



STRENGTH IN COLLABORATION

A CPMT CONSORTIUM PERSPECTIVE

BACKGROUND

- A regional interagency council was in place prior to the Children's Services Act. The council managed trust funds and coordinated services for children
- The region has agencies who serve multiple localities
 - Williamsburg and James City County share a School Division
 - Williamsburg, James City County, York County, and Poquoson City share a CSB and CSU
 - York and Poquoson share a social services agency
 - Health district covers all four jurisdictions.

STRUCTURE/REPRESENTATION

- The agency head, or designee, from:
 - Each of the three Social Services agencies (Williamsburg, York-Poquoson, James City)
 - Colonial Behavioral Health
 - Ninth District Juvenile Court Services Unit
 - Each of the three School divisions (Williamsburg-James City, York, Poquoson)
 - Peninsula Health Department
- At large members
 - One parent
 - One private provider
- Government
 - One government representative from each of the four jurisdictions.

FUNDS MANAGEMENT

- Funding is allocated to each jurisdiction separately from the State.
- The founding members did not recommend that each jurisdiction "pool" their funds, since those with larger allocations would be adversely affected.

FAPT AND CPMT MEETINGS

- Each Jurisdiction has their own FAPT teams and meet separately.
- Once a month Consortium of CPMTs meeting
 - Staff cases followed by each CPMT voting on funding requests
 - Strategic planning
 - Policy Development
 - OCS updates and notices
 - Shared experiences

IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF REGIONAL
COOPERATION, WE BELIEVE THAT A MULTI-
JURISDICTIONAL CPMT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF
OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:



EASE OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Many families move within our community from one jurisdiction to another
- The CPMT Consortium model supports limited interruption in services by increasing communication and cooperation.
- It also helps to encourage new services developed pursuant to this Act to be based on ease of client access rather than on jurisdictional boundaries.
- Also, many separated parents live in two separate jurisdictions, but may need to participate in a single "community" service for their children.

REDUCED MEETING TIME FOR STAFF

- With four jurisdictions, there potentially could be four CPMTs if a regional approach were not pursued. Such a set-up would require the representative from agencies serving more than one jurisdiction, such as mental health, court services, education, and health, to have to attend multiple meetings each month.
- This would hurt coordination efforts and be a drain on valuable human talent.
- Previous experience with setting up multiple teams, for other initiatives supported this idea..

EASE OF SERVICE COORDINATION

- A multi-jurisdictional team has a much easier task in coordinating key services throughout the local area. The team representatives have simplified communication links, and ease of access to decision-makers.
- We are not left wondering what neighboring jurisdictions are doing, because they are already at the table.
- Standardized referral, eligibility determination, and utilization review process.

GREATER POTENTIAL FOR SERVICE ENHANCEMENT

- With an equitable sharing of resources from the combined jurisdictions, certain services can be established on a regional basis which could not be otherwise established if each jurisdiction acted alone.
- With the push for use of evidence based services, this can help draw EBP providers to our area knowing that they will be working with four jurisdictions.
- This also helps with contract negotiations with service providers.

SUPPORTS EFFORTS IN SEEKING ADDITIONAL FUNDING

- Any new grant funds sought from the State typically involve a highly competitive process.
- Localities which can demonstrate an interjurisdictional approach are likely to have an advantage over those who do not.
- The size of the combined jurisdictions may help when competing with localities larger than any of our four jurisdictions.
- Reduces Competition within our region.

BUILT IN COVERAGE, SUPPORT, & TRAINING

- Rotation of administrative tasks and meeting facilitation.
- Coverage is available for meetings and tasks.
- Interagency training covers the four jurisdictions and multiple agencies
- Agencies learn from each other on how to address CSA issues.

WHY A CONSORTIUM?

- Value added
 - For governing bodies
 - For the partners
 - For the children and families
- Engagement
- Communication