

ADDENDUM TWO

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS AND REVISED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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To: All Bidders

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RE: Addendum for Request for Proposal Number 5995 Z1 to be opened April 4, 2019, at 2:00 P.M. Central Time

Questions and Answers

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. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the State Purchasing Bureau website for all addenda or amendments.

<u>Question Number</u>	<u>RFP Section Reference</u>	<u>RFP Page Number</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>State Response</u>
1.	V. C. 2	34-35	<p>Will the subrecipient be required to complete the Structured Decision Making (SDM) Safety Assessment, Family Strengths and Needs Assessment, and the Risk Assessment?</p> <p>For subrecipients not currently utilizing this model at the time of award, will a grace period be given for training and implementation?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>No, implementation and training should be addressed in the transition plan. The Subrecipient must be ready to start Jan 1, 2020.</p>
2.	V. A. 9. D	32	Is the subrecipient required to complete the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS) in addition to the SDM Family Strengths and Needs Assessment?	Yes.
3.	V. C.	33	Scope of Practice lists Family Preservation as separate from On-going Case Management, but the RFP does not list a separate description of requirements. Are the requirements listed in Section C, Project Requirements the same for Family Preservation Services?	Family Preservation, for the purposes of the RFP, are stand-alone services requested from the Subrecipient to meet the needs of a family during the investigation process. This does not include case management services. No, the requirements are not the same.
4.	V. D. 1	36	What is meant by a "catalogue of in-home	The Subrecipient should provide a listing, with descriptions of all in-home services that will be made

			services available in each zip code of the Eastern Services Area”?	available in the zip codes of Eastern Service Area (ESA).
5.	V. E. 10. b. I	40	Where can staffing ratios for this RFP be found?	Please see Statute 68-1207 at https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=68-1207 Reference can also be found in Attachment Two Eastern Service Area Operations Manual of the RFP, page 23.
6.	IV. A	25	Are residential placements case managed by the subrecipients, and are they paid by the subrecipients? If so, what are the rates and number of youth placed in each facility?	Yes. Any residential placements that are not funded by Nebraska Medicaid would be paid by the Subrecipient. Currently there are three levels of residential placement that are not paid by Medicaid: Group Home A (GHA), Group Home B (GHB), and Emergency Shelter Care (ESC). The rates for each are: GHA = \$116.00/day GHB = \$89.50/day ESC = \$146.00/day Placement as of 01/14/2019: GHA - 1 GHB - 23 ESC - 3
7.	Attachment 2, 3. Caseload Ratio Requirements	23	What is the expected ratio for Case Managers and Supervisors?	The current staffing ratio for DHHS Case Managers to Supervisors ranges from 6:1 to 7:1.
8.	Attachment 3	1	Can DHHS provide a breakdown of the current percentage of placements in Essential, Enhanced, and Intensive levels of foster care?	Approximately; Essential – 53% Enhanced – 35% Intensive – 12%
9.	Attachment 3	1	Is a list of licensed foster homes with the number of beds available for the Eastern Service Area?	Yes. It will be made available to the Subrecipient after award of the contract. There are approximately 837 licensed foster home beds in the Eastern Service Area.
10.	Attachment 3	1	What percentage of children are being placed in the current subrecipient's sponsored foster homes compared to subcontractors' foster homes?	Approximately 25% of children are placed in homes sponsored by the current Subrecipient. Approximately 75% of children placed out of the home are placed in homes sponsored by subcontractors of the Subrecipient.
11.	Attachment 3	1	Is the number of local residential placements in the Eastern Service Area available, and if so, does it detail bed capacity?	Please see the following link for details on residential placements in the Eastern Service Area Roster of Licensed Residential Child-Caring Agencies: http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/documents/ResidentialAndChildCaringRoster.pdf Yes.
12.	1. C. Schedule of Events	2	The subaward will be awarded July 1 st but the start date is	Yes.

			not until January 1, 2020- is the subrecipient able to hire staff during the period between the award and the start date, and will the subrecipient be reimbursed for those costs?	Yes. All costs allowed by the contract will be reimbursed.
13.	V. E. 2	38	Is the subrecipient required to transport clients both within the state and out-of-state?	Yes.
14.	V. H. 8. a	43	What are the new foster care reimbursement rates?	See Attachment Five Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Eighth Meeting Transcript.
15.	IV. A	25	Is the subrecipient responsible for purchasing equipment to communicate with the State of Nebraska to submit invoices?	Yes.
16.	V. H. 8. A	43	What are the requirements for the monthly financial statements?	DHHS requires financial statements including a balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows in a format to be agreed upon during subaward negotiations. The financial statements will be prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
17.	Attachment 3	1	Does the number of recipients for In-Home services in Attachment 3, Column G, represent children or families?	The number represents the number of children.
18.	Introduction	V	The ESA represents 40% of the child welfare population of Nebraska. What percentage of the 40% are referred to Alternative Response? Is it possible to have children from the same family involved in both this contract and Alternative Response? If/when that happens, how will services with the family, especially the parents, be coordinated?	As of June 2018, 7% of children in open cases in ESA were involved in Alternative Response. DHHS handles all Alternative Response cases. The only way for children to be served in AR and by the Subrecipient at the same time would be if a family was in the process of adopting children or fostering children and had an open case with the Subrecipient and an intake came in on the parents and their biological children. If this were to happen, the CFS AR Worker would coordinate with the Subrecipient worker to speak with the non-biological children in the home. The CFS AR worker would address any services the family needed in relation to the reason for the AR Intake and allow the Subrecipient worker to continue to address the services and needs of the family related to their case. Coordination will take place between the family, AR worker and the Subrecipient.

19.	Introduction	V	<p>“The CFS investigative worker and the subrecipient’s newly assigned case management worker will meet with the family together either at the home or at the first court hearing, to transfer case management responsibilities”</p> <p>Will CFS meet with the family prior the first court hearing to complete family find activities as well as engage the caregivers?</p>	Yes.
20.	Introduction	V	<p>Subrecipient Key Roles and Responsibilities does not list Independent Living activities; however, they are listed elsewhere in the proposal. On page 45 it states that the bidder is not responsible for payment for “Case management and extended services for a young adult who has entered into a voluntary services and support agreement under the Bridge to Independence Program, except those requirements under said program that should be performed prior to the time the young adult reaches 19 years of age and is discharged from Resource Family care”. Please provide explanation around the Bridge to Independence Program and which children/what services the bidder will be expected to serve?</p>	<p>Information regarding the Bridge to Independence Program can be found on the DHHS website: http://dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/BridgeToIndependence/Pages/Home.aspx</p> <p>The Subrecipient will be responsible for ensuring state laws and Bridge to Independence program requirements are met in regards to the youth that have not yet reached the age of 19 years and are involved with ongoing case management services.</p>
21.	Section 1-C	2	<p>The opening is April 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. CST. By what date must the proposals be submitted in order to make sure they are included in the proposal opening?</p>	<p>The response must be submitted at any time prior to April 4, 2019 at 2:00 pm CT. Any response received after this date/time will not be evaluated.</p>
22.	Section 1-C	2	<p>Does the bidder need to present at the Proposal Opening?</p>	No.
23.	Section II-	11	<p>With what frequency does the State pay the subrecipient?</p> <p>When payments are delayed for breach or another reason, how long may the State withhold payments from the subrecipient?</p>	<p>Monthly.</p> <p>For noncompliance with law or the terms of this subaward, the state may impose additional conditions pursuant to 45 CFR 75.207, may take other actions including withholding of payments pursuant to 45 CFR 75.371, or may take any other action available to it under the terms of this subaward or under law</p>

