

POLICY MANUAL

State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

POLICY 4010 (CSB) 83-6 Local Matching Requirements for Community Services Boards and Behavioral Health Authorities

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References §§ 37.2-500, 37.2-509, 37.2-601, and 37.2-611 of the Code of Virginia
Current Community Services Performance Contract

Background Sections 37.2-500 and 37.2-601 of the Code of Virginia authorize the Department to provide funds to assist cities and counties in establishing, maintaining, and promoting the development of mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services. Sections 37.2-509 and 37.2-611 establish criteria for allocation of these funds to community services boards and behavioral health authorities, hereinafter referred to as community services boards or CSBs, by the Department and limit these allocations to no more than 90 percent of the total amount of state and local matching funds provided for operating expenses, including salaries and other costs, or the construction of facilities, unless a waiver is granted by the Department pursuant to policy adopted by the Board. This provision establishes the minimum local matching funds requirement reciprocally at 10 percent.

Historically, the Department has encouraged CSBs to pursue revenues aggressively and to maintain the highest level of local matching funds possible so that they can provide more services to individuals with mental health or substance use disorders, intellectual disability, or co-occurring disorders who need those services. In this policy, references and provisions are updated to reflect people first language and current terminology. Mental health and substance use disorders and intellectual disability refer to the conditions that individuals have, while mental health, substance abuse, and mental retardation refer respectively to the services that address those conditions. Also, individual receiving services is beginning to replace consumer. Periodically, economic conditions cause some local governments to limit or reduce funds available for human services. Decreased local matching funds and additional allocations of state funds have made the maintenance of high local match levels more difficult for some CSBs.

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Purpose Promote maximum financial support for community mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services from local governments. This policy also is intended to afford enough flexibility for CSBs and the Department to accommodate local matching funds shortfalls and still preserve current state grants and obtain additional state funds to maintain and expand services.

Policy It is the policy of the Board that the following revenues are acceptable as local match for grants of state funds:

- local government appropriations;
- philanthropic cash contributions;
- in-kind contributions of space, equipment, and professional services; and
- interest revenue in certain circumstances.

All other revenues, including fees, federal grants, and other funds and uncompensated volunteer services are not acceptable as local match.

It is also the policy of the Board that a CSB should maintain the same match ratio of all state to local matching funds which existed in the preceding fiscal year whenever possible. Exhibit A in the CSB's Community Services Performance Contract displays total local matching funds and the local match percent. If sufficient revenues are not available to continue the same ratio, then a CSB should maintain at least the total amount of local matching funds received in the preceding year. Local matching funds shortages should be restored whenever possible because they:

- threaten the viability of existing services,
- eliminate opportunities to expand services,
- lessen chances of obtaining additional local matching funds in the future, and
- jeopardize maintenance of current state funding.

Further, it is the policy of the Board that the maximum acceptable aggregate board-wide ratio of all state to local matching funds is 90 percent to 10 percent of the total amount of those funds. If sufficient local revenues are not available to sustain at least that ratio, that is if local matching funds fall below 10 percent, the CSB can request a waiver of this policy requirement in accordance with procedures established by the Department, pursuant to § 37.2- 509 of the Code of Virginia, and distributed with the current Community Services Performance Contract. Waivers are given annually on a renewable basis if the CSB provides adequate justification, based on local economic factors, so that service reductions and their consequent adverse effects on individuals receiving services can be avoided.

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Sections 37.2- 509 and 37.2- 611 of the Code of Virginia limit state participation to 90 percent of the total amount of state and local matching funds provided to a CSB for operating expenses, including salaries and other costs, or the construction of facilities. If that state participation percentage would be exceeded because of insufficient local matching funds, it is also the policy of the Board that state funds shall be reduced by the amount necessary to comply with that limit, unless the Department has granted a waiver of the matching funds requirement pursuant to § 37.2-509 of the of the Code of Virginia, this policy, and procedures established by the Department.

Finally, it is the policy of the Board that the Office of Community Contracting shall implement this policy and monitor and evaluate its effectiveness.
