



JLARC HHR Unit: 2019 Reviews

JLARC ongoing review of HHR

- 2018 Appropriation Act requires ongoing review and evaluation of HHR agencies and programs
- Study topics directed by JLARC, in consultation with the Joint Subcommittee for HHR Oversight
- Members and committees may request studies by letter to the JLARC chair

2019 HHR Projects

Topic	Project	Status
Behavioral health	Implementation of STEP-VA	Completed (June)
	CSB Funding	Completed (June)
Medicaid expansion	Access to Services	In progress (September)
	Eligibility Determination	In progress (October)
	Enrollment and Spending	In progress (December)
	COMPASS Waiver	In progress (TBD)

STEP-VA: Background

- STEP-VA initiated during 2017 session
 - Expands required services at all CSBs
 - Goal of providing consistent access to quality services and increasing accountability statewide
- Legislation requires full implementation by July 2021
 - Same-day access and primary care screening required to be implemented by July 2019

STEP-VA: Key questions

- To what extent is initial implementation enabling CSBs to meet STEP-VA's overall goals?
- Is there an adequate plan in place to support the full implementation of STEP-VA by July 2021?

STEP-VA: Key findings

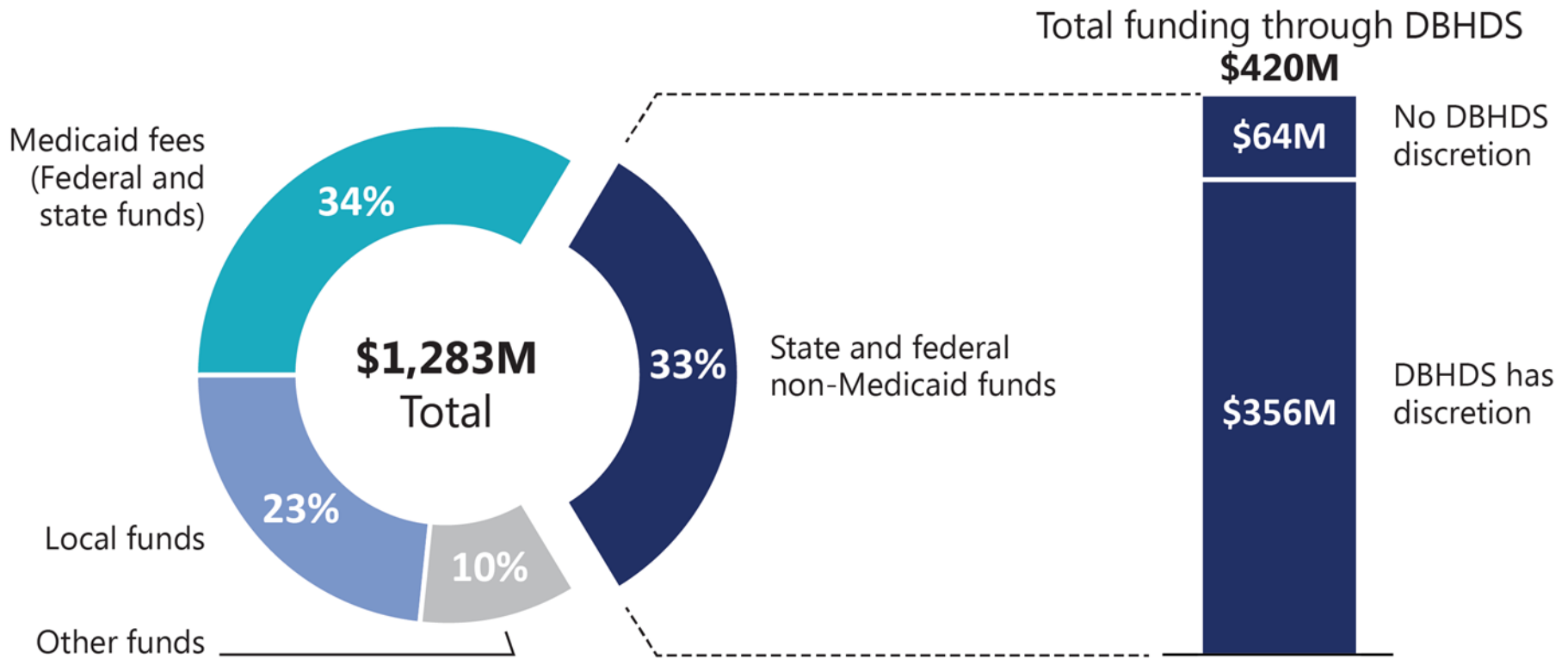
- Same-day access has reduced wait times for assessments, but the availability of same-day access hours varies and is not adequately being measured
- Seven of nine steps remained to be implemented by July 2021
- More time and increased oversight capacity at DBHDS is needed to effectively implement remaining steps

STEP-VA: Recommendations

- DBHDS should:
 - develop performance measures to determine if each CSB offers enough same-day access hours and if individuals are assessed on the same day
 - devote a senior-level staff person to STEP-VA implementation on a full-time basis

- General Assembly may wish to consider:
 - allowing DBHDS to use a portion of future STEP-VA funding allocation for central oversight functions
 - providing an additional year for STEP-VA implementation (July 2022)
 - requiring that sufficient planning for future steps be complete before funds are disbursed

CSB Funding: Background



CSB Funding: Key questions

- How much total funding does each CSB receive?
- What criteria is DBHDS using to allocate state and federal funding sources?
- What alternative funding models are used by:
 - public behavioral health services in other states?
 - other public services in Virginia?
- What are the potential impacts of using alternative models to fund public behavioral health services in Virginia?

CSB Funding: Key findings

- DBHDS allocates most state and federal funding based on historical CSB budgets rather than current need for services
 - Several different funding models could be considered to better support Virginia's goals
- DBHDS funding allocations do not account for Medicaid reimbursements or local funding

CSB Funding: Recommendations

- DBHDS should:
 - work with DMAS and the CSBs to analyze whether CSBs are maximizing potential Medicaid reimbursements
 - account for Medicaid reimbursements that CSBs can receive when allocating state and federal funds

Medicaid Expansion: Background

- 2018 Appropriations Act authorized DMAS to
 - expand Virginia's Medicaid program
 - pursue federal authority to implement three reforms, through what is now called the COMPASS waiver
- Medicaid expansion started on January 1, 2019
 - Expected to enroll more than 300K new Virginians, at a cost of \$2.4B in non-general funds in FY20
 - Funded through federal reimbursement and hospital tax

Access to Services: Key questions

- Are Medicaid provider networks sufficient to ensure access to health-care services?
- Are there strategies Virginia can use to better ensure Medicaid enrollees have access to health care?

JLARC Briefing: September 16th

Eligibility Determination: Key questions

- Is eligibility for Medicaid being determined in a timely manner given the increased workload for Medicaid expansion?
- Are Virginia's policies and processes ensuring accurate eligibility determinations?

JLARC Briefing: October 7th

Spending and Enrollment: Key questions

- How has Medicaid spending and enrollment compared to projections for FY19?
- Did Virginia realize expected general fund savings in other programs as a result of Medicaid expansion?

JLARC Briefing: December 16th

COMPASS Waiver: Key questions

- What is the status of the CMS review process for the COMPASS waiver application?
- What progress has been made in planning for the implementation of the COMPASS waiver?
- What is the status of lawsuits in other states related to Medicaid work and community engagement requirements?

JLARC Briefing: Fall 2019

Questions?

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