

Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body
Workgroup Charge
Approved: February 2006

Workgroup Name: Funding Partners

Lead Agency: Community Mental Health

Chairperson: Matt Vergith, Community Mental Health

- Responsibilities:
1. Chair regular meetings
 2. Meet with designated staff
 3. Report activities to the HSCB
 4. Represent workgroup at appropriate meetings

Vice Chairperson: Vacant

1. Fill in for chair in their absence
2. Serve as chair in next term.

Staff Person: Lindsay Beaudry, Collaborative Community Planner

- Responsibilities:
1. Meet regularly with Chair
 2. Develop agenda and materials for meetings with the Chair
 3. Take meeting minutes
 4. Research specific information as requested by the group
 5. Perform other duties as assigned

Clerical Support (if different from staff): N/A

Issue to be Studied and/or Acted Upon: Keeping the vision of the Community Child at the forefront of service planning and provision, the Human Services Collaborative Body since 1992 has looked for ways to collaborate around programming and ways to create funding that supports the programming. This has been especially true for children with multiple problems and their families who require multi- system responses.

In the early 90s, agency directors, their financial officers, and program directors met over several months to determine how the human service community could respond to multi-problem, multi-systemic families. That conversation also included looking at how each partner could fund that support in a collaborative manner. A Wraparound Service was established and Pooled Funding became the process to support the service. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed yearly by all the contributing partners. As the program has grown and lessons have been learned, the partners have been meeting on a regular basis, along with the Community Consultation Team, which functions as the gatekeeper for the service and has direct oversight of case budgets. The success of the program and its funding has led to other populations and programs using the process and to the creation of a new project. Monies saved from the programming have been reinvested into the community, have allowed for the expansion of wraparound and have facilitated the development of a risk pool. State and national recognition have been given to this effort.

While the current work of this group has focused on the needs of a specific population, the Funding Partners believe other populations would benefit from this model and would like to support other agencies and organizations in developing expertise to adapt the model to their

populations.

Workgroup Goal: To facilitate the provision of flexible, responsive funding for evidence based services and promising practices that support children and their families who require multi-system responses.

Workgroup Objectives:

1. Provide oversight to the existing Wraparound blended capitated and SED Waiver models. This includes evaluation and the development of strategies to increase access to and enhance the provision of services for Wraparound
2. Provide oversight to the Community Consultation Team
3. Provide oversight to the Community Partners for Child Protection Funds
4. Determine services and projects that will receive reinvested funds from the Enterprise fund
5. Provide a community barrier buster process for funding issues
6. Examine gaps and barriers in children's services
7. Identify and implement evidence based models to fill gaps and barriers in children's services
8. Move forward the concept of collaborative funding by exploring the expansion of this funding model to other populations
9. Provide, as feasible, technical assistance to agencies and organizations who want to utilize this funding model

Key Data to be Collected/Tracked:

- Change in functioning as measured by the CAFAS
- Restrictiveness of living arrangement or placement
- Characteristics of youth served by Wraparound, including age, gender, and referral source
- Tracking of evidence based practices used in the community – goal to increase

Meeting Schedule and Time line for Completion (if applicable): The group will meet every other month during the year and the work is ongoing.

Reporting Mechanism and Frequency: Funding Partners will report to the HSCB at least quarterly in writing and present to the HSCB when there are action items, specific needs, or major accomplishments achieved. The group will also report at the HSCB annual meeting.

Membership: Members are comprised of agencies who contribute to the pooled funding for Wraparound. Current membership includes:

- Community Mental Health
- Family Court
- Department of Human Services
- Livingston Educational Service Agency
- Department of Public Health
- Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency

Responsibilities of HSCB: Provide support for grant applications, defer identified needs and gaps in children services to the workgroup, and provide support and response to identified needs/gaps.