

# Buncombe County NC - Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 3/27/2024

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: ZOOM only

Invitees		
Dan Beerman	Suzanne Booth	Taylor Cox
Melissa Harmon	Rebecca Heartz	Eileen McMinn
Deborah Oldt	Susan Schiemer	Greg Zornes
<del>Alison Banzhoff</del>	Billie Breeden	Zack Schmitt
LeeAnne Tucker		

Not in attendance: Alison Banzhoff

- I. Welcome
  - a. Approve or Revise Agenda
    - i. There were no additions or revisions to the Agenda.
    - ii. Motion made by Suzanne to approve the Agenda, seconded by Melissa. Motion carried.
  - b. Approve or Revise Meeting Minutes – February
    - i. There were no revisions to the Meeting Minutes.
    - ii. Motion made by Dan to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Suzanne. Motion carried.
- II. Discuss Grant Allocations
  - a. REMINDER – Final decision will be made at our April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - i. 27 applications received with funding requests totaling \$3.2 million dollars, but the limit is \$2.2 million dollars.
    - ii. Discussion ensued about task of allocating the funding such as:
      - What obligation does the committee have to continue to fund current providers or should the committee fund new providers without a track record?
      - Encourage new applicants to do fundraising before applying for the aging services grants so that new applicants don't rely on these grants for 50%, 80% or 100% of their total funding to keep their programs sustainable.
      - How does Medicaid expansion play into these funding decisions? Dan suggested having an expert in Medicaid talk to the committee

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and look at some of the funded programs to see if Medicaid could pay for some of these programs. Also, it would be helpful to know how Medicaid expansion affects older adults and their caregivers.

- b. In-Home Aide funding between HCCBG & BCSAF
    - i. Susan, Alison, Ryan, and Billie had a meeting to answer Susan's questions about the In-Home Aide application.
    - ii. Level III funding will be under BCSAF funding as well as the local match.
    - iii. The unit rate was reduced from \$38.58 to \$36.50, and the County will absorb the administrative costs.
    - iv. In-Home Aide (IHA) Services are 100% paid through HCCBG funding.
    - v. In determining how much to fund IHA, Susan determined all to be funded except IHA in her spreadsheet from both funding sources and gave IHA what was left over. This was the method that was done last year as a committee too.
  - c. Any additions to provider question list?
    - i. No additions
- III. Review Funding Expenditures – February
- a. Units of Service
  - b. Buncombe County Supplemental Aging Funds (BCSAF)
- IV. Determine Action Items and Next Steps
- a. Next meeting on April 24 will be 90 minutes.