

Cover Page for Local Plan

LMB:

Region Plan, Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne and Kent Counties

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THE ATTACHED PLAN IS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL
MANAGEMENT BOARD AS EVIDENCED BY SIGNATURES BELOW:

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DATE SUBMITTED: 10/26/07

Rehab Option Plan

Jurisdiction Regional (Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne, and Kent Counties)

Date Submitted 10/26/07

Instructions: Please answer the questions below in as brief and succinct a manner as possible (i.e. one paragraph).

1. Describe the role of the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) in implementing the Rehab Option program including:

a. The application process for families.

A Parent, Legal Guardian or Caregiver may request a GOC approved application from the LMB and submit it to the LMB/LCC with or without the support of a Lead Agency. The application shall include a 10 day waiver (if applicable), release of information, financial statement, insurance information and MA eligibility, if any. Documentation of the child being at risk of out of home placement shall also be submitted. The LCC will review the application within 14 days of receipt for eligibility and notify the Parent/Caregiver/Legal Guardian of the LCC decision.

b. The LCC's criteria for approving and denying applications from families.

The LCC decision will be based on the eligibility of the youth including meeting the criteria set forth by GOC, the ability of the Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver to pay and whether the youth is in a priority classification and the availability of funds.

If the LCC denies the application for funding based on eligibility, the Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver's ability to pay, priority classification or funding availability, the Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver may appeal the decision of the LMB/LCC regarding the youth's eligibility and priority for services to the SCC within 30 days.

2. Describe the case management requirements for the Rehab Option program, including the protocol for developing, reviewing and revising individualized treatment plans of care.

The LMBs will follow the respective LMB procurement policy when contracting services or case management. Protocol for developing the Plan of Care (POC) will be developed consistent with LMB/LCC Local Plan. All POCs will be child-centered and family focused, community and strength-based and culturally competent. POCs will be developed in collaboration with and agreed to by the Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver and Lead Agency, if any. POCs will be reviewed at an LCC meeting at six month intervals and revised as appropriate to meet the youth's needs. Consideration will be given to the availability of services through alternate funding. The Case Manager will maintain communication with all team members and closely monitor services and satisfaction of the family as

well as providing 24 hour support to families. The Case Manager will encourage active family participation and provide written documentation of services rendered and costs incurred for each family to the Parent/Legal Guardian/LMB and Lead Agency, if any. The Case Manager and LCC shall begin transition planning at the onset of services.

3. If the LMB's FY09 Rehab Option funding is the same amount as awarded in FY08, describe how the LMB will remain within budget. What start-up costs will be paid in FY08 that will reduce budgeted expenses in FY09?

Each youth's budget will be monitored by each LMB following their own accounting procedures. The LMB/LCC will set a cap on annual cost of services allowed within a 12 month period. Start-up costs would only be incurred if a new vendor is to assume case management; these could include one time expenses such as office equipment and advertising.

4. Will the existing CSI/Wraparound vendor also be the Rehab Option vendor in the jurisdiction? If not, please describe the process and timeline for selection of the Rehab Option vendor.

At this writing it is expected that the current case management vendor for all 4 counties will continue to provide case management for Rehab Opt cases. If the current vendor chooses not to case manage Rehab Opt. cases or is not chosen by the regional group, upon receipt of the Notice of Grant Award including the grant period, an RFP will be issued as a regional proposal following the county's procurement policy that issues the RFP.

In addition to this plan each of the four LMBs will incorporate into their Local Coordinating Council Policy and Procedures Manual a more detailed account of Rehab. Opt funding following regulations of Title 14 Subtitle 31, Office for Children, 14.31.08 Eligibility and Prioritization for Services for Interagency Funds