| **No.** | **Reference** | **Question** | **Responses** |
| 1 | RFA, Section 2.2, Community Services Areas | A number of people have asked about the rates published in the CBC RFA. They are significantly lower than the current SSCC rates.  Please clarify that these are correct, if so, please explain the formula and why they’re lower than current SSCC rates. | DFPS expects to award one (1) Contract under this RFA for each designated community service area (DFPS listed Regions as listed in Section 2.2, Community Service Areas). Funding is based on legislative appropriations. The estimates provided in Exhibits C through C-3, FY23 Funding Matrices for each catchment area are based upon regional case mix. DFPS will determine the annual blended rate at the time of execution based on start dates, the case mix experience of the service area, and adjust existing DFPS homes days of care to Child Placing Agency rates. |
| 2 | General Question | I noticed that non-relative (straight) adoptions are not listed as an area of oversight for the RFA. Will straight adoption be included in this contract or is there a different plan for adoptions? | Adoptions, including straight adoptions are included as part of the SSCC contract. |
| 3 | Exhibit I, Section 2.28, Deliverable 5 | How does CBC effect FGDM personnel? If Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) is privatized does it go in Phase 1, 2, or 3? | Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Deliverable #5 for more information for roles and responsibilities Stages II - III. |
| 4 | RFA, Section 2.5.1, Minimum Qualifications and RFA, Section 6.2, Litigation and Contract History | Will agencies that are on heightened monitoring be able to apply for the contract? | As noted in the RFA Section 2.5.1 Minimum Qualifications of the SSCC (Stages I-III) The Applicant must have the following licensing and service experience:  A. Contractor must obtain and maintain a separate HHS Child Placing Agency (CPA) license for its SSCC contract within the proposed community, if awarded this contract;  B. The SSCC must have experience in delivering residential child-care and treatment services to children and youth in foster care; and  C. The SSCC must be licensed as a Child Placing Agency (CPA) to provide foster care services by HHSC Residential Child Care Regulation and must not be on probation under its CPA license as of the Proposal due date.  In addition, the Respondent must respond to **Section 6.2 Litigation and Contract History** and submit all monitoring reports, corrective action plans, and other support documentation related to alleged or confirmed significant contract compliance and management issues.  Respondent must fully describe all significant failures in detail including the lessons learned by Respondent from the issues or failures and steps taken to reduce the likelihood of any similar recurrence.  Failure to comply with the terms of this requirement may disqualify Respondent. |
| 5 | RFA, Section 2.2, Community Services Areas | Please provide the data and describe the methodology used to calculate the Blended Rate for Catchment Area 9. What statewide legacy projections by Service Level/Placement/Strata were used in calculating the blended rate for Catchment Area 9? What reimbursement rates were used in the calculating the blended rate for Catchment Area 9? Did the reimbursement rates used in the calculating the blended rate for Catchment Area 9 include temporary supplemental payments and/or supplemental add-ons? What Designated Community Area placement projections by Strata were used in the calculating the Blended Rate for Catchment Area 9? How were legacy projections by Service Level/Placement/Strata and SSCC Designated Community Area placement projections by Strata used to calculate the Blended Rate for Catchment Area 9? What adjustments, if any, were made during the rate setting process to address the exclusion of legacy DFPS Homes for the SSCC in Catchment Area 9? | See Question #1.  The estimate in the RFA does not include the supplemental payments.  The estimate in the RFA does not include the adjustments that will be made to account for DFPS homes as CPA homes. |
| 6 | RFA, Section 2.2, Community Services Areas | Why is the published rate lower than the Region 9 Blended Rate $83.05 in the General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1 (87th Legislature)? | See Response for Question #1. |
| 7 | RFA, Section 2.2, Community Services Areas | Does the Blended Rate include the “Temporary Supplemental Payment?” If not, what is the “Supplemental Add-On” rate for Region 9? | The estimated blended rates noted in the RFA for each services area does not include the temporary supplement rate increase. |
| 8 | RFA, Section 2.2, Community Services Areas | How are the costs for children in unlicensed placement figured into the Blended Rate methodology? | These costs are not included in the blended rate. |
| 9 | Exhibit I, Section 2.03, Staged Implementation | Can the stages be altered to allow for the transition of services in a different order based on the readiness of the region? | Transition of services in a different order might be possible, if the SSCC was able to meet both the Stage I and Stage II readiness review and certification process.  See Texas Family Code § 264.156. |