			Do late payments from the state accrue interest?	Interest on any payment must be pursuant to and consistent with the Nebraska Prompt Payment Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-2407 et seq.
24.	Section	13	Must the \$1,000,000 bond be secured for proposal or upon award?	The performance bond must be obtained prior to contract execution.
25.	Section V-A-4 and 5	32	<p>Is the expectation that only the bidder will recruit, retain and presumptively license "Resource Family Homes"?</p> <p>What licensing designation would this be under the LCPA for each home?</p> <p>Can you please provide more detail around caregiver and organization expectations for the roles and responsibilities of these families?</p> <p>V.A. 4 and 5 state that the bidder will recruit and retain resource families. Could you provide baseline data as to current number of resource families in the Eastern Services Area?</p> <p>what is the pay structure for resource families vs. traditional foster or treatment foster families?</p>	<p>No, Subrecipient can recruit, retain, and license homes or subcontract to recruit, retain and license Resource Family Homes.</p> <p>The license designation would be a licensed Foster Care Home by the Division of Public Health.</p> <p>Resource Family Service, which includes the delivery of foster care services, respite care, family support and visitation services to children and families residing in the state of Nebraska. The objectives of the Resource family are focused on 1). Delivering high quality foster care and wraparound services for families whose children have been removed from the home of the caretaker; 2) Implement evidence-based models of foster care to the Child Welfare service array in order to meet the requirements of the Families First Prevention Service Act, and; 3) Integrating a family-focused and family driven approach that builds protective factors in families. The roles and responsibilities of the Resource Family is to provide care for children removed from their caretaker; mentoring for caretakers whose children have been placed in the Resource Family home; visitation between the caretaker and the child; engagement with and support of the caretaker; provide transportation for child to and from appointments, school, and school activities, and; maintain level of normalcy for the child to the extent possible.</p> <p>Resource Family is not currently part of the service array in Nebraska. DHHS is seeking a bidder to propose a model that will meet the requirements of this RFP. There is no baseline data for the current number Resource Families in the Eastern Service Area.</p> <p>At this time there is no pay structure for the Resource Family service to compare to traditional foster care. Nebraska Medicaid currently does not have a pay structure for treatment foster care.</p>
26.	Section V-A-9-a	32	Is DHHS using the criteria from the Feds to identify	Yes.

			<p>programs as Well Supported, Supported and Promising practices?</p> <p>Can programs found on the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare practice be used?</p> <p>What Well Supported services are available in the existing service array?</p> <p>What Supported services are available in the existing service array?</p> <p>What Promising Practices are available in the existing service array?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Information on Nebraska Evidence-Based Practices can be found on the DHHS website at: http://dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/Documents/Nebraska%20Evidenced%20Based%20Practices.pdf</p>
27.	Section V-A-9-g	32	<p>Does having two beds available for every child include all homes licensed by DHHS and treatment foster care agencies?</p> <p>What is the expected time frame for this goal?</p> <p>How many foster homes are licensed in the ESA service agency?</p> <p>Is the expectation for approximately 5400 homes based on the June 2018 DHHS census?</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>The required time frame to have two beds for every child in care is by Operational Start Date. (Please see glossary for Operational Start Date)</p> <p>There are 651 licensed foster homes in the ESA as of 01/29/2019</p> <p>It is required that the Subrecipient have two <i>beds</i> in licensed foster homes for every child in care in the Service Area.</p>
28.	Section V-A-9-g	32	<p>Do DHHS foster home licensing requirements differentiate between relative/kinship foster homes and non-relative/kinship foster homes?</p>	<p>Currently in regulations there are items that are able to be waived for a relative foster home in order to license that home. All other homes, including kinship foster homes, must go through all licensing requirements (http://www.sos.ne.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health_and_Human_Services_System/Title-395/Chapter-03.pdf).</p>
29.	Section V-B-2 & 4	33	<p>What is the reimbursement for services DHHS utilizes from the subrecipient's service array during the Initial Assessment for youth who are not referred for on-going case management?</p>	<p>Under current protocol, during the IA, if safety services, placement services or any paid intervention is needed to ensure family safety, the family is referred to the Subrecipient for service coordination and delivery. The Subrecipient utilizes their current provider panel/service array to meet the needs of the family on a Utilization Management service delivery model. The IA worker remains primary case manager until time of transfer, but all services are arranged and paid for via the Subrecipient. These services are billed to the DHHS under a separate rate than the case management rate.</p>
30.	Section V-B-8-c	33	<p>Does DHHS approve emergency placement changes?</p>	<p>No.</p>

			Can the subrecipient make these emergency placements if immediate notification is made to DHHS and the court following the placement change?	Yes.
31.	Section V-B-10-a	33	Is the subrecipient responsible for collecting needed verifications for IV-E eligibility? Is the subrecipient responsible for determining IV-E eligibility?	Yes. No, the Subrecipient would not be responsible for determining IV-E eligibility, as that responsibility remains with our DHHS staff.
32.	Section V-C-1	33	Will subrecipient be permitted to participate in and utilize DHHS's CQI process including PPI (Provider Performance Improvement)?	Yes.
33.	Section V-C-2-b	34	Can the subrecipient attend trainings offered through DHHS? Will subrecipient be permitted to participate in DHHS's pre-service training (initial caseworker training) program? Will DHHS provide the subrecipient training on DHHS tools, such as the SDM tool? Will DHHS provide training on NFOCUS? What kind of training is available re: The Indian Child Welfare Act and effective implementation of services with tribe members?	Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. New worker training includes dedicated time to train and educate about the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), including federal and state laws and regulations. The ICWA Case Management Guide developed by <i>Center for Children Families and the Law</i> and DHHS is utilized for much of the ICWA training, which is provided in the classroom setting and via online learning for approximately seven hours. References to the ICWA are made throughout the training, as applicable, and specific N-FOCUS training related to completing Cultural Plans is also included. Additionally, DHHS is available for technical assistance in connecting and working with the Tribes.
34.	Section V-C-5-d	36	The bidder is expected to "Identify and consider all relatives and kin first." Typically this is part of the	There are family finding efforts by DHHS prior to the first court hearing. This question should be taken in full context of V-C-5 – "The Subrecipient must exhaust all other options prior to placing a child outside the family home.

