

Franklin County Human Services Block Grant Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 2nd, 2024

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

Voting Members

Virtual:

Kim Crider, Kim Wertz, Lorna Blanchard, Zachary McCauley, Brenda Lamar, Doug Wilburne, Mike Straley

Absent:

Sherri Sullivan, Greg Colbert

Staff Members

Virtual:

Stacie Horvath, Hali Finniff, Glenda Helman, Cori Seilhamer, Stacy Rowe, Ashley McCartney, Zachary Gantz, James Eagler, John Thierwechter, Janelle Friese, John Gerak, Leslie Bowers, Tobin Kercheval, Danielle Beaver, Erin Nye, Jane Cline, John McPaul, Lori Young, Missy Reisinger, Nicole Smith, Stacey Brookens, Tressia Day

Guests

Virtual:

None

Acronyms:

C&Y = Children & Youth

D&A = Drug and Alcohol

DHS = Department of Human Services

EI = Early Intervention

ESG = Emergency Solutions Grant

FY = Fiscal Year

HCP = Healthy Communities Partnership

HSBG = Human Services Block Grant

HSDF = Human Services Development Fund

HUD = Housing and Urban Development

I&R = Information & Referral

**MH/IDD/EI = Mental Health/ Intellectual &
Developmental Disabilities/Early Intervention**

SCCAP = South Central Community Action Program

TMCA = Tuscarora Managed Care Alliance

HS = Human Services

Meeting Documents Sent Out:

- Agenda BG 2-2-2024
- Block Grant Meeting Minutes 8/31/2023
- HSBG Committee Meeting 02.02.2024

I. Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Stacie Horvath at 1:00 PM.

- Stacie Horvath introduced all to the meeting for roll call.
- Voting Members, Sherri Sullivan and Greg Colbert were unable to attend this meeting.
- Thomas Reardon has resigned from the Housing/Homelessness seat.
- Stacie Horvath stated that there are three open seats on the Block Grant Committee. Aging, Housing / Homelessness, and Faith Based.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes and approval:

Upon a motion by voting member Kim Wertz, and a second by voting member Kim Crider. All in favor. 6 Yes (in support), 0 Absent, and 0 No. The minutes of the August 31, 2023 meeting were approved. Please note there were only 6 voting members at this time the vote took place, there was a voting member who joined the meeting late.

III. FY 2022-2023 Human Services Block Grant Plan Retained Earnings / PowerPoint Presentation and Projects / Planning Discussion:**Stacy Rowe:**

Human Services Fiscal Manager Stacy Rowe presented to the committee, the Human Services Block Grant Fiscal Report, from February 2, 2024. FY 22-23 allocation remained flat. Total allocation for FY 22-23, including fiscal year 21-22 retained revenue of \$105,997, was \$7,413,244. Total spending through June 30, 2022 was \$5,914,277. Not all of those dollars are allowed to be carried over. Mental Health has some funding through a settlement known as Forensic Funds that are not eligible for carry-over from year to year. This is where you'll be able to see where the fund landed with the balance versus what is eligible for carry-over. In Mental Health specifically the bulk of that funding that was unspent was the forensic funding. However there are some state dollars that are allowed to be carried over at \$110,157. This adds into the other departments with their funding that is allowed to be carried over for a total of \$159,948, this total does need to be spent by June 30, 2024. The County is required to contribute 2.7% on all State Funded expenditures. County Match for FY 22-23 estimated to be \$153,000. Proposed retained revenue plan included \$159,948, estimated to serve 1,984 individuals. The programs within the retained revenue program are as follows:

1. Mental Health - Respite Kidz Therapy Zone - Expansion to Saturdays (\$38,400)
2. Mental Health - Transportation Program - Occupational Services Incorporated (\$28,159)
3. Housing Assistance Program - SCCAP Rental Assistance (\$46,025)
4. Human Services Development Fund - Information and Referral (\$5,000)
5. Human Services Development Fund - Military Share Program (\$20,000)
6. Human Services Development Fund - Veterans Transportation Program (\$22,364)

Voting:

1. Upon a motion by Kim Wertz, to approve the reallocation of funding to Respite Kidz Therapy Zone in the amount of \$38,400.. Kim Wertz to move and a second by Brenda Lamar. All in favor. 7 Yes (in support), 0 Absent, and 0 No.
2. Upon a motion by Kim Wertz, to approve the reallocation of funding to Occupational Services Incorporated in the amount of \$28,159.. Kim Wertz to move and a second by Lorna Blanchard. All in favor. 7 Yes (in support), 0 Absent, and 0 No.
3. Upon a motion by Kim Wertz, to approve the reallocation of funding to SCCAP Rental Assistance in the amount of \$46,025.. Kim Wertz to move and a second by Lorna Blanchard. All in favor. 7 Yes (in support), 0 Absent, and 0 No.
4. Upon a motion by Kim Wertz, to approve the reallocation of funding to Information and Referral in the amount of \$5,000.. Kim Wertz to move and a second by Lorna Blanchard. All in favor. 7 Yes (in support), 0 Absent, and 0 No.
5. Upon a motion by Kim Wertz, to approve the reallocation of funding to the Military Share Program in the amount of \$20,000.. Kim Wertz to move and a second by Lorna Blanchard. All in favor. 7 Yes (in support), 0 Absent, and 0 No.
5. Upon a motion by Kim Wertz, to approve the reallocation of funding to the Veterans Transportation Program in the amount of \$22,364.. Kim Wertz to move and a second by Lorna Blanchard. All in favor. 7 Yes (in support), 0 Absent, and 0 No.

IV. Fiscal Review Update (2023-2024 FY):

Ms. Stacy Rowe reported to the committee the 23/24 Fiscal update as follows:

1. Our Fiscal Year 23/24 HSBG plan is due February 15, 2024 to the State for approval.
2. The Fiscal Year 23/24 is projected to exceed allowable carry-over. Maximum allowable carry-over is 5% of State Funding, projected to be \$281,000.

Fiscal was made aware there is additional funding for the Mental Health categorical of about 268,000. Stacy Rowe is unsure whether this will be an increase for each year to this categorical.

Stacie Horvath asked for a vote to move allocations of \$53,887 of FY 23/24 funding to the SCCAP Homeless Assistance Program for Rental Assistance. Lorna Blanchard made the motion to approve. Kim Wertz seconded the motion. All in Favor with 7 Yes (in support), 0 Absent, and 0 No.

V. Human Services Program Department Review:

Stacie Horvath informed the departments will be speaking about any updates and crucial information going on. This is to keep the public and the Block Grant Members informed.

Mental Health, Intellectual Developmental Disabilities, and Early Intervention with Mental Health Housing (MH/IDD/EI): Stacey Brookens

Intellectual Developmental Disabilities - Jessica and Friends is a fairly new provider. They will be opening a day program but need to obtain a location. They have not announced the opening yet, but will be announcing in the near future. They provide the IDD mobile community nurse that

goes out doing different activities and assists those who need IDD services. The IDD mobile community nurse was able to assist with the point in time count (PIT count). She was able to set up at the cold weather shelter to look over those individuals that may need medical attention also to inform the individuals of medication management skills and other services the county provides. The Mother to Mother Autism Lunch will be held Saturday, April 27, 2024. This will be held at Grand point church. The Intellectual Developmental Disabilities will be present and a part of the resource room.

Mental Health Housing - Jennifer Hutchinson who is the Program Specialist for Mental Health Housing is working on becoming SOAR Certified. SOAR stands for SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, and Recovery. Jennifer Hutchinson should have her certificate sometime this Spring. This will help to increase access for any adult who may be experiencing or at risk of being homeless for those who have some type of mental illness, medical impairment, or some type of co-occurring issue as well. Mental Health Housing is trying to increase street outreaching services. Currently working with a couple other programs along with local agencies to provide medication management to those who are currently homeless. The County is currently working with different providers who are actively working outside to find those who are homeless and in need of assistance this will allow all parties involved to get those who are homeless the help and services they need.

Cori Seilhamer - The week the consultants will be here is the week of February 19, 2024. Invitations have gone out for several in person meetings. If you are unable to attend there will be a virtual meeting held on February 27, 2024 at 6pm.

Franklin/Fulton SCA Drug & Alcohol: Administrator James Eagler

A lot of the services are just being continued; they have not received any increase in funding. A lot of their funding goes towards treatment. They provided free services for those in the community that are under insured or not insured. They do provide funding for recovery housing. They currently have about 98 individuals in treatment or recovery services. They are asking the state for more funding to be able to assist more individuals in recovery. The Drug and Alcohol department not only can assist with recovery housing, but is able to assist with case management services, employment, and referrals to the community.