| 10 | Exhibit I, Section 2.08, SSCC Model Assumptions | If the SSCC is a newly-formed entity created by existing, local community provider agencies, can the case management be provided by the staff of the existing provider agencies that created the new SSCC? | See Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 2.08 SSCC Model Assumptions.  A. The SSCC may deliver all services outlined in Stages I-III as a single entity or through the formation of a network or consortium of providers, which may include itself. DFPS will only Contract with one entity as the SSCC. The SSCC must establish and maintain any network or consortium of services in the identified Designated Community Area through subcontracts, community resources, and service agreements.  **B. The SSCC cannot subcontract out any case management duties described in this Contract. All case management requirements must be performed by casework employees of the SSCC.** |
| 11 | Exhibit I, Section 2.03, Staged Implementation | Why does DFPS maintain responsibility for family-based safety services when the definition of community-based care in Texas Family Code §264.152(4) includes “direct case management to: (A) prevent entry into foster care?” | Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 2.03 Staged Implementation.  Implementation of the SSCC will occur in three stages in the Designated Community Area. A six month start up period will precede Stage I and Stage II but not Stage III. Progression from Stage I to Stage II will depend upon the SSCC’s demonstrated Readiness and must begin no later than 12 months after Stage I. Stage II Start-Up Period will commence upon the receipt of all necessary Legislative approvals and begin 6 months thereafter.  Progression from Stage II to Stage III will occur 18 months from the date DFPS makes the first referral for case management services to the SSCC as a part of implementation Stage  II. All three stages are included as a part of the procurement. The provisions of the Contract applicable to a particular Stage will not apply until the SSCC has progressed to such applicable Stage.  Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 2.09 Eligible Population.  In Stages I - III, the SSCC must ensure the full continuum of paid foster care and services for children, youth, and young adults referred by DFPS. In Stages II - III, the SSCC must ensure the full continuum of substitute care (paid foster care and kinship care), case management, family reunification, and purchased client services for the children, youth, young adults, family members, and caregivers referred by DFPS. |
| 12 | Exhibit I, Section 3.04, Resource Transfer | What costs are included in the resource transfer amount? If the amount represents transferred staff positions, which specific positions are included in the transfer? | Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 3.04 Resource Transfer.  As DFPS and the SSCC move through the Stages of Implementation, some of the functions traditionally performed by DFPS will shift to the SSCC. Transfer of resources will be commensurate with the transfer of functions from DFPS to the SSCC according to the stage of implementation and children served under the SSCC continuum of care. All resource transfers based upon a proportional reduction of employees and the associated resources as reflected in the General Appropriations Act and subject to Legislative appropriations. |
| 13 | General Question | Assuming the transition dates and staging in Exhibit C-3, does DFPS/OCBCT intend that the amounts in Exhibit C-3 are sufficient to fully fund a service delivery model that satisfies the requirements of the Statement of Work (Exhibit I)? | Funds to support the requirements of the CBC program are contingent upon appropriated funds. |
| 14 | General Question | Does DFPS/OCBCT intend that the Blended Rate and Exceptional Rate in Exhibit C-3 are sufficient to reimburse all costs of care related to the provision of foster care services for the children entering paid care and referred by DFPS in Stage I? | Funds to support the requirements of the CBC program are contingent upon appropriated funds. |
| 15 | RFA, Section 9, Submission Checklist | What forms must be included with the Narrative Proposal? Can we include attachments to the narrative section and, if so, is there a limit on attachments? | Yes, attachments can be provided. These attachments are not included in the page limit count. |
| 16 | RFA and ESBD postings, Zip Files, 3E, 4, 5, and 9 | Will you provide the most current data available for Region 5 to include the following?   * Total number of children in care on May 1st * Total number of children in paid foster care on May 1st broken down by level of care. * Number of children in paid foster care being served in Region 5 vs out of Region 5 as of May 1st * Total kinship placements both in Region 5 and out of Region 5 as of May 1st? | There are three sources of readily available data on conservatorship, substitute, foster care and placement activity.   * Historical data can be found on the online Databook. There is functionality to review results by county.   + [https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About\_DFPS/Data\_Book/Child\_Protective\_Services/default.asp](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dfps.state.tx.us%2FAbout_DFPS%2FData_Book%2FChild_Protective_Services%2Fdefault.asp&data=05%7C01%7CJudy.Pavone2%40dfps.texas.gov%7C602e307642bf4d98349b08da345bf41d%7C0915ef3812cd4561ab809c7f41bfb31e%7C0%7C0%7C637879866778929712%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zgKvym0lUipM0nBrS5zw4SYBs%2Bd2tbvbOkFyvJ85FE4%3D&reserved=0) * There are also monthly data updates which can be found online in the link below. There is also functionality to review the data by county. There are reports on conservatorship, substitute and foster care in the “other metrics” and “Children in DFPS Care” sections. Information includes (but not limited to) the number of children in conservatorship, placement settings, level of care and out of county/region placements.   + [https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About\_DFPS/Monthly\_Data/default.asp](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dfps.state.tx.us%2FAbout_DFPS%2FMonthly_Data%2Fdefault.asp&data=05%7C01%7CJudy.Pavone2%40dfps.texas.gov%7C602e307642bf4d98349b08da345bf41d%7C0915ef3812cd4561ab809c7f41bfb31e%7C0%7C0%7C637879866778929712%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bFaGKoomAvDs70hvl%2BXdQecqRTxFr6WKkw9pT4%2FYVHU%3D&reserved=0)   There were also reports available via the RFA site on the specific catchment which provides general information on the conservatorship and substitute care census as well as other relevant reports |
| 17 | General Question | Funding Matrix  How much of the appropriated capacity building money will be allocated to the four new SSCCs? | Capacity building funds will be discussed during contract negotiations should an applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 18 | RFA, Section 9, Submission Checklist | Forms A, B-1 and B-2 do not appear to be included in the RFA or zip file with attachments and exhibits. Where are these forms located?  Note: This one was sent to Ross to respond to | Form A, Form B-1, and Form B-2 are all included in Addendum 2. |
| 19 | RFA, Section 2.2, Community Services Areas | Stage 1 Resource Transfer Funding Matrix: The table indicates that the dollars outlined are for FY 2023. Does that mean that the resource transfer of $681,435 for 6 months (03/01/23 – 08/31/23) resulting in a monthly transfer of $113,572? Will that amount be transfer to the SSCC each month for the duration of Stage 1? | See Response for Question #1.  Resource transfer amounts are paid out monthly for the duration of the contract. |
| 20 | RFA, Section 2.2, Community Services Areas | Blended Rate  How will supplemental rates be conveyed to Region 5 and what is the amount? | The estimated blended rates noted in the RFA for each services area does not include the temporary supplement rate increase. |
| 21 | RFA, Section 2.2, Community Services Areas | Blended Rate  Can you please provide the methodology, data and calculation that produced the blended rates outlined on Exhibit C-2? | See response to Question #1. |
| 22 | Exhibit I, Section 3.03, Community Based Care Network Support (Stages I-III) | CBC Network Support  Will you please explain the methodology for network support calculation in Region 5? For Region 5, is the amount indicated for a for a 6 month period? | Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 3.03 Community Based Care Network Support (Stages I-III).  DFPS will pay the SSCC monthly for costs incurred for capacity/network development and oversight, community engagement and IT systems requirements efficiencies at the rate of $1,900 per child FTE. |
| 23 | Exhibit I, Section 3.02 (C), Exceptional Foster Care Rate | Exceptional Care Rate  What is the amount of money allocated to the exceptional care rate for Region 5? Is there a cap on the number of children/youth eligible to be served annually? Why is the exceptional care rate $100 less than the proposed QRTP rate? | See Exhibit I – DFPS Statement of Work Section 3.02 C. Exceptional Foster Care Rate. There will be a certain number of children and youth in the Designated Community Area with exceptional needs that cannot be met appropriately through the use of the blended foster care rate. **The exceptional care rate is currently calculated based on the projected average daily cost of the state’s utilization of child specific contracts. A rate will be established for each fiscal year.**  The Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) is a separate open procurement for a specific service. |
| 24 | RFA and ESBD postings, Zip Files, 3E, 4, 5, and 9 | Purchased Client Services  Can you provide a list of Region 5 purchased services by rate/dollar amount, service type, subcontractor, service units for the most recent fiscal year and month? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 25 | Exhibit I, Section 2.28, Deliverable 5 | What is the SSCC’s role in providing Kinship Relative or Other Designated Caregiver monetary assistance, adoption subsidies, adoption assistance, Permanency Care Assistance? If any, how/when do these funds flow to the SSCC? What was the dollar and units of service provided in Region 5 for this service for the most recent month of service? | DFPS pays eligible families directly for Relative and Other Designator Caregiver payments, adoption assistance and permanency care assistance.  See Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Deliverable #5 for more information for roles and responsibilities. |
| 26 | Exhibit I, Section 3, Utilization and Compensation | Can you please provide units, dollars, %s, # of months to calculate Exhibit C-2 numbers:   * $681,435 resource transfer * $23,088 quality and utilization management * $16,303 CANs | Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work ARTICLE III: UTILIZATION AND COMPENSATION for the methodology used to calculate each. |
