



Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports Purpose & Duties

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House Bill 1300 (2020)

Blueprint for Maryland's Future

- Enacted in 2020 legislative session; Gubernatorial veto. Became law in 2021 after legislature overrode veto.
- Establishes Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports (“Consortium”).
- New Consortium is “housed” within the Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC).
- CHRC to provide staff support.

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Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports... Revisions

- Enacted in 2022; Legislation took effect July 1, 2022.
- Expanded Consortium membership to 24 members; established terms and quorum requirements.
- Added 2 additional full-time staff to Commission.
- Designated Commission as fiscal agent for Consortium activities.
- Clarified roles of Consortium & Commission with respect to grantmaking activities. (see next slide)
- Commission may adopt regulations to carry out purpose of Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Program.

Purposes of the Consortium

1. Support development of Coordinated Community Support Partnerships to meet student behavioral health needs in a *holistic, nonstigmatized and coordinated manner*;
2. Provide expertise in developing best practices in the delivery of behavioral health and wraparound services; and
3. Provide technical assistance to local school systems to support positive classroom environments and close achievement gaps.

Duties of the Consortium

1. Develop statewide framework for community support partnerships.
2. Ensure that the partnerships are structured to provide community services and supports in a holistic, nonstigmatized manner meeting behavioral health and wraparound services.
3. Expand student behavioral health services to include:
 - Maximizing Maryland Medical Assistance Program billing;
 - Commercial insurance participation;
 - Implement sliding scale policies; and
 - Hospital Community-Benefit dollars.

Duties of the Consortium (cont.)

4. Support Commission grant program to establish community support partnerships.
5. Evaluate Medicaid and commercial reimbursement.
6. Develop best practices to support positive classroom environment.
7. Ensure access to behavioral health services within a one-hour drive of student residence.

Source: Md. Code Ann., Education Article § 7-447.1(k)

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Commission responsibilities

- Clarifies **Commission** shall implement that grantmaking process
- Clarifies that the **Commission** shall serve as the fiscal agent for the new Community Support Partnership Fund
- **Consortium** shall “provide guidance and support to the Commission for the purpose of developing and implementing a grant program to award grants to coordinated community supports partnerships.”

Consortium Accountability Metrics

- Consortium, in consultation with National Center on School of Mental Health (Center), *shall* develop accountability metrics to measure impact of grant-funded services.
- Metrics to include whether there are:
 - An increase of services;
 - Reductions in absenteeism;
 - Repeat referrals to community support partnerships; and
 - Leveraging of funding
- Coordinate with AIB and MD Longitudinal Data System Center to ensure accurate data collection.

Consortium & CHRC

- The Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports and the Community Health Resources Commission will coordinate closely to implement the Act.
- The Consortium will take the lead on developing the policy framework to establish community support partnerships.
- The Commission will serve as the fiscal agent and execute the grant program based on recommendations by the Consortium.