

Tri-County Community Collaborative
Executive Committee
Alamance-Caswell-Rockingham

August 8, 2006

Present: Alamance: Gary Ander, Connie Windham, Wayne Foster, Bill Hussey
Rockingham: Teresa Price and Ann Brady
Caswell: No Representation

The Tri-County Community Collaborative Executive Committee met to discuss plans for the use of non-UCR funds for the FY 2006-2007. Each Collaborative body is preparing a preliminary designation.

ROCKINGHAM

Rockingham's plan is in the draft stages as the Rockingham Collaborative had questions. Teresa Price will submit the final version following the September Rockingham Collaborative meeting.

RFP for Crisis Respite

Lengthy discussion ensued around crisis respite services and use of therapeutic foster care versus group homes. Ideas included a RFP to endorsed LME providers who offer residential services that would allow use of whatever group home had a bed at the time to accept the placement for a limit of 3 crisis days. Depending upon availability the placement would be in various levels. Alternate thought: Open-contract with an agency with multiple foster home families paid per day on a use basis. Many questions remain, including who would administer and issues of using non-UCR funds for a billable service.

Alamance has also identified funds for this line item. Resources could be pooled among all three counties. An idea shared at the Alamance Community Collaborative meeting was to maintain a clearinghouse listing of vacant beds from group homes that would be amenable to house kids on a crisis basis: a process which could work across all three counties – the question being, who would administer?

Bill Hussey noted Durham County utilized a respite bed to manage a crisis situation – and in addition to the regular Care Reviews held weekly, Durham had a standing time weekly to review emergencies.

Rockingham Juvenile Justice questioned how they could access respite beds? The child will need to be in the system and if not already, could be done through Access. Another option would be for Juvenile Justice to use the same provider utilizing JCPC funding across systems. If workable, utilization of blended funding to ensure a crisis bed would be a huge benefit to all three counties.

A tri-county web page, updated weekly could serve as the contact place for all three counties where Case Managers could see where beds are available in close proximity. This approach would help with ensuring that kids remain close to home. Alamance County is attempting to address emergency placements through the Care Review. Discussion ensued around costs of design and upkeep of a web page.

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Action: Connie Windham will prepare RFP. Details will be worked out in the interim. Crisis Bed is a priority.

The Rockingham Collaborative plans to continue with much of their designation from the last fiscal year. Breakout of designation will be available following their next meeting.

Rockingham asked for additional information and clarification about Workforce training. Rockingham noted there are funds available through Workforce Enforcement Act for 16-21 year olds. **ACTION: Connie Windham will inquire at the Division.**

Rockingham hopes to continue the Strengthening Families program with a plan to pull the group back together to do cross-agency initiatives.

Action: Rockingham Collaborative will finalize their plan at the September meeting and submit to Connie Windham.

ALAMANCE:

Alamance Community Collaborative submitted the following proposal:

\$ 5,000	SOC Training
\$ 10,500	SOC Logistics Coordinator
\$ 5,000	Crisis
\$ 1,500	Youth Sex Offender Evaluations
\$ 8,000	After-School Tutoring - however, gang intervention/prevention program may be added to this following discussion at Alamance Community Collaborative. May be an RFP.
\$ 12,000	Summer Literacy Enrichment Program
\$ 1,000	Parental Involvement/Advocacy
\$ 1,000	Care Review Contingency Funding
\$ 1,000	Hearing Impaired Kids

\$ 45,000 TOTAL

CASWELL:

No Report available. Connie Windham reported that last fiscal year Caswell's submitted a proposal of \$26,869 with an unspent balance.

OTHER COMMENTARY:

Eventually SOC training could be a shared venture; however, Rockingham acknowledges they are not currently at that juncture.

The Tri-County body agrees that when submitting information, they will identify priorities and note areas where funding could increase/decrease.

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The Tri-County Collaborative agrees that any amendments to the proposal will be submitted once only.

Action: Connie Windham will put plan together from all three counties and distribute by email.

Wayne Foster noted this to be his last meeting; however, he will follow through until the final Non-UCR plan has been submitted.

NEXT MEETING:

November 28, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. - Altamahaw-Ossipee School

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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