Tuscarora Managed Care Alliance (TMCA): Missy Reisigner

Reinvestment programs - Medicaid eligible people must have Medicaid in order to receive housing initiatives, pay for room and board for those in recovery looking for a safe substance free sober living environment. Bridge rental subsidy along with a supportive living program for Medicaid eligibles who can live independently but want to find a place of their choosing not in a congregate setting. Tuscarora Managed Care Alliance will assist them in finding housing and applying for the section 8 housing. They will pay the bridge rental until the individual is able to get the section 8 housing. They can also have a program that can help community members in this reinvestment program to learn to speak with the landlord, neighbors, and find budgeting tools. This is for those who have mental health or substance issues. The age focus for this reinvestment program is from 18 to 23. TMCA will also provide supportive living for them as well. Possibly about 2 years of supportive living they do not have to move. Possibly around 3 individuals a year. This is for those who are gaining their independence.

Veterans Affairs: Justin Slep

John McPaul spoke on behalf of the Veterans Affairs Department:

The Veterans Affairs department started a new initiative, an Outdoor Coalition. They are going to partner with anyone that does outdoor activities like fishing, water rafting, hunting, wood work, etc. They are going to help recruit veterans to participate in these events. They have a fishing trip planned, this will be for 10 veterans that will be able to go out on a boat at Raystown lake and fish. All of the captains are donating their time and boats to be able to take the veterans out on a one on one trip. Veterans Affairs will be providing a fishing pole, bait, fishing type shirt, and a fishing bag. They are looking into more events to promote this new Outdoor Coalition. They are trying to start other programs within the Veterans Affairs department, no information about those programs at this moment.

***Stacie Horvath asked the Block Grant Voting members for any updates.**

Mike Straley with Leah's Legacy - Mike Straley stated Leah's Legacy has started monthly life skill classes for recovered women. This Sunday they will be having a life skill class called Pamper Her. This will allow for the women in this program to be in a place of recovery while being able to take care of themselves. They will have the opportunity to get a haircut and shampoo, makeup, and chair massages. They will have 2 hair stylists, 2 or 3 cosmetologists, and 1 massage therapist at this event. This will be wonderful for the 14 women in the recovery program as a life skill class. These life skill classes have been doing wonderful. They have had some fun life skill classes along with some educational life skill classes. They have had many life skill classes for banking / budgeting, along with a motivational speaker who has been in recovery for 31 years! All life skilled classes end with a home cooked meal. Leah's Legacy is going to do their annual Fiddlin' in the Field, this will be in June 2024. More information will be available at a later date or published on their website. <https://leahslegacy.net/>

Kim Crider with Wellspan health - Kim Crider stated on March 21, 2024, at Coyle Free Library Healthy Franklin County will be taking on housing policies and advocacy work from 11am-1pm. Please feel free to reach out to Noel Purdy who is the Executive Director of Healthy Franklin County for more information.

Doug Wilburne with Franklin County Adult Probation - Doug Wilburne stated this year ahead is going to be a big year with lots of changes. Evidence Based practice push, they will be implementing their case planning very shortly. They have new updated training for staff underway. By June they will need to accommodate their reform measures, this will start with sentencing prior to an individual being sentenced to community supervision termed they will need to have a risk needs assessment. This will be tailored by the judge and the courts to meet that individual's needs. This will slow down the courts process a little bit but in the end will benefit a lot of parties involved. They are going to restrict the amount of times someone is able to be incarcerated for technical violations. These will be your lower level probations violations that do have a lot of restrictions to be worked out yet. First violation will be at 14 days maximum, second violation will be at 30 days maximum, third violation the individual will go back in front of the Judge. A lot of

these changes will cut back on costs. They have a target date for moving into their new space, possibly in May 2024.

Brenda Lamar with Keystone Health - Brenda Lamar stated they just moved offices, still in the same general area. They have some new providers that just started. They do have a few more providers to start in the near future. Keystone Health is still operating as normal.

VI. Community Comments or Discussion
N/A

VII. Next Scheduled Meeting: To be Determined