| 27 | Exhibit I, Section 3, Utilization and Compensation | Which of the following payment types include adoptive placements in the “actual child FTEs” paid child count?   * Blended rate? * Network support? * Case rate? | See Response to Question #26.  More in-depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 28 | Exhibit I, Section 3, Utilization and Compensation | Network Support and Blended Rate  Which living arrangements are included in the “actual child FTE” counts? Are kinship and other substitute care placements included for stage 2 network support and blended rate? | Kinship and other substitute care placement are included in Stage II network support.  The blended rate applies only to children in paid foster care.  Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work ARTICLE III: UTILIZATION AND COMPENSATION for the methodology used to calculate each for more detail. |
| 29 | Exhibit I, Section 3.08, Day Care (Stages I-III) | What is the SSCC’s role in providing day care assistance to families? If any, how/when do these funds flow to the SSCC? What was the dollar and units of service provided in Region 5 for this service for the most recent month of service? | Exhibit I DFSP Statement of Work Section 3.08  The SSCC will coordinate day care services (foster care and kinship care) for children and families who meet the appropriate DFPS eligibility criteria and subject to agency appropriation. The SSCC may only use the eligible Texas Workforce Commission day care providers for day care services. The SSCC will coordinate with DFPS so that DFPS may initiate day care process and payment for eligible day care services to the Texas Workforce Commission on behalf of the SSCC. **Day Care will be paid directly to TWC by DFPS Rates are established by TWC**. |
| 30 | Exhibit I, Section 3, Utilization and Compensation | Which of the following payment types include kinship placements in the “actual child FTEs” paid child count?   * Blended rate? * Network support? * Case rate? | See response to Question #28. |
| 31 | RFA and ESBD postings, Zip Files, 3E, 4, 5, and 9 | Will you please provide the types of services provided for the following March 2022 data points?   * LA by Region - March 2022 - Foster Care: General Residential Ops - Other Foster Care, please provide level of care and placement type for 16 children * LA by Region - March 2022 - Other Substitute Care: Other, please provide level of care and placement type for 27 children | See response to Question #16. |
| 32 | General Question | Staffing – can you provide a list of benefits provided to DFPS case management staff? What % of gross salary are benefits for DFPS case workers? | More in depth staff and benefits data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract.  See Employee Retirement System (ERS) website for more information  <https://ers.texas.gov/> |
| 33 | Pressley Ridge Texas-Richard Nedelkoff (Catchment 5) | Social Security Payments  Can you please provide estimated social security payments that will be applied to Region 5 blended rate payments? | Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 3.02 Foster Care Rates B. 3. Social Security Payments. Blended foster care rate payments will be reduced by DFPS by the amount of Social Security payments and other income received from the state and federal government that are transferred to the SSCC by DFPS for specific children and youth. |
| 34 | Pressley Ridge Texas-Richard Nedelkoff (Catchment 5) | How will 10% Federal de minimus indirect rate be funded? The proposal does not address indirect cost reimbursement (central office costs). | Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work ARTICLE III: UTILIZATION AND COMPENSATION for the methodology used to calculate each funding amount for more detail.  More in depth discussion can take place during contract negotiations should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 35 | Pressley Ridge Texas-Richard Nedelkoff (Catchment 5) | SSCC Fiscal Requirements  What are the cash requirements that meet DFPS standards for this procurement? | Specific cash requirements are not indicated in the RFA. All financial information that is requested and submitted as a part of this RFA, will be assessed and scored as part of this RFA. |
| 36 | Pressley Ridge Texas-Richard Nedelkoff (Catchment 5) | Will the SSCC be responsible for kinship foster care payments directly to families? | See Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 3.02 B. 2 Minimum Pass-Through Requirement.  The SSCC must remit a minimum dollar amount of the daily foster care rate to foster parents to pay for child maintenance costs of children and youth placed pursuant to this contract. The SSCC must document the payment schedule for services provided through the SSCC demonstrating the provision of required pass through for foster families. The required minimum pass through dollar amount to a foster parent in all of the Designated Community Areas is $27.07 per day. If the appropriated foster care rates change as a result of the Texas Legislative Session, the amount of the required minimum pass through required may be adjusted by DFPS. |
| 37 | Pressley Ridge Texas-Richard Nedelkoff (Catchment 5) | Can you please provide CFDA numbers for this funding as required by single audit? Can you also please provide estimated match based on current Region 5 costs that will be assumed by the SSCC? | CFDA 93.558  CFDA 93.658  CFDA 93.659  CFDA 93.778  CFDA 93.556  CFDA 93.674  There is no match |
| 38 | Pressley Ridge Texas-Richard Nedelkoff (Catchment 5) | Does the SSCC have any family preservation responsibilities that are funded in the rates listed in Exhibit C? | Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work  SOW Section 2.34 Family Reunification Stages II-III, chart 14 |
