

Alamance-Caswell-Rockingham
Community Collaborative Advisory Council
June 8, 2006

The Alamance-Caswell-Rockingham Community Collaborative Advisory Council met on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. at the Altamahaw-Ossipee School. Elon, North Carolina.

Representatives:

Alamance: Gary Ander, Wayne Foster, Bill Hussey and Connie Windham
Caswell: Pam Page and Donald Pinchback
Rockingham: Ann Brady and Teresa Price

Dr. Wayne Foster called the meeting to order and welcomed all representatives noting the purpose of today's meeting is to hear organizational status reports and discuss how non-UCR funds are working or not working, etc. This is a joint effort among the Community Collaborative groups of each county to assure that non-UCR funds are expended and that needed services are funded to best address the needs in all three counties.

Dr. Foster noted \$105,699 non-UCR funds were available this year with the distribution identified as follows:

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| Rockingham | \$ 44,416 |
| Caswell | \$ 24,369 |
| Alamance | \$ 36,914 |

The Rockingham amount had been separated from Alamance County this year prior to the LME merger; therefore, the allocation was left as initially determined.

The Tri-County Collaborative agreed early on to bring to the table requests for funding and negotiate so that programs are available for all. Also parties agreed upon flexibility in shifting of funds throughout the year so that any unused funds can be re-allocated to areas where there are needs.

Each county provided a brief synopsis:

Alamance Collaborative:

- Dr. Foster noted that one individual believes there is not enough parent involvement, capturing enough kids in Child & Family Teams and this is absolutely correct. However, when one looks at where we were last year and the fact that we are now doing Child & Family Teams, have a formal Care Review process, school –based Child & Family Teams gearing up and IEP meetings in many cases being turned into Child & Family Teams, it is apparent that much progress has occurred.
- Alamance has experienced positive results from the use of non-UCR funds to fund a part-time System of Care Logistics Coordinator position to work with the Community Collaborative, Care Review and the JCPC.
- The Summer Literacy Program ended up with good allocation. All agencies are working together extremely well in this community effort. The Summer Program is full.

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- An After-School Program at the Alternative School was funded for at-risk kids. Funds were targeted for respite care. This funding did not cover a broad range, but was successful.
- Information from the Junior Policy Academy is forthcoming, as this is a July program.
- Alamance Collaborative has met to put together a preliminary plan for non-UCR funding for the next fiscal year, designating approximately the same dollar amount as the current fiscal year.

Caswell Collaborative:

- A Gang Awareness - Drug Awareness Program will take place on June 16, 2006.
- The Collaborative has identified children under probation/supervision for the Decision-Making – Skills Enhancement.
- The counseling piece at school has concluded; however, the tutorial program did not take place, as parents did not respond as hoped. Behavioral counseling provided by Dr. LaCheata Hall was based out of the Alternative Learning Center and went extremely well.
- Concern remains over the small participation in the Caswell Collaborative.
- Caswell County Care Review met for their first meeting on June 8, 2006 and the process went well.
- Caswell Collaborative/JCPC would like more involvement from the faith-based community.
- Caswell is seeking a consumer representative who can consistently attend meetings.
- A System of Care Coordinator, Louise Bendall, has been hired to take minutes, coordinate meetings and coordinate care review. This position also works with the JCPC as the record keeper there.

Rockingham Collaborative:

- Strengthening Families is taking place today in Rockingham with attendees from Department of Social Services, Mental Health, Youth Services, faith-based programs, and the School Board
- Summer activities are rolling: Support Our Students (SOS) and Lady Bugs, another group for at- risk kids. Non-UCR funding has enabled these groups to do things they would not otherwise be able to do.
- Scholarships to the YMCA are available.
- Parent Support Group through mental health is available.

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Other Discussion:

Discussion ensued around the progress of the System of Care initiative in Alamance. The Alamance-Caswell-Rockingham LME has designated Connie Windham as the System of Care Coordinator. On-going education about Child & Family Teams is a huge piece to the success of this endeavor. The Alamance-Burlington School System Child & Family Teams Initiative adds another strong link to accomplishing the system of care goal. Comments from participants in Child & Family Teams are extremely positive in that there is one family, one team and one plan working towards family goals. Child & Family Teams place the focus on the family who in turn buy into the service plan, as it is their plan.

A-C-R Advisory Counsel Meeting:

Discussion ensued around how frequently this group should meet. Each county represented agreed to prepare a draft for use of non-UCR funds for the next fiscal year to bring to the table at the next meeting. Planning ahead allows the group to submit requests earlier so that funds can be accessed prior to the last minute. Whenever feasible, endeavors with training will be combined to be more cost efficient and free funds for other use.

AUGUST 8, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.
Altamahaw-Ossipee School

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ward, Logistics Coordinator
Alamance System of Care