

Thursday, May 02, 2013

## Letter of Intent

Commissioner Burke,

As the Authorized Representative of Excellent Home Care Services I am writing to you in advance of the May 3, 2013 deadline, to express our interest in **coordinating developmental disability services** and to indicate our intention to formally respond to the Request for Applications (RFA) to become a **DISCO**, when it becomes available later this spring.

Excellent Home Care Services Is a Certified Home Health Agency, designated as a Special Needs CHHA with a stated mission "to serve populations eligible for services from the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD)". And indeed since our inception, that is exactly what we have been doing and excelling at. Working closely with many local Nonprofit Providers who currently offer Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) Services thru OPWDD, we directly service and affect approximately 1100 individuals on an annual basis. Our collective population would be many times that amount.

As a large provider, with years of experience in providing and coordinating services for the OPWDD population, we believe we are uniquely positioned to aid NYS in implementing this overhaul in design and delivery of specialized intellectual and developmental disabilities services within a managed care model.

Should we be given the opportunity, it is our express intention to organize as a Not-For-Profit Developmental Disabilities Individual Support and Care Coordination Organization (DISCO) Managed Care entity. Representing and controlled by our current NFP working partners (included but no limited to; QSAC, The Shield, Catholic Charities, Heavens Hands, Chinese American Planning Council, Mercy Drive and the Community Resource Center for the Developmentally Disabled) who all share the same goal but retain a unique character and approach reflective of the styles and cultures of the various ethnic minorities who make up the New York fiber. To provide individualized care coordination and long-term supports and services for individuals with developmental disabilities residing in the following counties: Queens, Kings, Richmond, Manhattan, Bronx, Westchester, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland; both directly and by an affiliation arrangements with MLTCP's and Mainstream Managed Care Plans.

I thank you for the opportunity, and would like to be notified of any updates or amendments to this initiative (and included in any listserv if and when deployed).

Sincerely,

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