| 39 | Pressley Ridge Texas-Richard Nedelkoff (Catchment 5) | Network Provider list attachment  How can the provider list attachment be accessed? It cannot be accessed as indicated. | See Response to Question #16  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 40 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children are currently placed in CWOP in Region 3E? | Data is subject to change. More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 41 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | What is the average timeframe a child will remain placed in CWOP in Region 3E? | Data is subject to change. More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 42 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | What are the behaviors of the CWOP children/youth in 3E? | Data is subject to change. More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 43 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children/youth are in conservatorship in 3E? | See response to Question #16. |
| 44 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | What are the age and Level of Care (LOC) statistics of the children/youth in conservatorship in 3E? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 45 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children/youth in 3E are placed outside of region and outside the 3E catchment area? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 46 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | What placement types are the children/youth who are placed out of region? Example: GRO, RTC, ER, or other? | See response to Question #16. |
| 47 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children/youth in 3E are in residential care (in and out of region)? RTC, GRO, Emergency Shelters. | See response to Question #16. |
| 48 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many licensed & active Foster Homes are in 3E? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 49 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many active kinship homes are in 3E? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 50 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children/youth are placed in kinship care in 3E? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 51 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children/youth are in paid care in 3E? | See response to Question #16. |
| 52 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children/youth are placed in 3E that are from other SSCC's, Legacy system? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 53 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children are currently placed in (each) 3E county (Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Navarro, Rockwall, Collin, Grayson, Hunt, and Fannin)? | See response to Question #16. |
| 54 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children are currently placed outside of their assigned catchment area? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 55 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many children are currently placed within their assigned catchment area? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 56 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | During Stage 1 what is the SSCC responsibility for PAL youth in 3E? | See Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 2.04 Stage I Placement Services and Services to Children/Youth.  The SSCC must provide Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Life Skills training, Purchased Adoption Services, and coordination of Foster Care Day Care during Stage I for children and youth who are served by the SSCC and meet appropriate criteria for these services. |
| 57 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many youth/young adults are currently receiving Independent Living Services in 3E? | See response to Question #16. |
| 58 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many DFPS staff are paid by county or child welfare boards in 3E? | Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 3.04 Resource Transfer As DFPS and the SSCC move through the Stages of Implementation, some of the functions traditionally performed by DFPS will shift to the SSCC. Transfer of resources will be commensurate with the transfer of functions from DFPS to the SSCC according to the stage of implementation and children served under the SSCC continuum of care. All resource transfers based upon a proportional reduction of employees and the associated resources as reflected in the General Appropriations Act and subject to Legislative appropriations. |
| 59 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Can DFPS provide a list of all contracts in place for the provision of child welfare services identified in the RFP for children placed from Region 3E. These existing contracts would be applicable to CPA’s, RTC’s, emergency shelters, purchase of service contracts, etc. | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 60 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | In Stage 1 is the SSCC in 3E responsible for driver’s license and state IDs for PAL youth? | Yes, see Exhibit H Performance Measures. Performance measures 1-10 apply to CBC Stage I and the population is children/youth from the catchment in SSCC contracted placements. |