			<p>initial meeting with the family. Since the bidder is not introduced until the first court hearing, does this mean that no family find activities occur before the “hand off”?</p> <p>Please define the specific family find responsibilities between DCFS and the bidder as well as timeframes to engage these potential resources.</p>	<p>When placements outside the family home must occur, the Subrecipient shall: Identify and consider all relatives and kin first, as possible placement options including placement with any known sibling.”</p> <p>DHHS will make every effort to locate relatives during the investigation stage in the event the child needs to be removed from the caretaker’s home. If no relatives are located prior to the transfer of the case to the Subrecipient, the Subrecipient will be responsible for family finding services in order to place the child with family or find permanency within the federal time frames.</p>
35.	Section V-C-5-l	36	<p>Is the “provisional license” designation available for foster parents or only for relative or kinship homes?</p>	<p>Available for all current regulations state for Provisional License: DHHS may issue a time limited, nonrenewable provisional license to an applicant who is unable to comply with all licensure requirements and standards, has a documented plan to comply and is capable of compliance within the time period stated in the license as approved by the licensing agent and licensing agency.</p>
36.	Section V-D-1	36	<p>Please describe exactly what DCFS would expect in a “Catalogue of In-Home Services”. What is the purpose of this document for the proposal?</p> <p>Is there a current catalogue and if so, could you please provide an example?</p>	<p>The Subrecipient should provide a listing, with descriptions of all in-home services that will be made available in the zip codes of ESA. The purpose of the catalogue is to: 1) to determine if the Subrecipient has appropriate services for the population in the Eastern Service Area; 2) verify any evidence-based models in accordance with FFPSA and in order to claim IV-E funding for in home services; 3) develop coding for tracking purposes.</p> <p>No, a future service catalogue will adhere to requirements of FFPSA. Please see Attachment 8 FFPSA INFORMATION</p>
37.	Section V-D-3-b	36	<p>“Culturally humble” is repeated throughout. What is the working definition that DHHS is using for this phrase?</p> <p>In order to hire appropriate bi-lingual staff, what languages are most prevalent in the ESA?</p>	<p>Cultural humility is the “ability to maintain an interpersonal stance that is other-oriented (or open to the other) in relation to aspects of cultural identity that are most important to the [person].” Families are viewed as collaborators in the process and teach us about their own uniqueness. Those who practice cultural humility view their families as capable and work to understand their worldview and any oppression or discrimination that they may have experienced as well.</p> <p>Spanish, Somali, Karen, Dinka, Vietnamese</p>
38.	Section V-D-4-a	37	<p>“The subrecipient must ensure that a sufficient capacity of trained resource families are available to foster and adopt</p>	<p>Yes, this will include all provider agencies the Subrecipient subcontracts with in order to meet this requirement.</p>

			children in the Eastern Service Area". Does this include all provider agencies?	
39.	Section V-D-9	38	<p>What types of cases are included in these courtesy supervisions? ICPC cases? Other DHHS youth in Nebraska? Are there other types?</p> <p>Presumably these would be children from other areas of Nebraska rather than ICPC. Would the payment structure be the same?</p> <p>Would the bidder be responsible for setting up a contract for payment with DCFS in those areas or does "courtesy" mean without reimbursement?</p>	<p>This includes ICPC cases and other state wards who may originate from other Service Areas in the state of Nebraska but have been placed in the Eastern Service Area.</p> <p>The payment structure would be the same.</p> <p>The Subrecipient will be reimbursed for services rendered for courtesy.</p>
40.	Section V-E-2-c	38	What types of youth and/or circumstances require secure transportation?	The most common circumstance is when a youth, who has been arrested and held by Law Enforcement, and <i>not</i> supervised by State Probation, must be transferred to a secure facility or detention facility
41.	Section V-E-3	38	It states that the subrecipient shall complete a Social Security Administration Access Agreement. Will this allow for the subrecipient to receive data exchanges from SSA?	In the administration of the foster care program, it is sometimes necessary for the Subrecipient to have access to information obtained from the Social Security Administration. The successful Subrecipient will need to cooperate with DHHS to execute all necessary agreements and establish required safety protocols to receive this information.
42.	Section V-E-5-b-vi	39	<p>Is drug testing required at the time of employment only?</p> <p>What is the minimum panel required for drug testing?</p>	<p>Drug testing would be required as part of the hiring process and any other time as requested by DHHS.</p> <p>The minimum panel required is a five-panel drug screen. CFSS candidates are tested for Amphetamines, Cocaine, Marijuana, Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP).</p>
43.	Section V-E-8-c	40	<p>Is it permissible to submit a proposal that includes an already-identified second-tier subrecipient?</p> <p>What are the specific requirements related to the competitive bid process for the second tier subrecipients?</p> <p>Can these be waived?</p>	<p>Yes, as long as the Second-Tier Subrecipient was retained via the process described in Section V.E.8.c.</p> <p>The Subrecipient must follow procurement standards within 45 CFR 75.326 et sec for procurement under this subaward.</p> <p>No.</p>
V.C.2.a.i 44.	Section V-E-8-c	40	Can the bidder submit as a lead agency with an identified subcontractor organization to complete specific portions of the proposal rather than bid to	Please see response to question 43. The Subrecipient cannot subcontract for case management under this subaward.

