

**Friendly reminder: If you are interested in submitting a letter of interest to become a CCBHC, it must be sent to Dr. Dale Adair at [dadair@pa.gov](mailto:dadair@pa.gov) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.**

Dear Stakeholders:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) was recently awarded a planning grant that will assist us with the creation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC). The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant will allow us to determine how CCBHCs fit into system redesign efforts, and support our efforts to improve the behavioral health of Pennsylvanians by providing community-based mental and substance use disorder treatment.

CCBHCs will serve adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance and individuals with substance use disorders. The clinics will provide intensive, person-centered, multidisciplinary, evidence-based screen, assessment, diagnostics, treatment, prevention and wellness services.

This grant will allow Pennsylvania to develop an application to participate as a demonstration state which will help us further bridge the gap between physical and behavioral health and enable us to treat all health issues equally and comprehensively. This approach builds trust with those we serve and the result will be better outcomes and better health.

We have heard from several organizations that they are interested in becoming a CCBHC, and DHS would like to hear from you if you are one of those interested providers.

Eligible providers include community mental health clinics (CMHCs) and federally qualified health clinics (FQHCs). As DHS looks to make improvements to the quality of care that are offered to the individuals we serve, we would like a letter of interest containing the following:

- Interest in becoming a CCBHC;
- Indication of rural, urban, or suburban setting;
- Willingness to complete the National Council Certified Clinic Readiness Tool (CCRT);
- Commitment to submit an application to become a CCBHC; and
- Willingness to commit to participate in a CCBHC learning community.

Letters of interest must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Dr. Dale Adair is the Project Director, please submit your responses electronically to him at [dadair@pa.gov](mailto:dadair@pa.gov). Thank you for your support as we continue our efforts of providing high-quality services to Pennsylvanians in the communities in which they live.

Sincerely,

Dennis Marion

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Services

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