| 61 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | How many young adults are in transitional living or SIL program in 3E? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 62 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Is there an estimate of staff impacted that would be eligible for hire by the awarded SSCC? | More in depth staff and benefits data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 63 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Is there a current staff shortage of Conservatorship workers in 3E? | More in depth staff and benefits data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 64 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | What are current caseload sizes for Conservatorship workers in 3E? | Reference Question #16 |
| 65 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Will SSCC’s be required to contract with a certain number of providers in 3E for bed capacity prior to going live with Stage 1? | See Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work - Section 2.15 A. Start-up  The SSCC will have a Start-Up period prior to the start of Stages I and II: Stage I: …. During the Start-Up Period, the SSCC must actively engage communities in building the infrastructure and competencies necessary to provide the full continuum of paid foster care and purchased client services required in Stage I of implementation and demonstrate readiness to implement the approved plan. |
| 66 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | What is the SSCC responsibility for ICPC in Stage 1 and Stage 2? | See related information in Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work. Section 2.16 Continuum of substitute care and purchased client services and Section 2.28 Major Deliverable # 5 Case Management (Stages II-III). |
| 67 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Section 6.2 Litigation and Contract History. Is Exhibit P just for supporting documents related to this section or should Exhibit P also include the narrative responding to the disclosures required by this Section? | Refer to ROSS |
| 68 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Would a cover page be considered a part of the 60-page maximum page limit? | The cover page is not part of the 60-page maximum page limit. |
| 69 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | 3.5 SOLICITATION RESPONSECOMPOSITION, Sections 3.5.1 & 3.5.2, Page 12 of 30, no specific content. How many copies of the RFA Proposal Narrative and Exhibits are required upon submission?  Section 3.5.1 (H), Page 12 of 30: It states that the signatures do not need to be original, but the agency uses the program HelloSign does an “audit trail” document need to be included? | Refer to Ross |
| 70 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Exhibit K: Purchased Client Services Cost Proposal Face Page – What is the amount allocated Purchased Client Service Funding per Catchment Area? What is the historical usage of each type of Purchased Client Funding per Catchment Area? | More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 71 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Exhibit L: Case Management Cost Proposal Face Page – 2nd paragraph – The Case Management days are forecasted for each fiscal year by Catchment area. | No pending question. |
| 72 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Exhibit I Statement of Work, Section 3.04 (C) Resource Transfer for Case Management. Should this be Exhibit I Statement of Work? If it is Exhibit I, there is no Section 3.04 (C). What are the forecasted populations by Catchment Area, by type of placement and level of care? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 73 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Exhibit L: Case Management Cost Proposal Face Page – 2nd paragraph – Respondent must develop and submit a cost proposal for a daily per diem case management rate and methodology in Support of its proposed State II services associated with Child placement, conservatorship services, kinship home development and maintenance, Reunification and Case Management Services. Should the daily per diem case management rate include services that are provided only in Stage II or Stage I and II combined? | The daily per diem case management rate should include services that are provided as a combined rate for Stage I and II. |
| 74 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Exhibit C, C-1, C-2, C-3 – Start Up line in the chart - The startup funding for Stage I for each Catchment area is $997,000. Is it correct that each Catchment area will receive the same startup funding for Stage I, without considering population or geographic area (urban/rural)? | The startup funding for Stage I for each Catchment area is $997,000 as appropriated by the Texas Legislature. |
| 75 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Exhibit C, C-1, C-2, C-3 – Blended Rate line in the chart - In the Rider the appropriation was for $83.00 blended rate, the blended rate for each Catchment area on the Exhibit Cs is less than the amount stated in the Rider and all four current SSCC’s. Are the Blended rates listed on the Exhibit Cs, correct? Is the blended rate negotiable | See Question #1 |