			an unidentified second tier subrecipient post award?	
45.	Section V-H-1-a	41	<p>Are there established Foster Home Maintenance rates?</p> <p>If so, what is the methodology and is there a rate listing available?</p> <p>Are rates broken down by age group?</p> <p>What, if any, is the current process to seek reimbursement for Title IV-E eligible costs?</p> <p>Do Child Placing Agencies or Residential Facilities participate in a Random Moment Time Study to allocate case management accordingly for Title IV-E reimbursement?</p>	<p>Yes. Please see Attachment Five.</p> <p>The methodology is in Attachment Five of the RFP.</p> <p>Yes rates are broken down by age groups and level of care.</p> <p>As the Title IV-E Agency, DHHS collects supportive documentation for foster care maintenance costs. Part of this collection process is having the provider enter maintenance expenses in the NFOCUS computer system for tracking purposes. The claim information is then used by the DHHS finance and accounting office to request IV-E reimbursement, as allowed under title IV-E guidelines. DHHS is seeking to also claim administrative costs associated with foster care, so it will be important for the Subrecipient to have methodology developed for such costs, to assist in accessing IV-E funding.</p> <p>No.</p>
46.	Section V-H-3-a	42	What costs would be considered Direct vs. Indirect?	The Subrecipient must follow 45 CFR 75.413 regulations to determine Direct Costs and 45 CFR 75.414 to determine Indirect Costs. The determination of Direct and Indirect Costs depends on what the Subrecipient allocates to Direct and Indirect Costs.
47.	Section V-H-3-b	42	Are there any cost restrictions (i.e. Cap on Administrative costs as a percentage of total direct program costs, Caps on Fringe Benefits and Payroll Taxes percentage of Salary and Wages, etc.)?	No, however every proposal will be reviewed for reasonableness. If a bidder has an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the federal partner, that rate must be used. If the bidder does not currently or has never had an approved negotiated an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the federal partner, the reasonableness standard must be used.
48.	Section V-H-3-c	42	Can the subrecipient have access to NFOCUS data for the ESA after it has been entered? This would allow the subrecipient to create dashboards, PQI reports, etc.	Yes.
49.	Section V-H-9-a	44	<p>Do purchases in excess of \$25,000 pertain only to the funds expended in relation to this contract or to the subrecipient's operations in aggregate?</p> <p>Are the number of purchases that exceed \$25,000 capped on an annual basis or during</p>	<p>Purchases in excess of \$25,000 pertain only to this subaward.</p> <p>No, this section does not require a cap, just approval from DHHS.</p>

			the life of the contract?	
50.	Section V-H-10-a	44	Are bonuses that are awarded to the entire organization considered to be part of the "normal employee benefit package" thus not requiring DHHS approval?	All incentive compensation must follow 45 CFR 75.430 in addition to the requirements of this subaward.
51.	Section V-I-4-h-ii	45	Does DHHS require bidders to have an active and on-going Child-placing Agency license or an application for a license at the time of the proposal (April 4, 2019)? How much time does DHHS recommend for a bidder's application for a license to be processed and awarded before the readiness review? Please describe the relationship, as it is currently or envisioned, between the bidder as a licensed LCPA and provider foster care/TFC agencies. If the bidder must be an LCPA and expected to directly recruit and retain resource families, they will be competing with their provider network or be in the position of applicants of transfers from provider agencies. What is the structure that DCFS envisions?	The license must be obtained prior to the operational start date. At least 90 days. When the Subrecipient becomes a licensed child placing agency, the Subrecipient would determine which homes they would be recruiting, training, and retaining, and which child placing agencies they would be contracting with.
52.	Section V-K-2	46	What is the state authorized connection and encryption methodology for accessing information from the state case management system?	External access to the N-FOCUS application is available to approved individuals through Citrix XenApp and NetScaler. Citrix is an encrypted web application requiring multi-factor authentication.
53.	Section V-L-1-b	48	Is retainage forfeited on an annual basis if performance targets are not met, or can retainage be collected at the end of the 5-year period if performance targets are met for the entire contract period?	No. Please see Section V.L.1.c.
54.	Section V-L-1	48	What is the penalty for exceeding case load ratios of 1:12/1:17? Are there mandated Supervisor to Caseworker ratios? What are the current	Per Statute 68-1207, the Subrecipient must maintain a caseload of 12-17 families per caseworker. Failure to do so may result in DHHS taking action set forth in section II.J. or any other remedy available by law. No. Current ratio of Supervisor to Caseworker is 1:7.

			Supervisor to Caseworker ratios?	
55.	Section V-L-2-b-i through v	48-49	Regarding the performance measures tied to retainage items i. through v.: What are the results of the incumbent for each of the performance measures for the past two years?	The use of performance measures is a new process. The performance measures have not been used in prior contracts.
56.	Section V-L-3-a-i through xix.	49-52	Regarding the federal targets listed in 3-a- i. through xix.: What are the results of the incumbent for each of the federal targets for the past two years? Since the CFSR measures are based on rolling calendar year, can you confirm that the first performance period that the subrecipient will be accountable begins on January 1, 2020?	Please see Attachment Nine. Yes, the period the Subrecipient will be accountable will begin on Jan 1, 2020.
57.	Section V-N-1	54	Is it possible to negotiate the \$300,000 cap for start- up costs? Can you give an example of costs that would not be considered reimbursable?	No. Any costs outside of transition planning, staff recruitment, and service contract procurement.
58.	Section V-N-1	54	Will capacity building costs be included in proposal cost scoring calculation?	No.
59.	Section V-N-1	54	Any non-incumbent sub-recipient must recruit, hire, and train a workforce to be ready to perform on January 1, 2020. This represents a significant expense. Can a non-incumbent sub-recipient budget for this cost recovery over the course of the first two years?	No.
60.	Section VI-A	55	If the bidder's corporate offices are in another state, with an existing Board of Directors, can an Advisory Board be developed to advise on NE matters only, specific to this contract? Or must the corporate Board of Directors include 51% of NE residents?	Neb Rev Stat. 43-4204 requires the Subrecipient must have a board of directors of which at least 51% of the membership is comprised of Nebraska residents who are not employed by the Subrecipient or by a subcontractor of the Subrecipient.
61.	Section VI-A	55	Do proposed Board of Directors members need to be identified in the proposal?	No.

62.	Section VI-A-2-j	57	Do proposed sub-contracted licensed child placing agencies (LCPA's) need to be identified in the proposal?	Yes.
63.	Section VII-A	59	Can a management fee be included in the cost proposal?	No.
64.	Section VII-A	59	Does a budget narrative need to be submitted?	No.
65.	Section VII-A	59	<p>Can you provide or direct us to information about the incumbent's annual expenditures for the last five years? Including information on costs for residential placements, treatment foster care, agency foster care, relative/kin placements, Medicaid services and family preservation/reunification services paid for by the incumbent.</p> <p>Does DHHS expect that the subrecipient will have flexible funding for concrete services that are needed for family preservation and reunification?</p> <p>If yes, what is the annual expenditure of the incumbent?</p>	<p>Due to time constraints DHHS will only be able to provide expenditure data from July 2016 to December 2018. Please see Attachment Ten – PromiseShip Variable Expenses – July 2016 to December 2018.</p> <p>Yes, as long as the costs are included in the “do not exceed” amount.</p> <p>Please see Attachment Ten – PromiseShip Variable Expenses – July 2016 to December 2018.</p>
66.	Section VII-A	59	<p>What are the rate listings for community based services?</p> <p>What are the rate listings for residential placement services?</p> <p>What are the rate listings for foster care homes maintained by DHHS?</p> <p>What are the rate listings for foster care homes maintained by foster care agencies?</p>	<p>Please see Attachment Eleven CB Rates.</p> <p>Please see question #6.</p> <p>Please see Attachment Five. The rates for foster care homes maintained by DHHS only pay the Out of Home Maintenance rate, not the ASFC rate.</p> <p>Please see Attachment Five.</p>
67.	Operations Manual	6	Could the subrecipient have dedicated space within an office to serve as temporary housing or have access to an apartment, condo, home for supervision if placement isn't found for youth within the 3-hour required timeframe?	<p>No. the Subrecipient would need to work with Project Harmony to use the triage center in these situations.</p> <p>Project Harmony is a non-profit organization that works with DHHS in abuse/neglect investigations. https://projectharmony.com/</p>
68.	Operations Manual	8	Is a separate CPA prepared audit, specific to Nebraska	If a Single Audit is required pursuant to 45 CFR 75.501, said audit would suffice to meet the

