

ADDENDUM II
EASTERN LOUISIANA MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM
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Response to Questions
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1. Question: How long is the estimated program stay for each client served?

Answer: The client is on conditional release for up to 5 years, longer if ordered by the court; whether the client is housed at the Group Home or placed by the Group Home into another less restrictive setting. The program does not have a set time due to the legal issues of the clients. Clients will reside at the FSTRA for variable lengths of time depending on their legal status (e.g. Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity-NGBRI, Civil Commitment-CIVIL, or Irrestorably Incompetent to Proceed to Trial-648B, which is also a type of civil commitment) as well as their clinical status (e.g. stability, compliance, risk). NGBRI clients are placed on Conditional Release for 5 years at the time of discharge from the hospital and admission to the FSTRA. These clients may be released sooner than the 5 year period, remain for the full 5 year period, or have additional 1 year increments added at the conclusion of the 5 year period. Civil clients are committed for 6 months at which time the commitment may be extended for another 6 months, for up to four 6 month periods, and after four 6 month periods they may be committed for up to 1 year and additional 1 year periods at the conclusion of the initial 1 year period. Like NGBRI clients, they may be released sooner. This (civil clients) is the same for 648B clients.

2. Question: Is it the responsibility of the vendor to provide a teacher on-site for educational needs or just expected to place by referral in the community?

Answer: See pages 12, 14-15, and 17 of the RFP; Contractor is responsible for providing any needed teachers/instructors.

3. Question: What is the expectation of medication, medical, and psychiatric care costs? For example, what entity provides the basics the vendor or the State?

Answer: These costs are covered by the Contractor, in concert with any health insurance or other benefits available to the client.

4. Question: Are all referrals expected to be placed or does the vendor have a right of refusal based on charges or zoning requirements and insurance liability? For example, sex offenders or convicted arsonists.

Answer: There is an expectation that all referrals will be placed. All clients being referred have already been assessed, have been deemed clinically appropriate, and have received court approval for placement if necessary.

5. Question: Who pays for the client medications?

Answer: See #3 above...Contractor, in concert with any health insurance or other benefits available to the client.

6. Question: Is the vendor responsible for all transportation?

Answer: See pages 5, 11, and 15-16 of the RFP; Contractor is responsible for providing transportation.