

ADDENDUM ONE

DATE: August 22, 2011

TO: All Vendors

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RE: Questions and Answers for RFP Number RFI DBH28
 to be opened September 8, 2011 2 PM Central Time

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request For Proposal. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request For Proposal.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1. Can information be provided as to what the Department is currently using for Behavior Health issues? How is the clients information managed (paper filing, electronic files, etc...)?	As denoted in pages 9 – 11 of the RFI, the client information is gathered manually and by data extracts from a variety of sources.
2. If the Department was to move forward with releasing an RFP, can you advise as to the timeline for when it may be released?	See pages 4 Section B – General information. There is no current timeline regarding an RFP.
3. What levels of data standardization exist today, what work efforts are currently under way to increase level of standardization.	A training manual exists and is in revision to further define the data elements and their interpretation for the client data system. The data bases used at this time have no standardization which hampers the success of the Department in meeting federal reporting requirements.
4. With standardization is there still an expectation of site specific nuances to be built into the State of Nebraska Model?	It would be anticipated that each site, if there is more than one, would be required to report to a centralized system specific information in specific standardized formats.
5. Are forms standardized across the organization?	Not currently.

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6. Is there a current integration engine?	Not currently.
7. Where is the IT department stationed? is there regional IT support?	<p>The technical systems environment is developed, managed and maintained by a combination of two organizations, DHHS Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). IS& T administers the DHHS computer resources and provides support in such areas as: system design and development, system maintenance, computer operations and system project management. IS&T maintains the DHHS Help Desk and desktop support, Outlook email and warehousing. It is responsible for application support of DHHS applications. The OCIO administers the State's data center and telecommunications network DHHS purchases staffing and computing resources from the OCIO and collaborates with the OCIO to manage, operate and maintain the applications.</p> <p>http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/fin/ist/aboutus.htm</p> <p>Regions do not have IT departments, but have several knowledgeable individuals within their staff of IT issues and assist in monitoring of contractors who provide IT, or computer based support.</p>

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<p>8. It is clear that the CDS is intended to be a data warehouse and reporting system that collects data from existing business and clinical systems and provides additional functionality. What is not clear is to what extent the new CDS is intended to <u>replace</u> the business or clinical functionality of existing systems in areas such as ASO, Registration, Scheduling, Eligibility Checking, Billing, Assessments, Treatment Planning, Progress Notes, or CPOE. Further elaboration on what functions of existing systems are being considered for replacement by the CDS would be helpful.</p>	<p>The CDS is intended to be a data repository as well as an enterprise support to the Division. The Division currently contracts ASO, Registration, and eligibility determinations to the ASO contractor. The Division does not anticipate a need for practice management systems that contain clinical scheduling, assessment, treatment planning or progress note functions. The individual regions and practitioners would be responsible to maintain their own practice management systems that would report information to the CDS in standardized formats. Billing systems would be required to facilitate the distribution of public funds between several departments of state government based on client eligibility determinations. These must accommodate frequently changing client levels or funding sources. The CDS is intended to be a high level management system capable of obtaining information from a variety of sources to facilitate ease of operation and reporting.</p>