

VOCA Stakeholder Formula Meeting

January 10, 2023

Notes

1. MAPA, MOCADSV and KidsFirst all submitted recommendations prior to the meeting
2. Jessica S. went over the KidsFirst recommendation that was emailed 1/10/23
 - First recommendation is to provide FY23 funding at the same level- renewal
 - Review chronic under spenders, possibly reduce future allocation amounts
 - Look at actual expends to see who is lapsing money over the all grant years
3. Zak agreed with recommendation, expressed he believes in targeted cuts first rather than across the board, prioritizing new agencies.
4. Zak has a strong interest in a VOCA stakeholder group and implementation plan, preferably led by DSS as the state administrator
5. Leanne from MOCASA- was supportive of Zak's comment of DSS being the lead and KidsFirst and MOCADSV being in a leadership role due to TA role. Also having MOCASA be a part of the decision-making. MOCASA's opinion is most supportive and in alignment with KidsFirst, although all three recommendations are similar.
6. MOCADSV: looking at underserved communities and populations to reduce gaps, agree with MAPA for the 4 core categories (DV, SV, CA, US), having a peer review application process
7. MOCATE: had no recommendation at this time, would just like to be an active participant
8. Stakeholder group- who should be included?
 - MAPA/MOPS
 - MOCASA
 - MOCADSV
 - KidsFirst
 - MOCATE- wants to be a part of it
 - MADD- Tiffany will reach out to see if they want to be a part of it
9. Jessica: would like to better define underserved, and invite subject matter experts to inform and educate on the subject rather than have them be a core member of the stakeholder group.
10. Cheryl: table to ponder what is underserved and who is underserved?
11. Kathy: have experts come in and contribute knowledge since the underserved definition is very broad
12. Adam Crumbliss: need to drill down into the demographics, staff advised quarterly reports show different demographic categories agencies report out on.
13. Region Approach: concern certain parts of the state weren't in line with services
 - Can be addressed in stakeholder group
 - Regional vs. statewide approach: DSS has no preference
14. Core Objectives of the stakeholder group:
 - Application process, review and refine
 - Determine shortfalls monetarily and needed cuts
 - Connie: Peer review process refinement, DPS receives feedback monthly from providers

- Go over procurement process and review process
 - Allowed to review the application if you don't know the applicant
 - Zak: peer review process: he likes DPS's process, folks don't represent groups, have knowledge of necessary services to make necessary cuts
 - Assigning point values
15. Jeriane: Hit list
- Allocations
 - Contract process
 - Peer review process
16. Allocations:
- MAPA: 4 categories, assign a % to each category for each grant year including court services/specific
 - Zak: MOCADSV agrees, look at current dollars, agencies can identify where they want their money to go for categories in their proposal. Allow the agency to select categories if dual or multi service.
 - Question: what happens when they invoice for a category they are not initially approved for?
17. Application
- Gather enough information on the front end where it's not too much
 - Have a baseline of bare requirements and then build on that
 - Exhibits must stay
 - Look at point scoring, look at requirements such as resumes, education etc.
 - Invite Wade (procurement) to stakeholder meeting for those discussions
18. Review Process
- Time frame
 - Recommendation- continue with contract renewal
 - Feedback from stakeholders and meeting minutes
 - Put together a letter to the legislature outlining where we are, what we are doing, short term and long term so that everyone understands
19. Jessica: send a separate letter to the legislature requesting additional funding/appropriation
20. Next Meeting: MOCADSV hosting- smaller stakeholder group
21. DSS task: get notes together and write letter