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Evaluation of Changing and Emerging Needs of

Public Mental/Behavioral Workforce

Request for Application (RFA) #15-6414

Questions and Answers

Question 1: *Purpose and Description of Services*, Page 4, Items B(2)(a)(ii)(a) and B(2)(b)(ii)(a): In describing the research methods to be used to address both Research Question 1 and Research Question 2, the RFA specifies the use of secondary data analysis of relevant reports, literature and data sources. In addition to a general review of the relevant literature, available research findings and data, is there a specific existing dataset on which OSHPD wishes secondary analysis to be conducted?

Answer: No, there is no specific existing dataset on which the secondary analysis is to be conducted. The selected applicant is responsible to research and gather all available and relevant reports, literature, and/or data from any government and non-government sources to complete the assessment.

Question 2: *Purpose and Description of Services*, Page 4, Items B(2)(a)(ii)(a) and B(2)(b)(ii)(a): In relation to the first question, if there is a specific existing dataset on which OSHPD wishes secondary analysis to be conducted, is any information about that existing dataset available to applicants?

Answer: No, there is no existing dataset specified in relation to the first question.

Question 3: *Purpose and Description of Services*, Page 4, Items B(2)(a)(ii) and B(2)(b)(ii): In describing the research methods to be used to address both Research Question 1 and Research Question 2, the RFA specifies the use of secondary data analysis, key informant interviews and focus groups "at a minimum." Is it acceptable for the applicant to propose the use of survey methods and the collection of quantitative data, as needed and appropriate, in addition to the use of secondary data analysis, focus groups and key informant interviews?

Answer: Yes, it would be acceptable for the applicant to propose the use of survey methods and the collection of quantitative data, as needed and appropriate, in addition to the use of secondary data analysis, key informant interviews and focus groups.