			operations required for this program or is an audit of the subrecipient total financial operations acceptable?	requirements of the RFP. DHHS may, however, require agreed-upon procedures engagements as a result of Subrecipient's performance or compliance with the other terms and conditions, regardless of whether a Single Audit is performed.
69.	Operations Manual	9	Can you share the SDM tool?	Yes. Please see Attachment Twelve SDM Documents.
70.	Operations Manual	11	Can you identify what policies and procedures that DHHS utilizes for successful implementation of Every Student Succeeds Act?	Currently, DHHS does not have any policies and procedures related to the Every Student Succeeds Act.
71.	Operations Manual	12	Does "agency-based foster care" mean DHHS licensed families or privately licensed families, or both?	Agency-Based Foster Care means foster homes that are supported by an agency that holds and maintains a Child Placing Agency License. This does not include licensed homes supported by DHHS.
72.	Operations Manual	12	Can the subrecipients place children in a LCPA's home without prior notification to or approval from the LCPA?	Yes.
73.	Operations Manual	16	Do DHHS attorneys represent the subrecipient during court hearings? Are there situations when the subrecipient will need to be represented by separate paid counsel for DHHS business?	DHHS attorneys only represent DHHS in court hearings. Yes.
74.	Operations Manual	20	Does the subrecipient have access to NRAE funds to pay for adoption attorneys?	No. The Subrecipient would not be able to use Non-recurring Adoption Expense (NRAE) funds for adoption attorneys because the adoption subsidy is paid through DHHS. DHHS finalizes all adoption paperwork prior to the adoption.
75.	Operations Manual	23	Is it allowable to use the SAFE format for home studies rather than DHHS format, if prior approval is received?	Yes, the Subrecipient may use the Structured Analysis Family Evaluation (SAFE) format for home studies rather than the DHHS format, if prior approval is received.
76.	Operations Manual	23	Can the subrecipient develop its own training for foster parents in addition to the required TIPS-MAPP?	Yes, the subrecipient can develop its own training for foster parents in addition to the required Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence-Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (TIPS-MAPP).
77.	Operations Manual	23	How many initial training hours are required for DHHS foster parents? How many on-going training hours are required for DHHS foster parents?	Current regulations state for the Initial license- not less than 21 clock hours of Department approved pre-service training. Licensed foster parents are required to complete 12 clock hours of on-going training per year.
78.	Operations Manual	24	At the time of case closure, is the entire physical file returned to DHHS? If yes, is the subrecipient required to keep a duplicative file?	Yes. The Subrecipient is not required to maintain a duplicative copy of the case file at time of case closing. All hard copy documents are to be scanned into document imaging before the hard case file is returned to DHHS at time of case closure. All procedures used for copying and retaining case files

				must be in compliance with HIPPA regulations.
79	Operations Manual	26	For those who are transporting youth, must they have a Nebraska driver's license?	No. Anyone transporting youth must have a valid driver's license and must adhere to licensing standards for operating a motor vehicle in the State of Nebraska.
80.	Operations Manual	26	What type of defensive driving course is required?	Any defensive driving course provided by Nebraska Safety Council or similar.
81.	Operations Manual	26	Can staff transport in personal cars and/or company cars? Can the subrecipient use dedicated drivers or contract with a transportation company?	Yes, personal vehicles or company vehicles can be used for transportation. Insurance requirements apply for both. The Subrecipient must use a transportation provider if a youth needs to be transported securely. Yes.
82.	Attachment 5		Are the rates from 2014 still current? How do they compare to other states?	Yes; There is the Foster Care Rate Committee which was developed through the Nebraska Children's Commission who developed the rates which were partially implemented in 2014. The rates paid by Nebraska are higher than other surrounding states
83.	Attachment 5		Where are the definitions for "essential, enhanced, and intensive"?	Yes. Please see Attachment Thirteen – Nebraska Caregiver responsibility (NCR).
84.	Attachment 6, req IST-1	3	Can applicants have access as a test user to NFOCUS during the bidding process to determine capability as well as potential interface with current internal information systems?	A test system is not available to access N-FOCUS during the bidding process.
85.	Attachment 6, req PLC-1	7	Please clarify if the expectation is that the bidder, as an LCPA, is to develop the pool of resource families or engage with the provider community to ensure capacity?	As a Licensed Child Placing Agency (LCPA), the Subrecipient can either recruit, submit for licensure and retain, qualified homes as Resource Family homes, or subcontract with local LCPAs to recruit, submit for licensure, and retain. Please also see response to Question 25.
86.	Attachment 6, req PLC 2	7	If the bidder is required to recruit and retain resource families, are these families licensed as DCFS families or under the bidder's LCPA license? If they are under the bidder's LCPA license, are children outside of the Eastern Services Area allowed to be placed in these homes if requested?	The LCPA and Foster Care Home License are two different licenses issued by DHHS, Division of Public Health. A LCPA will submit licensing documentation to DHHS and DHHS will issue the license for the foster care home. The foster care home will be designated as being supported by the LCPA. Payments for the foster care home will be made by the Subrecipient to the foster care home. Since DHHS is licensing the homes, request is not needed to place children who originate from outside the ESA into homes licensed by the Subrecipient in the ESA.
87.	Attachment 6, req. T&T-2	9-10	To best develop an implementation plan, can you please provide a list of	The Subrecipient must follow all applicable regulations in 45 CFR 75.316 et seq to transition any property from the incumbent to the Subrecipient.

