



# CONSORTIUM OF CPMT'S

YORK COUNTY, JAMES CITY COUNTY, CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG, AND CITY OF POQUOSON

# BACKGROUND

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- A regional interagency council was in place prior to the Children's Services Act. The council managed trust funds and coordinated services for children
- The region has agencies who serve multiple localities
  - Williamsburg and James City County share a School Division
  - Williamsburg, James City County, York County, and Poquoson City share a CSB and CSU
  - York and Poquoson share a social services agency
  - Health district covers all four jurisdictions.

# STRUCTURE/REPRESENTATION

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- The agency head, or designee, from:
  - Each of the three Social Services agencies (Williamsburg, York–Poquoson, James City)
  - Colonial Behavioral Health
  - Ninth District Juvenile Court Services Unit
  - Each of the three School divisions (Williamsburg–James City, York, Poquoson)
  - Peninsula Health Department
- At large members
  - One parent
  - One private provider
- Government
  - One government representative from each of the four jurisdictions.

# FUNDS MANAGEMENT

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- Funding is allocated to each jurisdiction separately from the State.
- The founding members did not recommend that each jurisdiction "pool" their funds, since those with larger allocations would be adversely affected.
- Meanwhile, nothing prevents the jurisdictions from developing a new service using a shared pot of money drawn from each allocation, provided that the distribution of services to citizens reflected the proportionate contributions of each jurisdiction. These decisions are worked out at the Policy and Management Team level.

# FAPT AND CPMT MEETINGS

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- Each Jurisdiction has their own FAPT teams and meet separately.
- Once a month Consortium of CPMTs meeting
  - Staff cases followed by each CPMT voting on funding requests
  - Strategic planning
  - OCS updates and notices
  - Shared experiences

**IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF REGIONAL  
COOPERATION, WE BELIEVE THAT A MULTI-  
JURISDICTIONAL CPMT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF  
OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**



# EASE OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Many families move within our community from one jurisdiction to another
- The CPMT Consortium model supports limited interruption in services by increasing communication and cooperation.
- It also helps to encourage new services developed pursuant to this Act to be based on ease of client access rather than on jurisdictional boundaries.
- Also, many separated parents live in two separate jurisdictions, but may need to participate in a single "community" service for their children.

# REDUCED MEETING TIME FOR STAFF

- With four jurisdictions, there potentially could be four CPMTs if a regional approach were not pursued. Such a set-up would require the representative from agencies serving more than one jurisdiction, such as mental health, court services, education, and health, to have to attend multiple meetings each month.
- This would hurt coordination efforts and be a drain on valuable human talent.
- Previous experience with setting up multiple teams, for other initiatives supported this idea..



# EASE OF SERVICE COORDINATION

- A multi-jurisdictional team has a much easier task in coordinating key services throughout the local area. The team representatives have simplified communication links, and ease of access to decision-makers.
- Furthermore, we are not left wondering what neighboring jurisdictions are doing, because they are already at the table.

# GREATER POTENTIAL FOR SERVICE ENHANCEMENT

- With an equitable sharing of resources from the combined jurisdictions, certain services can be established on a regional basis which could not be otherwise established if each jurisdiction acted alone.
- The efficiencies of size enable each locality to have reduced shares of initial start-up costs, for example.
- This also helps with contract negotiations with service providers.

# SUPPORTS EFFORTS IN SEEKING ADDITIONAL FUNDING

- Any new grant funds sought from the State typically involve a highly competitive process.
- Localities which can demonstrate an interjurisdictional approach are likely to have an advantage over those who do not.
- The size of the combined jurisdictions may help when competing with localities larger than any of our four jurisdictions.
- Reduces Competition within our region.

# BUILT IN COVERAGE, SUPPORT, & TRAINING

- Rotation of administrative tasks and meeting facilitation.
- Coverage is available for meetings and tasks.
- Interagency training covers the four jurisdictions and multiple agencies
- Agencies learn from each other on how to address CSA issues.

# WHY A CONSORTIUM?

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- Value added
  - For governing bodies
  - For the partners
  - For the children and families
- Engagement
- Communication