

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 6/26/2024

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: ZOOM only

Invitees		
Dan Beerman	Suzanne Booth	Taylor Cox
Melissa Harmon		Eileen McMinn
Deborah Oldt	Susan Schiemer	Greg Zornes
Alison Banzhoff	Billie Breeden	Zack Schmitt

Not in attendance: Suzanne Booth

Welcome

- a. Approve or Revise Agenda
 - i. There were no additions or revisions to the Agenda.
 - ii. Motion made by Dan to approve the Agenda, seconded by Deborah. Motion carried
- b. Approve or Revise Meeting Minutes – April
 - i. There were no revisions to the Meeting Minutes.
 - ii. Motion made by Dan to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Deborah. Motion carried.

II. Review Funding Expenditures

- a. Units of Service - May
 - i. MountainCare’s numbers showed 78%, 77% and 90% spent for Transportation, Adult Day Care, and Adult Day Health respectively, but they have spent all of their funding except for \$3000. Zack said that there was a glitch in ARMS and the current Units of Service Report showed MountainCare’s numbers for April. The final report will show their entire spending.
 - ii. Land of Sky Regional Council Health Promotion had only spent 66% of their funding. Zack reached out to Brea. All of the funding has been spent.
- b. Buncombe County Supplemental Aging Funds (BCSAF) – Most Recent

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- i. Buncombe County In-Home Aide (IHA) Program was underspent by \$28,314.00. The Committee proposed using some of this money and giving it to BCSAF funded providers who were overspent.
- ii. The Committee discussed using \$25,000 of the IHA funding and giving \$7,000 to OnTrack and \$6000 each to DayStay, Working Wheels, and MountainCare Transportation if BC HHS Finance could do the addendums before the end of the fiscal year. Eileen made a motion to accept this proposal, Melissa seconded, and the motion carried. Committee members voted on the proposal. All in favor, motion passed.
- iii. Suggestion was to include amounts over allocation on the spreadsheet for FY25.

c. FY24 End of Year Allocation Requests

HCCBG Funding

- Jewish Family Services
 - Elder Club (4/25/24) - any available funding for scholarships
 - Mental Health Counseling (5/28/24) - any available HCCBG funding as JFS has seen a surge in requests for mental health counseling and they have exhausted their existing funding
- Mountain Housing Opportunities (4/25/24) - any available HCCBG funding
- Meals on Wheels (6/4/24) - \$25,000 to cover shortfall of existing HCCBG clients; other funding (BCSAF) for non-HCCBG clients, “no-pay” clients

BCSAF Funding

OnTrack (4/5/24) - \$6805.09, for qualifying services provided in the 3rd quarter

Note: FY24 was ending on 6/30/24. BC HHS Finance could provide addendums to the contracts of BCSAF funded providers who receive extra funding. But funding could not be given to HCCBG funded providers on such a short with the fiscal year ending as new contracts would need to be made.

III. Discussion of Final Allocation FY 2025

Fri, May 31 at 11:09 AM

Here are the FY25 allocations for Buncombe County Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) from the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services. Note the allotment for Legal Services is a separate dollar amount in addition to and not included in your HCCBG allotment.

HCCBG: \$1,726,252

Legal: \$10,422

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TOTAL: \$1,736,674

Committee Allocation \$1,700,000 – **To be allocated \$36,674**

- a. The Committee received requests for additional FY25 funding from Council on Aging for the Congregate Nutrition Program and Buncombe County In-Home Aide (IHA) Program. Discussion ensued. Committee members decided that the IHA program would be most helpful in allowing older adults to age in place safely.
 - b. Motion made by Dan to allocate \$36, 674 to the IHA Program, seconded by Eileen. Motion carried.
 - c. Committee members voted; all were in favor. Motion passed.
- IV. Determine Action Items and Next Steps
- a. The Committee will discuss the allocation process at the next meeting, such as priorities to focus on when reading applications and these priorities will be relayed to grantees before applying for aging services funding.
 - b. One priority to consider: What services are most important to keep older adults at home and which providers support that?
 - c. The Committee decided to start holding quarterly meetings in person at Land of Sky. The first in-person meeting will be August 28, 2024.
 - d. Zack asked permission to shuffle any extra HCCBG funding to HCCBG funded providers that need it as is done every year and to keep Susan in the loop. Susan made a motion that Zack and Bille would work together to reallocate any extra funding. Eileen seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. Motion passed.