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PROCUREMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Network180 announces it will pursue a procurement process during 2010 for the purchase of mental health and substance abuse services for service contracts beginning October 1, 2010. On January 8, 2010, Network180 will release the Request for Proposals (RFP) on its website <http://www.network180.org> in the Quick Links - Procurement section.

Services will be procured for the following populations of Network180 beneficiaries:

- Child and Family Services
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Adults with Mental Illness
- Adults with Substance Use Disorders

Network180 is the Mental Health Authority and Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency for Kent County, Michigan, responsible for the provision of mental health services for adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, and adults and children with developmental disabilities in Kent County. Network180 is also responsible for substance abuse treatment and prevention services for eligible children and adults. Network180 provides a full array of services to these populations through a coordinated system of care. Network180 contracts with community organizations to provide these services to recipients.

It is the policy of Network180 to maintain a panel of providers to ensure client choice and maximize value, quality, and availability of services. This RFP is consistent with Section 206 of the Michigan Mental Health Code, all contracts between the Michigan Department of Community Health and Network180 for Specialty Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Balanced Budget Act Requirements, and Federal Procurement guidelines.

On December 18, 2009 Network180 will be conducting a presentation from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Network180 Board Room at 790 Fuller NE Grand Rapids. This presentation is being offered as a way for interested providers/organizations to learn about Network180 services and contract opportunities. The following topics will be addressed at this meeting:

- Overview of Network180
- Provider Eligibility
- Terms and Conditions of Contracting with Network180
- Questions/Answers

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please RSVP by December 14 to Lisa Williams by email lisaw@network180.org or by phone at 616-855-5208.

Specific details about this process can be found at the Network180 website. Questions regarding the Network180 procurement process should be directed to Procurement@network180.org. All procurement questions and answers will be posted on the Network180 website for all bidders to review.

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