

VOCA Stakeholder Meeting 05.23.23 at DSS 1-4pm

Attendees:

Cheryl Robb Welch	Hannah Carrico
Zak Wilson	Tara Shahangian
Jamie Padgett	Wade McDonald
Jessica Seitz	Ken Chapman
Benjamin Johnson	Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke
Tiffany Johnston	Leanne Reese
Patti Custer	Luis Killebrew
Camryn Heimericks	

Funding Allocations (Formula) – See Attachment #1 for details

- ✓ Option 1: Contract with MCADSV, Kids First, MO-CASA, and MAPA
 - Jamie: Asked to clarify if the pass through portion would be a contract for money and not just the grant. MAPA would receive a contract for a specific dollar amount to then pass out to all of their subrecipients.
 - Jeriane: Yes that is correct, each pass through agency would be required to submit to DSS an allocation methodology to meet VOCA requirements along with other things as necessary.
 - Wade: Stated all 17 standard sub recipient contract attachments would still be required for each agency.
 - Jessica: States are increasingly participating in this method, looking for feedback and to do a little more research. Are there any programs doing this now?
 - Jeriane: Yes, MOCAN has a contract for SkillUP and technical assistance. SkillUP is the employment and training program for SNAP recipients. MOCAN allocates the funds to Community Action Agencies for SkillUP. The technical assistance contract is separate with defined services. DSS is also looking at the possibility of having an overarching contract for JAG Missouri. If this option were chosen, agencies would follow their own procurement processes.
 - Jessica: Can you provide cons of doing this?
 - Jeriane: Some agencies will not be happy with funding decisions regardless of what they are. However, over the years, it has been brought up that this would be a good idea since the

agencies know who needs the funds, how it should be allocated, and would know if there are issues that need to be resolved.

- Cheryl: Asked if the regions would still be required.
- Jeriane: No regions would not be required; however, there must be a plan on equitable distribution of funds.
- Cheryl: Option 1 would require the pass through agencies to hire more staff, are there any insurances that this is something that would be long term? In the past, there have been times when the technical assistance contracts were suspended.
- Jeriane: We could write in the proposal that we would like it to be in statute with the requirements such as the agencies that receive the funding, the percentage of funding they receive, and other items.
- Jessica: If this is something that is permanent, can we re-evaluate the percentages based on current environment (i.e.: funding fluctuations)?
- Jeriane: I am not sure if that makes sense or not and the group can talk, but I would assume if an agency does not need funds that there may be another agency that needs funds or increases capacity.
- Zak: Stated this cannot be based around MCADSV membership, and must be completely separate.
- Jessica: Will share some pass through readiness material she was provided and is participating in a peer review for Illinois. There needs to be a complete separation between this and TA work. Will need to hire new staff specifically for VOCA pass through work.
- Jeriane: There is a lot of work that has to be done as sub recipients including monitoring, invoicing, site visits etc. Currently in DSS all, these roles are aligned by task and not performed by the same staff person. This allows the staff to interact with the agencies in a specific manner related to the role they play.
- Cheryl: Wanted to ensure lobbying was still going to be acceptable.
- Jeriane and Wade: Yes, as long as you are not VOCA funds. (Note: This would include DVSS funds.)
- Jeriane: Also clarified that the remainder (approximately 5%) for the underserved would be allocated through a competitive bid process by DSS.
- Leanne: Wanted to know how new providers will be chosen.

- Jeriane: Would rely on the agencies to ensure that federal guidelines are met including targeting groups such as marginalized.

✓ Option 2: Create 4 formulas and 1 competitive bid

- Tiffany: Read option 2 from agenda. Advised agencies that have multiple service types such as Synergy and St. Charles Family Court, would potentially have multiple contracts based on service type.
- Jeriane: Went over option # 3, group consensus not interested, went over option # 4, group consensus not interested. Returned back to Option 1 for discussion
- Jessica: Reducing the burden of competitive processes by having formulas is a good idea, but would like to think both options over and consider them. Either way each agency will have to come up with an allocation methodology, and neither option resolves their responsibility of making funding decisions.
- Wade: In option 1 or 2, agencies are a part of the award process.
- Zak: For option two, would need a way to include Sexual Violence as its own formula rather than be included in the remainder competitive portion, since it is a priority category.
- Jeriane: How long do we need to come to a conclusion on #1 or #2? 2 weeks or 3 weeks?
- Cheryl: Would need to discuss this with MOCADSV board members.
- Jessica: Would need to discuss with KidsFirst board members and agencies.
- Zak: Inquired about ranges of pass through administration money to cover new programmatic costs.
- Jeriane: Advised a budget and budget narrative would be required to be submitted and reviewed which would include requested new programmatic pass through costs.
- Jeriane: Asked if there is further feedback on the survey.
- Zak: Age range should be 0-17 and not 16-17.
- Jeriane: We will update.
- Leanne: Said there are 4 questions.
- Jeriane: We will update. Also, will likely send for another review.

- Scheduled Next Meeting 6/20/23 from 1-4pm at Knipp Drive in the Truman Room
- Jeriane: Stated all questioned agencies are allowable per DSS legal review.
- Hannah: Gave an overview of the overall invoiced costs per category, and 85% is spent on personnel and fringe.
- Jessica: Stated that is good to know so we do not really need to reduce category costs.
- Hannah: Gave an overview of an interactive Tableau map that includes services provided by VOCA, DVSS, DPS, and other system service providers.
- Cheryl: Was impressed with the map and stated there are groups that have been trying to get this completed for 10 years.
- Jessica: Stated it is very impressive, and would like to review the data for accuracy.
- Jamie: Agreed.
- Jeriane: The Excel spreadsheet will be sent out for review and after the corrections are made, the map will be distributed.
- Meeting adjourned.

