



November 3, 2006

The North Sound Mental Health Administration is proud to announce the release of the 2007 Program for Assertive Treatment (PACT) Request for Proposals (RFP). The PACT will be implemented in one of five counties in the North Sound region. The PACT is an Evidence-Based Practice with an overarching goal of providing eligible consumers with housing and coordinated support services to enable them to live in the community in the least restrictive environment, with minimal dependence on and use of the public safety and acute care resources.

The PACT target population is persons who have the most severe and persistent mental illnesses, have severe symptoms and impairments, and have not benefited from traditional outpatient programs.

This is a great opportunity for our region to reach out to persons who have been difficult to engage in traditional services and to provide a continuum of care that will enable them to move forward in recovery.

Below is the proposed schedule for the RFP process.

November 3, 2006	Release of RFP
November 13 2006 @ 10:00AM-12:00PM	Bidders Conference at NSMHA
November 14, 2006 by 5:00PM	Deadline for Question Submittal
November 17, 2006	Deadline for Letter of Intent Submission*
November 21, 2006	NSMHA Question Response Released
December 8, 2006	RFP Submission Deadline
December 12 – Dec. 29, 2006	Evaluation of Written Proposals
January 3 – Jan. 4, 2007	Interviews, if conducted
January 8, 2007	Final Results Released
January 8 – Jan. 22, 2007	Contract Negotiation
February 12, 2007	RSN begins contracting with PACT Provider
February 12 – March 14, 2007	Development of PACT infrastructure, including recruitment, hiring and team building activities
April 1 – May 31, 2007	PACT Teams are fully staffed and trained
April 1, 2007 – July 1, 2007	Initiate identification, engagement, and enrollment of PACT program consumers

For clarification on the schedule please feel free to contact NSMHA, however we will not be answering any questions prior to the bidders conference on November 13, 2006. We look forward to the process and the implementation of a PACT program in our region.