			equipment that might be transitioned by the current subrecipient as well as roster of current staff positions.	
88.	V.A.9.d.	32	Please clarify what is meant by the statement: "100% of children served live at home safely..."	The Subrecipient must develop a continuum of services that will ensure that all children served will live at home safe from harm, danger, or risk of further abuse or neglect.
89.	Attachment Six (REQ # YTH-2)	Attach. Six-pg 13	There is no mention of the National Youth in Transition Data (NYTD) survey requirement anywhere within the RFP Sections I-VII. What are the expectations of the successful subrecipient for fulfilling the NYTD requirement?	The Subrecipient will be responsible to report data for the National Youth in Transition Database. The Subrecipient will make efforts to locate youth and ensure survey completion on youth required to be report to the National Youth in Transition Database. Please see Section 14 in the ESA Operations Manual, Attachment Two pg. 47.
90.	VI.A.2.i. and Attachment Six (REQ # CO-3)	RFP-pg 57 and Attach. Six-pg 2	The statement is: "The bidder should provide resumes for all personnel proposed by the bidder to work on the project." Are we to assume that we need to include resumes for each individual that will be working on the contract, if known, to include all front line staff, administrative support, etc? If not, what positions does DHHS want the proposer to identify in the proposal?	Yes, to the extent that the personnel are known at the time of the proposal submission.
91.	Attachment Six	1	Are bidders expected to provide detailed responses to each of the Business Requirements directly within Attachment Six?	Yes.
92.	Attachment Six	1	Are bidders expected to provide detailed responses to each of the Business Requirements as part of the "bidder's proposed solution" that is contained in a separate section of the full bidder's response, and include Attachment Six as a reference document?	No. Please see response to question 91.
93.	VI. and Attachment Six	RFP-pg 55 and Attach. Six-pg 1	Is Attachment Six the format for responding to all requirements in Sections V? If not, what is the preferred format to adequately "identify the subdivisions of 'Project Description and Scope of Work' clearly in their proposals"?	Yes.
94.	II.J.	11	This section refers to the Title IV-E State plan. Will the State	Yes.

			post a copy of the Title IV-E State plan?	
95.	II.L.2.	12	The last sentence in the first paragraph of this subsection refers to "the State's use of the Licensed Software. . ." To what does this refer, and how is this related to this RFP?	This is a boilerplate term. Not all terms are applicable to a specific service. If it does not apply, please disregard or note in the comments above the term.
96.	II.L.3.	12	This subsection states that "the subrecipient shall indemnify and hold harmless the indemnified parties. . ." Please identify the indemnified parties referred to in this subsection.	Please refer to section II.L.1. in the RFP.
97.	II.N.	13	Please explain the necessity for requiring a performance bond in this subaward. Will the State consider waiving the requirement of a performance bond?	The necessity for requiring a performance bond is, in the event of a breach of contract, and case management in the ESA needs to be transferred to DHHS, the performance bond will partially cover these costs. DHHS will not waive the requirement of a performance bond.
98.	II.S.	14	Please clarify the role of the Long Term Care Ombudsman with regard to this subaward.	Please see response to question 95.
99.	II.U.1.a.	16	The first row in the table contained in this subsection includes dates that fall before the subaward start date. Will the State consider deleting the first row?	No. There is a difference between the subaward start date and the Operational Start Date (please see glossary for Operational Start Date). The Subrecipient will be able to incur costs between the subaward start date and the Operational Start Date.
100.	III.A.	17	The fifth paragraph in this subsection states that all personnel assigned by subrecipient to this subaward shall be employees of the subrecipient, a Second Tier subrecipient, or a subcontractor. Please clarify whether individual independent contractors (non-employees) working with subrecipient are permitted to be assigned to this subaward by subrecipient.	Yes, independent contractors are permitted to be assigned to this subaward by the Subrecipient. An example of this , an independent contractor hired to complete an assessment or evaluation could be assigned to this subaward. Please see bidding requirements in Section V.E.8.c.
101.	III.A.	17	The last paragraph in this subsection states that "subrecipient shall include a similar provision, for the protection of the State, in the subaward with any subcontractor engaged to perform work on this subrecipient." Please clarify which provision is required to be included.	The provision required is one that shall insure that the terms and conditions contained in any subaward or subcontract with a Second Tier Subrecipient or subcontractor does not conflict with the terms and conditions of this subaward.
102.	IV.E.	26	Please clarify the payment	Yes, payment is rendered by DHHS monthly in

			structure for this subaward. Specifically, will payment be rendered by the State monthly, in advance as required by 45 CFR §305 (b) (1)?	advance.
103.	V.A.9.g.	32	Please provide the number of licensed foster home beds currently available for the Eastern Service Area.	See question 9.
104.	V.A.9.g.	32	There is often a difference between licensed beds and "useable" beds. Can you provide the average number of licensed foster home beds that are on hold each month?	Average of ESA Agency Supported Homes on Hold: 77. Average of ESA Available Beds on Hold: 138. Average of ESA Licensed Beds on Hold: 184. (Time frame for data 8/27/18 through 01/28/19).
105.	V.A.9.g.	32	For beds on hold, what is the actual average amount of time it takes, from start to finish, for the Out of Home Assessment process to reach completion and for homes determined to be safe to be off hold?	The average amount of time, from start to finish, to complete the Out of Home Assessment process is 30 days. This includes the investigative process and the review of results of the investigation.
106.	V.C.5.c.	36	This section states that subrecipients "Provide a report to DHHS using the DHHS' preferred format that summarizes the decision to place the child outside the home OR CURRENT PLACEMENT and provides a justification for this decision including demonstrating that all other options were exhausted prior to placing a child outside the home OR CURRENT PLACEMENT." Does this mean that any time a placement change occurs, this justification will be documented in a specified format?	Yes.
107.	V.D.8.k.	38	According to this section, rates are equal to or lower than rates paid to other providers contracted by DHHS. Does this allow for services within the subrecipient's service array that are not within the DHHS service array? If so, what is the expectation for rate setting?	Yes. The Subrecipient will submit rate methodology of services to DHHS prior to implementation. If similar or comparable services exist at the same time, DHHS will negotiate rate setting with the Subrecipient. The rate setting must be documented and supported by verifiable data.
108.	V.E.8.i and V.D.8.g.	40,38	This section states the "subrecipient must receive prior written approval from DHHS before subrecipient,	