Attachment #1

- Option #1: Contract with MCADSV, Kids First, MO-CASA, and MAPA
 1. Would be sub recipients (monitoring, invoicing, etc.)
 2. Potential Allocations
 - MCADSV: \$29,936,156 (\$30M) or 61% (with TA of \$331,460 or 0.67%)
 - 73 contracts + TA
 - Kids First: \$10,219,404 (\$10.2) or 20.76% (with TA of \$58,592 or 0.12%)
 - 24 contracts + TA
 - MO-CASA: \$2,091,928 or 4.25%
 - MAPA: \$4,913,580 or 9.98%
 3. Remainder:
 - Underserved Only: \$2,061,884 or 5.72%
 - Note: Underserved will be in other categories to meet the required percentage
- Option #2: Create 4 formulas and 1 competitive bid
 1. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) – Serves youth in Foster Care
 - \$2,091,928 (\$2.1M)
 - 4% of total award (\$49M)
 - 18 contracts
 - Potential Formula:
 - # of children served
 - # of counties served
 2. Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) – Serve youth that are victims in court cases (record forensic interviews for domestic, physical, and/or sexual abuse or neglect)
 - $\$4,970,691 = \$4,634,182 + \$336,509$ (\$4.97 M)
 - 10% of total award (\$49M)
 - 23 contracts (+ Synergy)
 - Potential Formula:
 - # of children served
 - # of counties covered

3. **System Based** – Assist victims through court process (part of the prosecution or law enforcement team)
 - \$4,913,580 (\$4.9M)
 - 10% of total award (\$49M)
 - 20 contracts
 - Potential Formula:
 - Maintain current allocations for the following:
 - Reynolds County: \$38,160 (0.08%)
 - Wayne County: \$18,400 (0.04%)
 - Grain Valley Police Department: \$55,532 (0.11%)
 - Total: \$112,092 (0.23%)
 - Ask MAPA about remaining formula allocation: \$4,801,488 (9.75%)
 - Total Allocation: 9.86%
 - Note: Includes 10 non-MAPA contracted PA office of \$1,399,642 (\$1.4M) or 2.84%

4. **DV Shelters Only** – Provide 24/7 shelter services to survivors and their families
 - \$730,310 = \$426,662 DV Shelters Only + \$687,648 Synergy DV Shelters
 - 1.5% of total award (\$49M)
 - 50 contracts (+ Synergy)
 - Potential Formula:
 - # of beds
 - # of victims served
 - # of services provided – Could break down further (i.e. counseling, case management, parenting classes, childcare, etc.)
 - Does not include transitional housing, as this is longer term than shelters.

5. **Remainder** – Competitive Bid – 39 agencies
 - \$15,107,435 = \$14,668,510 + \$438,925 Synergy SV
 - 30.7% of total award (\$49M)

- Option #3: Entire competitive bid

Attachment #2

COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY RELATED TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

The [Missouri Department of Social Services](#), [KidsFirst](#), and the [Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence](#) are conducting a short survey. We invite you to answer 4 questions to help guide our work in meeting local needs to address crime in your community. We value your input and appreciate your time.

This survey is only addressing specific community issues and does not include domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse, as there are multiple reports and agencies that represent those types of crimes.

The survey is voluntary and anonymous.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION IN ANY OF THE RESPONSES.

To begin, please click the link below:

- **What is your zip code? This helps us align your responses with your community..**
(Drop down list)

- **What is your age?**
 - 0-17
 - 18-24
 - 25-35
 - 45-54
 - 55-64
 - 65+

- **Review the list below and select any individuals or groups in your community that are not receiving needed help with crime”** **(Drop down list)**
 - Deaf or Experienced Hearing Loss
 - Homeless
 - Immigrants
 - Refugees
 - LGBTQ+
 - Veterans
 - Individuals with Disabilities
 - Individuals with Limited English Proficiency
 - Elderly/Aging
 - African American community
 - Asian American community
 - Latino community
 - Other racial or ethnic community (please specify)

- Religious communities (please specify)
- Other (Please explain)
- None

If more than one selection in this grouping is made, please rate each in order of greatest need. Rank your greatest needs as “1”, second greatest as “2” and so on.

- **Select any of the following crime types you feel need the most attention in your community. (Drop down list)**

- Adult Physical Assault
- Adults who were Molested as Children
- Arson
- Bullying (Verbal, Cyber, or Physical)
- Burglary
- DUI/DWI Incidents
- Elder Abuse or Neglect
- Hate Crimes
- Hazing
- Human Trafficking
- Identity theft
- Fraud
- Financial Crime
- Mass Violence
- Non-Violent Crimes
- Vehicle Hit and Run
- Robbery
- Stalking
- Harassment
- Survivors of Homicide Victims
- Gun Violence
- Teen Dating Victimization
- Terrorism
- Violation of a Court Protective Order
- None
- Other (Please explain)

If more than one selection in this grouping is made, please rate each in order of greatest need. Rank your greatest needs as “1”, second greatest as “2” and so on.

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