

## Questions & Answers for the Early Years Network RFP

1. Question: SECTION V: SUBGRANT TERMS AND PROVISIONS, TERM OF AGREEMENT, PAYMENT AND BUDGET LIMITATIONS, SUBGRANT AMOUNT pg 40: The subgrant amount is left blank. What is the total amount of the subgrant to be provided by MDHS under this agreement?

Answer: MDHS, DECCD has not indicated an amount for this award.

2. Question: SECTION IV – EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA, pg. 34: Is there a scoring rubric available to accompany this section?

Answer: We have provided applicants a thorough description of the points that will be awarded for each section. These sections have a description of what is required to obtain the points assigned.

3. Question: Will current subgrants for these services end upon the proposed date of contractual services (July 1, 2014) or continue through the originally agreed upon contract period?

Answer: Decisions regarding the ending date of all current subgrants will be made one contract negotiations for this funding opportunity is finalized.

4. Question: Immediately following the deadline to submit Letters of Intent, will MDHS publish a list of all entities submitting such a letter?

Answer: MDHS will publish a list of fiscal agents submitting a letter of intent.

5. Question: After reviewing the State Plan for CCDF 2014-2015, I am unable to find the description of the Service System or many of the requirements in the above referenced RFP. My question, then, is when and how did you receive public comment on this significant amendment to the State Plan?

Answer: DECCD has been advised by ACF that, **“Once the RFP is awarded, you should work with the Regional Office to examine the impact of the new contract on the any services described in the Plan.”**

Questions: How many networks is DECCD going to fund?

Answer: One fiscal agent will be funded.

6. Question: Question 1 refers to Section I.H. and Section I. Category 2.B.2. Regarding the data piece, will MSCCR&R be able to use the NACCRRRA database to collaborate with WELS, or is it expected that all data would feed into WELS?

Answer: All data will be entered into WELS.

7. Question: Question 2 refers to Section I. Category 2.C.1-6. If the fiscal agent or a subcontractor creates and implements the Training and Technical Assistance Credential, will the credential be issued by another agency?

Answer: MDHS will treat this credential like the other credentials, such as Director's Credential and Quality Ratings.

8. Question: Question 3 refers to Section I. Category 1.I.B.1.ii. and Section I. Category 1.III. Has Healthy Homes Mississippi (HHM) expanded past the six counties listed on the website? For purposes of planning for program complementation, can DECCD provide the number of staff that provide the in-home visits? How many families has HHM reached since its inception?

Answer: HHM serves families in Wilkinson, Claiborne, Jefferson, Copiah, Coahoma, Sunflower, and Tunica counties. HHM operates this program with a total of 33 staff members, and has served 302 families.