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Re: Question and Answer Recap #2 from LMB Meeting on 9/10/15

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1. We fund 4 programs with current Children's Cabinet funding – Functional Family Therapy, Healthy Families, LAM and YSBs. Is it possible for the LMB to continue to fund these four programs with our current allocation of funding through FY17 and FY18, and apply for additional new funding in FY17 and FY18 to address one or more of the four new Strategic Goals? However, by the start of FY19, all CCIF funding received by the LMB (old and new) can only be used to address one or more of the four new Strategic Goals. Does that sum up the transition timeframe accurately?

That is an accurate assessment of the transition timeframe. As we transition over the upcoming years to target the Governor's four Strategic Goals, there will be some flexibility in the earlier phases for LMBs to transition currently-funded programs; however LMBs will be required to demonstrate through the community plan that all programs are needed to address critical needs. LMBs may not simply request funding to continue a program, but instead, the LMB must demonstrate that all proposed programs will address a critical need in the community. (It should be noted that programs that are currently funded may already address one of the four Strategic Goals.)

For the new funding that will be made available (in FY17 and FY18) and for all FY19 programs, the LMB will be required to use Children's Cabinet funds to ONLY address one or more of the four Strategic Goals and are demonstrated through the community plan to be critical needs in the community.

It is also important to note that in FY18 and FY19, the Results Scorecard™ will also be used to determine which proposed programs will receive funding. More information will be provided in the Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) to be issued for FY18 and FY19.

2. In adopting the tenets of youth engagement, if we want to provide stipends to youth members of our Board, and/or youth participating in the LMB's needs assessment, data collection, analysis, and or, evaluation processes, is that allowable?

Yes, as a means of incorporating youth voice in the functions of the LMBs, stipends may be utilized as a mechanism to support youth engagement. An LMB wishing to make stipends available to youth should build-in this expense in its budget. There is no Manual restriction on the payment of stipends to youth who participate in LMB planning processes.

4. In FY17 and FY18, I see there will be additional funding to address the four Strategic Goals. Are LMBs encouraged to only submit a proposal for one of the Strategic Goals each fiscal year or if there is a proposal chosen in FY17 that performed well and the funding cycle comes around for FY18 will the following years proposal be funded as well as an additional proposal or will only one proposal per County be selected per fiscal year?

The LMB may elect to submit a proposal for new funds to address one or more of the Strategic Goals. There is no requirement for an LMB to submit a proposal for new funds in FY16-18. New strategies that are funded in FY17-18 will be built into the LMB's base for subsequent year(s). More details about the process will be provided in NOFAs to be issued.

As stated in the Question and Answer Recap #1, the expectation is that in FY17, the LMB will submit a community plan that addresses all critical needs for the jurisdiction, regardless of the Children's Cabinet Strategic Goals. This will provide the basis for the LMB, its partners, and other stakeholders to seek funding from other sources (county, State agencies, foundations, etc.) to address other needs that are beyond the focus of the Children's Cabinet.

5. In FY19, are LMBs to fund programs and services focused towards the 4 Strategic Goals and not the Results and Indicators? I am confused when reading "GOC will issue the FY19 NOFA for a single pool of funding for programs and services. The total award to an LMB will be focused on the strategies to address the four Strategic Goals and will be based upon results achieved in FYs 16-18."

As stated in the Questions and Answers Recap #1, we are transitioning over the upcoming years to target specific populations which impact the Governor's four Strategic Goals. We are not abandoning the focus on Results and Indicators. The LMB is expected to prioritize Results and Indicators, which will then determine the Children's Cabinet-funded programs designed to address those Results and corresponding Indicators.

For example, the community plan may lead an LMB to prioritize the Result "Families are Safe and Economically Stable" and the corresponding Child Poverty indicator (the percent of children under age 18 whose family income is equal to or below the federal poverty threshold). Then, the LMB may decide to address the new Strategic Goal for Disconnected Youth by developing a strategy for unemployed, single mothers aged 18-24.

6. As we plan for FY16-19, are LMBs required to conduct community needs assessments to support our planning process for the Governor’s four Strategic Goals?

The State of Maryland Policies and Procedures Manual for Local Management Boards (Manual) effective July 2015 no longer requires the LMB to conduct a needs assessment. The Manual states, “community needs assessments are recommended, but no longer required by Maryland’s Children’s Cabinet.”

However, the upcoming NOFA for FY17 will require the LMBs to develop a community plan that assesses needs, currently available services, gaps in resources and strategies for addressing those gaps. The community plan shall not be limited to the four Strategic Goals. The community plan will provide the support for any program for which the LMB requests funding in FY17, regardless of whether or not the program addresses one of the four Strategic Goals.

- FY17 base funding: An LMB request for base funding for a program must have been demonstrated to be a critical need in the community through a current community plan.
- FY17 new funding: An LMB request for new funding for a program to address one of the four Strategic Goals must have been demonstrated to be a critical need in the community through a current community plan.