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Ref: OYD Community Intervention Programs RFP

Dear Ms. Austin:

We appreciate the opportunity to submit questions regarding the Community Intervention Programs outlined in your recent Request for Proposal. We thank you in advance for your consideration of the following questions:

1. Are these existing programs? If so, please identify the provider(s) of the current programs?

2. If the programs are already operated by another entity or entities, please clarify ownership of the property where services are provided (e.g., is the property owned/leased by the provider, or is it state owned/leased by the state of Louisiana?)

3. What is the current per diem for the non-residential and residential phases of the program?

4. Are sexual offenders housed within the same facility as other offenders without sexual offender backgrounds?

5. Is the provider expected to provide shelter services for the community supervised children?

6. Please clarify the facility or regulator issues mandating the division of the populations for the residential program listed on page 18 of the RFP (e.g., 12-15 males in one facility, six males and 10 females in another facility).

7. May a provider bid on just one of the two community intervention programs?

8. Given the scope of the project, please clarify whether or not additional time will be available to prospective providers to identify, locate, lease and/or purchase property and to adequately address the requirement to provide proof.

Again, we appreciate your consideration of the aforementioned questions.

Sincerely,

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Answers to questions from Eckerd Youth Alternatives:

1. The programs in the RFP are currently in operation. These contracts will be expiring. These programs are the 1) Hadley House, 2) Methodist Children's Home, 3)Red River Marine Institute/ Day Program and 4)Southwest Marine Institute/ Day Program.

2. The Hadley House is located in Baton Rouge and owned by The Harmony Center. The Methodist Children's Home is located in Ruston and owned by that corporation. Both the RRMI (Bossier City) and SWMI (Ragley) are owned and operated by the Associated Marine Institute of Florida.

3. The current per diem rates are: Hadley House $ 90.90 per day, Methodist Children's Home $ 124.07 per day, RRMI $50.93 per day and SWMI $52.73 per day.

4. All programs service juveniles with a variety of criminal and status offenses, some of which may be sexual offenses. However, those Sexual Offenders requiring treatment are usually placed in specific " Sexual Offender" programs addressing those treatment needs.

5. Day Programs are expected to provide a backup, safe home, or temporary emergency shelter to be used for temporary respite or emergency purposes.(RFP /Page 22)

6. All residential programs are licensed and monitored by the Department of Social Services, Bureau of Licensing. This agency sets the minimum supervision guidelines for residential facilities. The specific numbers of residential slots listed in the RFP are determined by OYD based upon the need of the agency at this time.

7. A provider may bib on one or more of the community intervention programs.

8. Prospective providers should have a tentative operation site identified in the proposal. A provider should not sign a purchase or lease agreement until after the award of the contract.