			<p>subcontractor or Second Tier subrecipients engage in the practice of assessing or collecting client fees or co-pays for services." Is this expected for each provider or by individual situation?</p> <p>How does this apply to utilizing sliding scale fee providers and required co-pays for items such as the WCA BIP program?</p> <p>Also how does DHHS see this aligning with utilization of the most appropriate funding source such as outlined in section V.D.8.g?</p>	<p>The sliding scale fee or required copays would be an exception to the language above requiring prior written approvals for fees or co-pays. The same rule would apply to all fees and co-pays. Each situation will be reviewed individually.</p> <p>The two would not affect each other. In both instances, all available and existing community resources available must be exhausted first before charging the subaward.</p>
109.	V.H.4.a.	43	<p>States that "subrecipients and Second Tier subrecipients shall pay foster families using the rate methodology and same foster care maintenance rate paid to foster families by DHHS." However, the rate methodology recommended by the Nebraska Children's Commission is different than the rate structure utilized by DHHS (pre-assessment rates). Which methodology will be utilized?</p>	<p>DHHS did not accept all recommendations which were made by the Children's Commission in 2014. DHHS does not currently utilize a pre-assessment rate. The foster care payment and the administrative rates which were recommended in 2014, are the rates that DHHS accepted and currently utilize. The Subrecipient must utilize these rates.</p>
110.	V.H.13	44	<p>The list of expenses the "subrecipient is not responsible for payment" does not include the Douglas County Youth Center (DCYC) services. Who is responsible for the cost of detention for ESA youth referred to and served by the Douglas County Youth Center (DCYC)?</p>	<p>The Subrecipient is responsible for the cost of detention for youth referred to and served by DCYC.</p>
111.	V.A.8.d.	32	<p>This section states that the subrecipient will "ensure 100% of families are applying for and accepting services through public assistance programs..." Since participation in these programs is entirely voluntary on the part of families, would the Department consider amending this section to read "ensures that 100% of families are informed of and encouraged to apply for services available through public assistance programs"?</p>	<p>No, it is the responsibility of the case manager to assist families in applying for services through the public assistance programs to ensure maximization of federal funds whenever possible.</p>
112.	V.L.1.	48	<p>Per 45 CFR §75.305, payment to a subrecipient</p>	<p>No. The designated period for any of the performance measures contained in Section V.L2.</p>

			cannot be withheld unless certain conditions are met. Non-performance is one of those conditions. However, the non-performance has to be established prior to the withholding of payment. With this in mind, would DHHS consider amending this section to eliminate retainage in the first year of the subaward?	(b) I – v, along with the target for each measure, the appropriate baseline, methodology, and the percent of the Subrecipient's subcontracted expenditures that are required to be performance based will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution. DHHS will be using both state and federal funds in this subaward. All conditions placed on usage of these funds in this subaward apply regardless of whether state or federal funds are being used. As DHHS claims federal funds off the activities conducted in this subaward, retainage, however, will only be taken out of state funds.
113.	V.L.1.	48	Would DHHS consider eliminating retainage and negotiating an incentive plan with the subrecipient that is tied to cost efficiencies achieved by the subrecipient? For example, an incentive program that describes how the subrecipient would receive and invest any funds within the "not to exceed" funding cap not required to pay for allowable, reasonable and necessary costs incurred in the operating year?	No.
114.	Attachment Six (REQ # FIN-2)	3	What other time tracking methods would be acceptable to DHHS as related to maximization of Title IV-E funding? For example, if Title IV-E is the only material Federal funding source, would Title IV-E eligible caseload as a percentage of total caseload be an acceptable tracking method?	Any other time-tracking method that is approved by Administration of Children and Families that will allow DHHS to confirm time spent on eligible IV-E cases. DHHS currently uses the Random Moment Time Study for DHHS administrative expenses to be claimed to title IV-E for reimbursement. Any other method to claim Administrative costs should be listed in the Subrecipient's cost allocation plan and if they plan to use another method than what is already approved by our federal partners, their method would have to be approved by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Only the ACF can approve alternative methods of tracking and billing for these costs.
115.	V.L.2.b.ii	48-49	How is this performance metric different from the V.L.3.a.iii performance metric?	V.L.2.b.ii measures the time of successful case closure for children not involved with court, while V.L.3.a.iii measure the rate of a non-court involved children removed from home.
116.	V.L.2.b.ii	48-49	A) For the 2.b.ii. performance metric, "Average Time to Successful Case Closure for Non-court Involved Children," are we to assume the term "rolling 12 month average" is defined as the following: for each monthly metric we calculate the value using the previous twelve months data? Please give an example. B) Is the definition provided	A) and B) Yes, this is a rolling 12 months.

			here for the term "rolling 12 month average" the same definition used in each of the measures using the rolling 12 month average language?	
117.	V.L.2.b.iii	49	<p>A) For the 2.b.iii. performance metric, "Rate of Removal of Non-court Involved Children (in-home)," please confirm if we would calculate each month's metric by looking at the previous 12 months removals. Is that correct? If not, please provide us the details. Please give an example.</p> <p>B) For the 2.b.iii. performance metric, "Rate of Removal of Non-court Involved Children (in-home)," are we to assume the term "rolling 12 month average" is defined as the following: for each monthly metric we calculate the value using the previous twelve months data? Please give an example.</p> <p>C) If we were calculating this monthly metric as defined, the denominator would be the count of in-home non-court children and the numerator would be the number of in-home non-court children that were removed and the child status changes from "non-court involved" to "ward." Is that the correct approach? Please give an example.</p>	<p>A) Yes this is correct.</p> <p>B) Yes this is correct.</p> <p>C) The denominator should be the count of non-court case that closed during the last twelve months.</p>
118.	V.L.2.b.v	49	<p>A) For the 2.b.iii performance metric, "Median Months to Reunification for Court Involved Children in foster care "Are we to assume that the term "reunification" is defined as the date the youth goes home to live with their parent(s) irrespective of whether the case was closed? If not, please the definition.</p> <p>B) What is the date range we should be using to calculate this metric? For example, should we use a rolling 12 months or something different? If different, please give an example.</p> <p>C) If we were calculating this metric using our data, we</p>	<p>Yes, parent or caretaker from whom the child was removed.</p> <p>Yes. This is a CFSR Round 2 Federal measure which includes a Trial Home Visit accommodation.</p> <p>This metric will be measured and reported by to the</p>

			would start by counting the number of days the child was in care and divide by 30, then round up or down to the nearest whole number to get the number of months in care for the child, and then calculate the median of the population of children. Is that the correct approach? Please give an example.	Subrecipient by DHHS. This will be calculated by looking at all children who were discharged from foster care, in foster care for 8 days or longer, to the date of reunification
119.	V.L.2.b.v	49	<p>A) For this metric, "Rate of Court Involved Children in Foster Care for 24 Months or More who Achieve Permanency," we read this performance metric to be the same as the federal CFSR Round 3 definition of "Permanency in 12 Months for Youth in Care 24 Months or More." Is that correct? If not, please give an example.</p> <p>B) If we were calculating this metric, we would use the first of a month as a point in time for youth who were in care for 24 months or more and then determine which of those on that date achieved permanency in 12 months or less. Is that correct? If not, please give an example.</p>	<p>A) Yes, this is the CFSR Round 3 Permanency in 12 for Children in Care 24 months or more.</p> <p>B) Yes.</p>
120.	V.L.3.a.iii	49	How is the 3.a.iii performance metric different from the 2.b.ii performance metric?	<p>See question 115.</p> <p><i>The measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators, the appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
121.	V.L.3.a.ix	50	<p>A) Is this performance metric a monthly metric?</p> <p>B) Are we to assume that the denominator includes all court involved youth in an out-of-home placement to include congregate care (i.e., group home) and treatment placements?</p> <p>C) Does the removal date play a role in calculating this metric? If so, how?</p>	<p>A) Yes.</p> <p>B) Yes.</p> <p>C) No.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators, the appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
122.	V.L.3.a.x	50	<p>A) Is this performance metric a monthly metric?</p> <p>B) Are we to assume that the denominator includes all</p>	<p>A) Yes.</p> <p>B) Yes.</p>

