

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and approve recommendations for the Prevention Request for Proposals (RFP)

BACKGROUND:

The Coordinating Agency has an annual RFP for substance abuse funds. There is \$1,089,299 of available funding. The funding sources are a combination of Substance Abuse Community Block Grant and PA-2 (COBO) Funds from Livingston and Washtenaw Counties.

The funding recommendations were made in a multi-level process. A community based board met to review, score and interview the potential providers. Once this process was completed, WCHO staff reviewed scores and made the attached recommendations based on the guidelines within in the RFP.

The Prevention Services RFP 6380 is based upon the community level needs assessment. The assessment included a review of existing relevant substance abuse data on consumption and consequences such as alcohol-related traffic crash deaths. This information was used to target population-level change for preventing underage drinking and related community problems, and to build infrastructure and capacity. These concentrated efforts have helped to shape substance abuse prevention programming in Livingston and Washtenaw Counties. The data gathered during this process was used to determine the investment outcomes for the RFP. The following recommendations are the result of the review of the proposals submitted and scored. Investment targets are identified on the attached spread sheet. All program strategies are evidence based, proven practices:

- Prevention contracts will be one year with a one year renewal
- 5 proposals were received, representing a total of 13 agencies, all have been previously funded by the WCHO
- There are collaborative proposals representing multiple agencies, coordinated prevention efforts and localized, layered community impact
- Gaps in services were identified in Livingston County due to assumptions that the Strategic Prevention Framework Initiative would provide the evidence based practice for Pinckney Schools. However, that is not in place as yet and staff felt it is important to include the Project Success model in Pinckney to assure all schools receive the same efforts. Staff recommends \$25,000 additional funding for the Livingston County Collaborative to include Pinckney.
- Washtenaw County collaborative led by COPE, will need to adjust their outcome measures to increase the final targeted numbers, and increase their efforts to involve parents. Although they propose to provide services in Chelsea and Manchester, the type of service is not adequate to meet the intent of a comprehensive approach in Western Washtenaw.
- The staff recommends that we re-bid or sole source services specifically for Western Washtenaw in an attempt to achieve the intended goals of the RFP.
- Staff recommend unobligated funds be withheld to use for new or existing projects that enhance services and increase implementation of evidence based models.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

PREVENTION FY 2009	Average Score for All Investment Outcomes	Interview Score	Total Score (140 possible)	Amount Requested	Evidence Based Practice	Staff Committee Recommendations:	RECOMMENDE D FUNDING AWARD
1st Step Referral Services	94.07	16.00	110.07	\$148,240.00	Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol (CMCA) Breaking the Cycle (BTC)	Staff recommends partial funding in the amount of \$81,500. This fully funds the BTC program and a portion of the CMCA. Provider will agree to begin developing the CMCA program following certified training and Coaching from the prevention team.	\$ 81,500.00
Investment Outcome 1 - Reduce 30 day Alcohol use Youth	96.13						
Investment Outcome 4 - Reduce Binge drinking	92.00						
COPE	105.67	15.67	121.34	\$160,961	Early Risers	This is a collaboration of four previously funded agencies. Staff recommend funding \$160,961 with following conditions: Develop a stronger parent component across agencies; demonstrate ongoing collaboration activities; Increase outcome target numbers; further clarification of activities within geographic areas; review verification methods. Prevention Team will provide additional coaching and technical assistance on expanding collaboration activities across the agencies.	\$ 160,961.00
Investment Outcome 1 - Reduce 30 day Alcohol use Youth	105.67			LifeSkills			

HARC	90.37	12.25	102.62	\$35,000	Stages of Change	Staff recommends not funding the harm reduction program proposed, as it does not fit the intended population or have broader community based impact. However, the program has demonstrated (award-winning) experience in developing community awareness campaigns that can target the opiate use issues identified in Livingston County. Staff would request provider partner with Livingston County Prevention Collaborative in the development of a community awareness campaign. Funding not to exceed \$15,000. Additionally, this could be transferrable to Washtenaw County in FY10 for the 2nd year of this funding cycle.	\$ 15,000.00
Investment Outcome 3 - Decrease negative consequences of Opiate use	91.57						
Investment Outcome 5 - Decrease morbidity and mortality associated with concurrent use of alcohol and prescription medications among older adults	86.71						
NSS	105.86	20.00	125.86	\$72,294.00	Get Connected: Linking Older Adults with Medication, Alcohol, and Mental Health Resources	Staff recommends fully funding this program. Providers have demonstrated collaboration over the past three years and provide joint services across the two counties. This approach impacts not only individuals, but their families and broader community support networks.	\$ 72,294.00
Investment Outcome 5 - Decrease morbidity and mortality associated with concurrent use of alcohol and prescription medications among older adults	105.86						

LCCSS	105.84	17.67	123.51	\$448,410.00			
Investment Outcome 1 - Reduce 30 day Alcohol use Youth	108.25				Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol (CMCA)	This proposal was submitted on behalf of 6 Livingston County agencies that came together develop a comprehensive prevention plan for the county. This collaborative effort covers the intent of the RFP and will operate with shared responsibilities across agencies. The Prevention team identified a gap in services for Pinckney Schools in implementing Project Success across the county. We would like to increase the proposed funding to include an additional \$25,000 for expansion into Pinckney Schools.	
Investment Outcome 2 - Decrease youth access to tobacco (DYTUR)	107.88				Project Venture		
Investment Outcome 3 - Decrease negative consequences of Opiate use	105.00				Project Success		
Investment Outcome 4 - Reduce Binge drinking	102.25				Brief Strategic Family Therapy		\$ 473,410.00
TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED:				\$864,905.00			
							\$ 803,165.00
							\$ 1,089,299.00
							\$ 286,134.00
							UNOBLIGATED AMOUNT*

***Proposals received did not adequately cover prevention services in Western Washtenaw. The Prevention team requests we reserve \$100,000 and conduct a special search/bid to focus on this region. We are also requesting to hold the remaining unobligated funds for special treatment or prevention projects that may arise in FY09.**