

**Staff Person for Submission:** Dr. LaTarsha Michael

**PowerForm Link:** [https://na3.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?](https://na3.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=942acced-265a-4799-a75a-ca18ce69c82d&env=na3&acct=f03caff0-d8b6-4e91-ba70-c12592a3e516&v=2)

[PowerFormId=942acced-265a-4799-a75a-ca18ce69c82d&env=na3&acct=f03caff0-d8b6-4e91-ba70-c12592a3e516&v=2](https://na3.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=942acced-265a-4799-a75a-ca18ce69c82d&env=na3&acct=f03caff0-d8b6-4e91-ba70-c12592a3e516&v=2)



Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Bureau of Behavioral Health Services

**RESILIENCY TASKFORCE SERVICES**

Request for Funding Application (RFA)

Due Date: **June 9, 2023**

**Please note that all grants are contingent on the funding by the Mississippi State Legislature and/or the Federal Government. The submission of this application to the Department of Mental Health is not a guarantee of funding.**

**The Department of Mental Health, Bureau of Behavioral Health Services/ Division of Peer Recovery and Support is now accepting funding proposals for the state fiscal year 2024. This proposal application is eligible to all Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) certified providers in good standing. However, DMH certification is not a guarantee of funding. All submitted proposals will be evaluated by a panel of reviewers using the posted competitive grant scoring rubric. Not all submitted proposals may be funded, but comprehensive feedback will be provided to all providers, particularly if their application was not funded for the current fiscal year.**

**The funding associated with this grant opportunity is meant to defray a proportion of operational costs for the service.**

**Cash requests will only be signed and processed for payment after the Department of Mental Health has received required data outcomes and/or metrics specific to the respective grant.**

## **RESILIENCY TASKFORCE SERVICES**

**(Forensic Peer Support and Peer Wellness Support)**

**The Mississippi Department of Mental Health's Bureau of Behavioral Health Services is now accepting proposals for state fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024).**

### **I. Application Guidelines – Resiliency Taskforce Services Grant**

#### **A. Required Forms**

*Please submit the following required forms which can be found in the MS Department of Mental Health's Service Provider Manual.*

1. Proposed Budget Summary Form: 100-1
2. Proposed Budget Personnel Form: 100-2
3. Proposed Budget Line Item Form: 100-3
4. Budget Narrative/Justification
5. Program Narrative (**not to exceed 3 pages**) which address section IV.

### **II. Grant Description**

The Resiliency Taskforce Services team will be composed of Forensic Peer Support and Peer Wellness Support staff. This service team primary focus will be on two projects:

- Forensic Peer Recovery Support Services- designed to enhance the capacity of Certified Peer Support Specialists to fulfill a serious gap in supportive services for justice involved individuals.

- Peer Respite Wellness Services- tasked with promoting a more effective, humane, and cost-efficient approach to treating mental and/or behavioral health issues through non-clinical services.

#### Forensic Peer Recovery Support Services

Forensic Peer Recovery Support staff will be responsible for the creation, implementation, and maintenance of the Forensic Peer Recovery Support designation/module. Grounded in the philosophy of peer support services, this module will utilize a mutual learning approach and dialogue-driven process to develop understanding of the impact of forensic involvement and introduces the Sequential Intercept Model as a tool to highlight the unique needs of individuals and discover resources necessary to effectively navigate within and beyond the criminal justice system. These trainings should target peer specialists that are a part of the following programs/projects:

- MS Department of Corrections (MDOC)
- Intensive Community Outreach and Recovery Team (I-CORT)
- Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Teams
- Reduce Recidivism Recently Incarcerated (RRRI) Pilot Program
- Court Liaison Program
- Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCeRTs)

#### Peer Wellness Support Services

Peer Wellness Support staff will be responsible for overseeing statewide Peer Respite Wellness Services projects. These projects promote community-based, non-clinical crisis support to help individuals experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, a mental or behavioral health crisis find new understanding and ways to move forward. By serving as voluntary alternatives to the emergency department and other crisis services that is staffed and operated by peers with lived experience of mental or behavioral health issues, its mission is to decrease the reliance on more coercive modes of treatment.