			<p>children that are wards and living in an out-of-home placement including congregate care placement, such as group homes and treatment placements?</p> <p>C) Does the removal date play a role in calculating this metric? If so, how?</p>	<p>C) No.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
123.	V.L.3.a.xi	50	<p>A) How do we count youth who are still in the 12th grade but "age out"?</p> <p>B) Would this youth fall in the denominator or numerator (or both)?</p> <p>C) Is this measure specific to only wards or does this reference non-court involved youth as well?</p>	<p>A) The youth would have to complete 12th grade to be included in the numerator.</p> <p>B) A youth that has not completed 12th grade would be in the denominator.</p> <p>C) Non-court youth are excluded.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
124.	V.L.3.a.xi	50	<p>A) Is this a quarterly or annual metric?</p> <p>B) If it is in the best interest of the child to move schools, how is that incorporated into the measure?</p> <p>C) How are natural transitions accounted for? (For example: a youth who was in middle school when entered out-of-home care and is still in care, but who starts to attend the assigned high school for his/her district in the new school year.)</p> <p>D) Is the age the current age or age at removal?</p> <p>E) Is this a monthly or quarterly metric?</p> <p>F) What is the date range for the numerator/denominator?</p> <p>G) Is the youth only counted for the metric when she/he gets removed?</p>	<p>A) Quarterly.</p> <p>B) This section does not reference moving schools.</p> <p>C) Natural transitions in school are not accounted for in the calculation of this measure.</p> <p>D) Age at removal.</p> <p>E) Quarterly.</p> <p>F) Three month rolling.</p> <p>G) Yes.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution..</i></p>
125.	V.L.3.a.xiii	51	<p>A) Should the numerator read "...changed placements two or more times"?</p> <p>B) Should the numerator read</p>	<p>A) & B) Section V.L.3.z.xiii will be replaced and superseded with: Numerator Number of children in care for six to 12 continuous months during the designated 12 month period who have changed placements two or more times during their first 6 months in care."</p>

			<p>"...changed placements two or more times during their first six months in care"?</p> <p>C) What is considered a placement change for purposes of this measure?</p>	<p>C) The federal definition of placement change which generally includes an out of home placement with a different address, excluding locked facilities</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
126.	V.L.3.a.xiv	51	<p>A) Assume that a youth is care for exactly 12 months. Will that youth be counted in the metric in 3.a.iii or 3.a.iv or both?</p> <p>B) Should the numerator read "...changed placements two or more times during their first 12 months in care since their removal date"?</p> <p>C) What is considered a placement change for purposes of this measure?</p> <p>D) Is the youth population for this metric the same definition of the population for the federal CFSR Placement Stability measure in Round 2?</p>	<p>A) Question cannot be answered due to conflicting reference points.</p> <p>B) No.</p> <p>C) The federal definition of placement change which generally includes an out of home placement with a different address, excluding locked facilities.</p> <p>D) No. The Federal measure stratifies the data in two different ways: by years in care and number of placements.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
127.	V.L.3.a.xv	51	<p>Will youth in continuous care for 18+ months reported in the 3.a.xiv measure also fall in and be reported for this measure?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
128.	V.L.3.a.xvi	51	<p>A) What counts as a case manager change? For example, do we count when a case manager goes on extended leave (e.g., medical leave)?</p> <p>B) Should the numerator read "...change case manager two or more times their first six months in care"?</p>	<p>Any time a new case assignment is made, to include vacancies or extended medical leave, counts as a case manager change.</p> <p>No.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
129.	V.L.3.a.xvii	51	<p>A) Should the numerator read "...changed case manager three or more times during their first 12 months in care</p>	<p>No.</p>

			<p>since their removal date"?</p> <p>B) Will youth in continuous care for 12+ months with three or more case manager changes reported in the 3.a.xvi measure also fall in and be reported for this measure?</p> <p>C) What counts as a case manager change? For example, do we count when a case manager goes on extended leave (e.g., medical leave)?</p>	<p>Youth with > 12 months continuous care will only be included in xvii.</p> <p>Please see question 128 A.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
130.	V.L.3.a.xviii	51	<p>A) Should the numerator read "...changed case manager three or more times since their removal date"?</p> <p>B) Will youth in care for 18 months with three or more case manager changes measured in 3.a.xvii also follow in this measure?</p> <p>C) What counts as a case manager change? For example, do we count when a case manager goes on extended leave (e.g., medical leave)?</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Please see question 128 A.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
131.	V.L.3.a.xix	52	<p>Is the data in the denominator for cases that opened as non-court and were continuously in non-court and subsequently closed as a non-court case? That is, does the denominator exclude non-court youth who transfer to court-involved status?</p>	<p>No. This measure will include in the denominator youth that go to court following a non-court episode.</p> <p><i>This measure is not tied to Federal Data Indicators. The appropriate baseline and target will be mutually agreed upon by DHHS and the Subrecipient prior to subaward execution.</i></p>
132.			<p>If a subrecipient is in fact selected through this process, will DHHS be held to the same outcome and performance expectations set forth for the potential subrecipient?</p>	<p>DHHS will continue to meet the statutes and regulatory requirements to provide the best services to children and families.</p>
133.			<p>How was the outcome from the consultation with the Stephen Group incorporated into this RFP?</p>	<p>This question is outside of the scope of this RFP. Please provide a response that best meets the requirements of the RFP.</p>

ACTIVITY	DATE/TIME
1. State responds to written questions through RFP "Addendum" and/or "Amendment" to be posted to the Internet at: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html	February 13, 2019 TBD February 6, 2019
2. Last day to submit written questions 2 nd round	February 20, 2019
3. State responds to 2 nd round questions through RFP "Addendum" and/or "Amendment" to be posted to the Internet at: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html	February 27, 2019
4. Proposal opening Location: State Purchasing Bureau 1526 K Street, Suite 130 Lincoln, NE 68508	April 4, 2019 2:00 PM Central Time
5. Review for conformance to RFP requirements	April 5, 2019
6. Evaluation period	April 8, 2019 Through April 22, 2019
7. "Oral Interviews/Presentations and/or Demonstrations" (if required)	TBD
8. Post "Intent to Award" to Internet at: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html	May 15, 2019
9. Subaward finalization period	May 14, 2019 Through June 14, 2019
10. Award of subaward	July 1, 2019
11. Subrecipient start date	January 1, 2020

This addendum will become part of the proposal and should be acknowledged with the Request for Proposal response.