

CCBHC Application Support Activities for Behavioral Health Organizations and State Behavioral Health Associations

Planning Grants for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

The following activities are required for State CCBHC Planning Grant Applications and can be supported by behavioral health organizations and State Associations:

1. Needs assessments for various localities across the state where CCBHCs may be sited:
 - a. Prevalence rates of adults and children with mental illness and/or substance use disorders in the state and particularly in the areas of the state being considered for CCBHCs.
 - b. Sub-populations of note, such as adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances, and those with long term and serious substance use disorders and populations experiencing behavioral health disparities.
 - c. Service gaps that currently exist for the population of focus.
2. An analysis of the alignment of current behavioral health system and CCBHC requirements as defined in the Statute and [Appendix II](#) of the CCBHC Planning RFP
 - a. The capacity of the current Medicaid State Plan to provide the services listed in Appendix II
3. Input into the selection process
 - a. Advise the selection process that will be used to select the sites to be certified during the planning year.
 - b. Provide behavioral health organization readiness data for CCBHCs to guide selection criteria and target number of clinics (*see CCBHC Certification Criteria Readiness Tool- access as an [E-Form](#) or a [PDF](#).*)
 - c. Behavioral health organizations and State Associations may be a resource for identifying potential sites that may fall outside of expected systems. While CCBHC sites are expected to be predominantly CMHs, others potentially will be eligible – such as tribal health centers, VA sites, FQHCs with significant behavioral health components.
 - d. Providing input as to accreditation standards and/or existing accreditation bodies who may assist the State with certifying CCBHCs.
4. Assistance with the development of stakeholder input processes
 - a. A process must be described for soliciting input on the development of the demonstration program from consumers, family members, providers, and other stakeholders, including American Indian/Native Alaskans, and for keeping them informed of the activities, changes, and processes related to the project.
5. Input into the required scope of services that will be put forth by the State for CCBHCs in order to meet the needs of the target population.
 - a. Behavioral health organizations and State Associations can help determine which evidence-based practices will be required by CCBHCs.
 - b. Behavioral health organizations and State Associations can advise around culturally congruent methodologies.
6. Providing input into the PPS-development process in order to help to ensure the rates are adequate for the services to be delivered.
7. Provide input regarding the training and technical assistance needs of organizations during the planning year to meet the full CCBHC criteria.
8. Participate as a strategic partner in the Planning Phase of the grant period (provide the State a Letter of Commitment demonstrating your willingness to participate in planning activities.)