### **Outcome Measures Goals**

#### **To ensure:**

- increased number of Forensic Peer Recovery Support Specialists (FPRSS) in the state.
- reduced emergency department visits, other crisis services visits, and/or hospitalization.
- decreased reliance on more coercive modes of treatment.
- increased focus on patient-centered health and wellness practices through nonclinical services.

## Performance Measures

- Number of FPRSS Trainings conducted
- Number of FPRSS supported after completion of training and support provided
- Number and percentage of individuals served and diverted from needing a higher level of care (or “more intensive services”) (i.e., emergency departments, behavioral health programs, Crisis Stabilization Units, MCeRT/CIT involvement, or other hospitalizations).
- Number of days individual resided in peer respite program.
- Number and percentage of follow up appointments scheduled at their local CMHC
- Number and percentage of off-site clinical service connections on behalf of the individual.

## Reporting on Performance Measures

DMH grant recipient must review the performance of data submitted to DMH, assess the agency’s progress, and use this information to improve the management the grant services. Grant recipient is also required to report on their progress addressing the goals by submitting monthly and end-year reports on the performance measures of the grant. **See *Forensic Peer Support Services and Peer Wellness Support Services Monthly Outcome Measures Tracking Form* for FY 24.**

**Subgrantee is required to compose and submit Forensic Peer Support Services and Peer Wellness Support Services End- Year Services Data Report for FY 24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) to the Bureau of Behavioral Health Services before the close of business Friday, July 14, 2024.**

## III. Specific Requirements & Funding Criteria

1. A maximum funding amount of **\$98,200 per fiscal year** may be requested for Resiliency Taskforce Services.
2. The Resiliency Taskforce Services staff is a 100% salaried position therefore this is a **COST REIMBURSEMENT** grant, and **no** fee-for-service billing is allowed.
3. Provider approved for this grant agrees to provide reports, service information, and fiscal information to the MS Department of Mental Health as required and requested.
4. Services funded through grants administered by the MS Department of Mental Health must follow the most recent version of the MS DMH Operational Standards of Service (DMH Operational Standards, Rule 42.1-2).

5. All services must be provided non-discriminately regardless of race, sex, age, creed, national origin, disability, or the ability to pay (DMH Operational Standards, Rule 10.7.B.1).
6. Provider approved for this grant must have qualified staff by implementation date or the grant may be rejected.
  - a. The provider must provide the name, phone number, email address, and credentials of the peer respite program staff.
  - b. The provider is required to notify the DMH Peer Recovery & Support Director within 10 days of vacancies or staff changes, and name and contact information for the person who will assume the role and responsibilities of the position in the interim.
7. Travel reimbursement listed in the budget cannot exceed the current State of Mississippi mileage reimbursement rate, currently \$0.655 per mile. Mileage reimbursement rates are located on the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration website: [Privately Owned Vehicle \(POV\) Mileage Reimbursement Rates | GSA](#). It is the responsibility of the providers to check the website frequently to ensure compliance.
  - a. In-State conference and trainings should be clinically oriented in an Evidence-Based modality.
  - b. All conferences and trainings must receive permission and authorization from the DMH Peer Recovery & Support Director.

#### **IV. Programmatic Components**

##### **Programmatic Questions – Resiliency Taskforce Services**

*Please list the question before each response. Limit responses to questions 1 thru 3 to no more than THREE pages total.*

1. Provide a brief overview of the proposed Resiliency Taskforce Services program. Include, at minimum, the identified program needs and goals, describe implementation strategies with timelines, and projected total number of individuals to be served in FY 24.
2. Provide job descriptions/duties/responsibilities of all Resiliency Taskforce Services program staff and/or advisory group. Highlight their educational background, credentials (licenses and certifications earned), and related experience in the field [**NOTE: see mandatory requirements in introduction section**].
3. Describe the program's process for monitoring fidelity and quality assurance for the Resiliency Taskforce Services program. Explain how this process will be support.

**Resiliency Taskforce Services Acknowledgements:**

**Initial Below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ The agency will comply with all regulations set forth in this document.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that upon receipt of award announcement, the agency will sign an Assurances Agreement with the MS Department of Mental Health for funds received in fiscal year (FY) 24: **July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.**

**Sign and Date Below:**

Name of Agency:	Executive Director:	Date:
_____	_____	_____