| 76 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Exhibit C, C-1, C-2, C-3 – Start Up line in the chart - Start Up funds are listed at $997,000, is that for both Stage I and II together, only for one stage or for each Stage (I and II)? Exhibit I: DFPS Statement of Work – Section 3.01 -refers to start up for each stage. | Startup funding for Stage I for each Catchment area is $997,000 as appropriated by the Texas Legislature.  See Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 3.01 One Time Startup Funds (Stages I and II) .  All Start-Up funding is based on legislative appropriations. DFPS will provide the SSCC with a one-time Start-Up time payment for each stage; Stage I and Stage II Readiness activities associated with workforce development, building a provider network, and other necessary organizational and financial infrastructure to meet the obligations of this contract. Based on the stage of implementation, DFPS will provide readiness requirements to the SSCC that the SSCC must accomplish. The parties shall mutually agree upon a target Operational State Date for the applicable stage, based on readiness progression and workforce needs, prior to the SSCC accepting its first referral applicable to such stage. If the SSCC fails to comply with readiness requirements or does not meet the anticipated Operational Start Date, DFPS reserves the right to recoup Start Up Funds. |
| 77 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | Exhibit C, C-1, C-2, C-3 – PAL Life Skills line in the chart – Can the previous or historical PAL allocation be given? | More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 78 | Texas Family Initiative – Patricia Long (Catchment 3E) | 3.5.2 Submission in Separate Parts, Page 13, Are the sections to be labeled as they are listed in the RFA? | Referred to Ross |
| 79 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | List of required forms  Forms A, B-1 and B-2 do not appear to be included in the RFA or zip file with attachments and exhibits. Where are these forms located? | Referred to Ross |
| 80 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Stage 1 Resource Transfer  The table indicates that the dollars outlined are for FY 2023. Does that mean that the resource transfer of $918,935 is for 6 months (03/01/23 – 08/31/23) resulting in a monthly transfer of $153,155.83? Will that amount be transfer to the SSCC each month for the duration of Stage 1 (assuming that Stage 1 extends into FY 2024)? | See Response for Question #1.  Resource transfer amounts are paid out monthly for the duration of the contract. |
| 81 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Blended Rate  How will supplemental rates be conveyed to the SSCC and what is the amount? | No, the estimated blended rates noted in the RFA for each services area does not include the temporary supplement rate increase. |
| 82 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Blended Rate  Can you please provide the data and calculation that produced the blended rates outlined on Exhibit C-1? | See response to Question #5 |
| 83 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | CBC Network Support  Will you please explain the network support calculation? For Region 4, is the $610,848 for 6 months ($101,808 per month). The Child in Paid Care FTE count that results from $610,848 divided by $1,900 appears inconsistent with data published in the DFPS data | More in depth current data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract.  Matrices for each catchment area are appropriated funds and are estimates. DFPS may adjust and prorate actual award amounts at the time of execution based on start dates.  Resource transfer amounts are paid out monthly for the duration of the contract. |
| 84 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | How much of the appropriated capacity building money will be allocated to the four new SSCCs? | Capacity building funds will be discussed during contract negotiations should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 85 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Data  Will you please provide the most current data available for Region 4 to include the following?   * Total number of children in care on May 1st * Total number of children in paid foster care on May 1st broken down by level of care. * Number of children in paid foster care being served in Region 4 vs out of Region 4 as of May 1st * Total kinship placements both in Region 4 and out of Region 4 as of May 1st? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 86 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Exceptional Care Rate  What is the total amount of money allocated to the exceptional care rate for each region? Is there a cap on the number of children/youth eligible to be served at the exceptional care rate annually? Why is the exceptional care rate $100 less than the proposed QRTP rate? | See Exhibit I – DFPS Statement of Work Section 3.02 C. Exceptional Foster Care Rate.  There will be a certain number of children and youth in the Designated Community Area with exceptional needs that cannot be met appropriately through the use of the blended foster care rate. **The exceptional care rate is currently calculated based on the projected average daily cost of the state’s utilization of child specific contracts. A rate will be established for each fiscal year.**  The Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) is a separate open procurement for a specific service. |
| 87 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Purchased Client Services  Will you please provide a list of Region 4 purchased services by rate/dollar amount, service type, subcontractor, service units for the most recent fiscal year and month? | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 88 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Narrative Proposal, including all forms  What forms should be included with the Narrative Proposal? The submission checklist only identifies forms in the Administrative Information section and exhibits in the Exhibits section. Is it allowable to include attachments to the narrative section and, if so, is there a limit on attachments? | Yes, attachments can be provided. These attachments are not included in the page limit count. |
