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**FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR
 NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY FOR CLIENTS IN AOD PROGRAMS**

Background: Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) is offering up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000), using Mental Health Services Act resources, to fund Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) over-the-counter patches, gum, or lozenges for clients enrolled in selected Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) treatment. A maximum of two agencies will be selected to participate in the implementation of a Best Practices Protocol for treating tobacco dependence with their clients in programs from **January 15, 2011 to June 30, 2011**. Best Practices consists of NRT plus counseling support.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible to apply for funding, applicants, must:

- Be a current BHCS contracted AOD treatment program serving adults, 18 years and older;
- Be compliant with ACBHCS Tobacco Control, Education and Prevention Guidelines (see attached);
- Have a program infrastructure that:
 - Supports client tobacco-use assessment;
 - Provides education and treatment;
 - Currently employs staff who have been trained and possess the skills to treat tobacco-use with clients;
 - Currently and routinely provides tobacco cessation/dependence treatment such as:
 - Motivational counseling; or
 - Cessation groups conducted by skilled staff.

Selection Criteria: A BHCS Selection Committee will evaluate each proposal meeting the criteria as outlined in this announcement. The Selection Committee may be composed of County staff and other parties that have expertise or experience in the delivery of these services.

Notice of Award: All applicants will be notified of the evaluation decisions by **December 17, 2010**.

Provider Criteria:

If a provider is funded to provide the NRT Best Practices Protocol, the provider must:

- Agree to work closely with BHCS and the ATOD Network staff, Dr. Cathy McDonald and Judy Gerard, who will be providing staff training and technical assistance to implement the program.
- Agree to make necessary systems changes in order to be successful.
- Have a designated staff person to serve as the tobacco champion/coordinator for the NRT Best Practices Protocol program who will:
 - Attend monthly tobacco workgroup meetings to check-in and/or receive technical assistance to ensure that provider meets requirements for the pilot program;
 - Maintain ongoing communication with BHCS and contracted ATOD Network staff;
 - Provide monthly one-page reports summarizing activities performed each month, including type of activities and the number of clients receiving NRT.
 - Provide a final one-page report using the format provided by BHCS.



How to Apply:

To be considered for the NRT Best Practices Protocol funding, please:

1. Complete the attached **BHCS Applicant Pre-Qualification Questionnaire**;
2. Attach any relevant policy documents from your agency; and
3. Prepare a budget showing exactly how the funds will be spent.

Submit application materials by December 3, 2010 by 5:00 pm to:

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