Home and Community Care Block Grant Orientation Training

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History of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding

- General Assembly in 1989 established the Department of Human Resources Advisory Committee on Home and Community Care.
- Tasked to develop a “common funding stream” for services to older adults.
- HCCBG is a specific recommendation of this committee.
- Intended to simplify the administration of aging services by establishing uniform service standards, eligibility, reporting and reimbursement policies.
General Assembly of NC enacted Senate Bill 165 Chapter 241 of the 1991 Session Laws

Established the HCCBG for older adults

Combines federal and state appropriations for supporting home and community care

Administered by the Divisions of Aging and Social Services

Goal:
- To improve the planning, management and coordination of in-home and community-based services provided to older adults at the local level
The Aging Network: Partner Levels

- Federal Level: Washington, DC
  - Administration on Aging (AOA)
  - Administration on Community Living
- State Level: Raleigh, NC
  - Department of Health and Human Services
  - Division of Aging and Adult Services
  - NC Governor’s Advisory Council
- Regional Level (different based on County)
  - Land of Sky Council of Governments (COG)
  - Land of Sky Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
  - Region B Aging Advisory Committee
- Buncombe County Government
  - Board of Commissioners
  - Health and Human Services
  - Local Service Providers and Interested Community Members
Established the Administration on Aging

AoA is the federal focal point and advocacy agency for older persons

Aging network includes 57 State Units on Aging

More than 600 AAAs

222 tribal organizations

Thousands of service providers, senior centers, caregivers and volunteers
Region B: Land of Sky Regional Council

- Buncombe
- Henderson
- Madison
- Transylvania
HCCBG Funding Streams

- Consist of funds from:
  - Older Americans Act
  - State Funds
  - Federal Funds
- Funding is allocated to each State Unit on Aging based on the number of those 60+ in the state
Funding Make-Up for Buncombe County

- State determines the regional funding formula

- FY 21
  - HCCBG Funds to allocate: $1,492,216
  - Legal Services: $8,573
  - County Funds: $500,000
  - Total: $2,000,789

- HCCBG funds can be used to fund 20 specific services
- County funds have somewhat looser guidelines
HCCBG Fundable Services

• Adult Day Care
• Adult Day Health
• Care Management
• Congregate Nutrition
• Consumer Directed Services
• Group Respite
• Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
• Health Screening
• Home Delivered Meals
• Home Health Care (Skilled)
• Housing and Home Improvement
• Information and Options Counseling
• In-Home Aide (Levels 1-4)
• Institutional and Overnight Respite Care
• Legal Services

• Senior Center Operations
• Senior Companion
• Transportation
• Volunteer Program Development

Additional information can be found here: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/home-and-community-care-block-grant-procedures-manual-community-service-providers
Administering the Block Grant

• County Commissioners are ultimately responsible for HCCBG
  • Can appoint 2 local entities to help with their work
    • Lead Agency
    • Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee
  • BOCC approve the funding plan

• Lead Agency Responsibilities
  • Assures that HCCBG Advisory Committee completes the funding plan
  • Assures that all paperwork for implementation of the funding plan is completed

• HCCBG Advisory Committee Responsibilities
  • Help prepare a County-based aging plan
  • Identify priority services for older adults
  • Complete the funding plan by determining
    • Services to be funded, funding level, units per service, unit costs, and agency(ies) selected
Cont. Administering the Block Grant

- Area Agency on Aging Responsibilities
  - Prepare county allocation based on regional funding formula
  - Provide technical assistance to the lead agency and committee as needed
  - Attend all advisory committee
  - Serve as lead agency (if needed)
  - Complete procedures at regional level once plan has been approved by County
  - Monitor all funds through the year for program and financial compliance

- NC Division of Aging and Adult Services (NCDAAS) Involvement
  - Designated by law to implement HCCBG
  - Consolidate all funding streams into HCCBG
  - Allocate funds to each region based on state funding
  - Receive completed funding plan in order to submit appropriate accountability to each funding source
  - Provide technical assistance to the AAA if needed
HCCBG Advisory Committee
Expectations and Committee Make-up

- HCCBG Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners made up of appointed community members who meet on a monthly basis to:
  - Review funding applications and provide County Commissioners with funding recommendations for aging services;
  - Review quarterly reports and monitoring reports regarding the delivery of services from the funded agencies;
  - Consider and discuss new ways to improve/expand on aging services;
  - Review aging plan and provide input; and
  - Advocate for aging services on the local, state, and national levels.

- Committee Makeup
  - Older adults should make up 1/3 of the committee (including Senior Tar Heel Legislator or alternate)
  - Individuals representing a broad range of diversity
  - Public and private providers of aging services
  - Elected Officials
  - Those with interest and concern for aging issues