| 89 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | What is the SSCC’s role in providing Kinship Relative or Other Designated Caregiver monetary assistance, adoption subsidies, adoption assistance, Permanency Care Assistance? If any, how/when do these funds flow to the SSCC? What was the dollar and units of service provided in Region 4 for this service for the most recent month of service? | DFPS pays eligible families directly for Relative and Other Designator Caregiver payments, adoption assistance and permanency care assistance.  See Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Deliverable #5 for more information for roles and responsibilities. |
| 90 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | What is the SSCC’s role in providing day care assistance to families? If any, how/when do these funds flow to the SSCC? What was the dollar and units of service provided in Region 4 for this service for the most recent month of service? | Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work Section 3.08  The SSCC will coordinate day care services (foster care and kinship care) for children and families who meet the appropriate DFPS eligibility criteria and subject to agency appropriation. The SSCC may only use the eligible Texas Workforce Commission day care providers for day care services. The SSCC will coordinate with DFPS so that DFPS may initiate day care process and payment for eligible day care services to the Texas Workforce Commission on behalf of the SSCC. **Day Care will be paid directly to TWC by DFPS Rates are established by TWC**. |
| 91 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Network Support and Blended Rate  Which living arrangements are included in the “actual child FTE” counts? Are kinship and other substitute care placements included for stage 2 network support and blended rate? | See response Question #28 |
| 92 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Can you please provide units, dollars, %s, # of months to calculate Exhibit C-1 numbers:   * $918,935 resource transfer * $36,989 quality and utilization management * $34,629 CANs | Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work ARTICLE III: UTILIZATION AND COMPENSATION for the methodology used to calculate each.  More in depth current data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 93 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Which of the following payment types include adoptive placements in the “actual child FTEs” paid child count?   * Blended rate? * Network support? * Case rate? | See Response Question #26.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract |
| 94 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Social Security Payments  Can you please provide estimated social security payments that will be applied to Region 4 blended rate payments? | See response to Question # 33. |
| 95 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Will you please provide the types of services provided for the following March 2022 data points?   * LA by Region - March 2022 - Foster Care: General Residential Ops - Other Foster Care, please provide level of care and placement type for 16 children * LA by Region - March 2022 - Other Substitute Care: Other, please provide level of care and placement type for 27 children | See response to Question #16.  More in depth data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract. |
| 96 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Staffing – can you provide a list of benefits provided to DFPS case management staff? What % of gross salary are benefits for DFPS case workers? | More in depth staff and benefits data may be requested should an Applicant be awarded a CBC contract.  Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work ARTICLE III: UTILIZATION AND COMPENSATION for the methodology used to calculate the Resource Transfer funds which included employee benefits.  See Employee Retirement System (ERS) website for more information  <https://ers.texas.gov/> |
| 97 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | The proposal does not address indirect cost reimbursement (central office costs). How will 10% Federal de minimus indirect rate be funded? | See response to Question #34. |
| 98 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Can you please provide CFDA numbers for this funding as required by single audit? Can you also please provide estimated match based on current Region 4 costs that will be assumed by the SSCC? | See response Question #37  CFDA 93.558  CFDA 93.658  CFDA 93.659  CFDA 93.778  CFDA 93.556  CFDA 93.674 |
| 99 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | SSCC Fiscal Requirements  What are the specific cash requirements that meet DFPS standards for this procurement? | Specific cash requirements are not indicated in the RFA. All financial information that is requested and submitted as a part of this RFA, will be assessed and scored as part of this RFA. |
| 100 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Will the SSCC be responsible for kinship foster care payments directly to families? | DFPS will ensure kinship payment are paid directly to kinship families. |
| 101 | Arrow & Family Ministries-Jay Pruett (Catchment 4) | Does the SSCC have any family preservation responsibilities that are funded in the rates listed in Exhibit C? | Refer to Exhibit I DFPS Statement of Work  SOW Section 2.34 Family Reunification Stages II-III, chart 14 |