

# *Westmoreland County*

## **Human Services Block Grant**

-and the-

## **Needs Based Budget**

For Westmoreland Children & Youth  
and Juvenile Probation

**FY 20-21**

**Public Meeting**

# ***Purpose of Today's Meeting***

- Seek your input on the Human Services Block Grant (HSBG) to identify needs
- Seek your feedback on service needs for the Needs Based Budget (NBB), which directs funding for Children's Bureau

# ***Act 80 2012 (Block Grant)***

- Allows for State funding to be allocated to counties for locally identified county-based human services
- Allows counties to develop a uniform, consolidated process to submit plans and reports
- Pilot Program – 20 counties selected in 2012. Westmoreland County was selected when BG was expanded for FY 2013-14

# ***Additional Legislative Background***

- HB 1075 enabled the Block Grant to accept 10 additional Counties with Westmoreland County as one.
- Signed into law by the Governor on July 9, 2013
- Until 2017-18, 30 counties participated
- Block Grant opened State FY 2017-18, 5 additional Counties joined

# ***Why Participate in the Block Grant?***

## **Advantages of participating in the Block Grant:**

1. Flexibility in moving funds in the six categoricals in the same budget year to suit the needs of the County
2. Funds can be moved to the next budget year if not spent
3. Local determination of how funds are used

## **Our goal:**

Funds will not be moved at the expense of consumers/clients if at all possible

# ***County HSBG Funding Includes 6 Line Items:***

- Mental Health Community Based Funded Services
  - Behavioral Health Services Initiative (MH & D/A)
  - Intellectual Disabilities Community Based Funds
  - Act 152 Funds
  - Homeless Assistance Program Funds
  - Human Services Development Funds
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- Child Welfare Special Grants- Eliminated from HSBG 2017-18

# Timeline

- ❑ 2 public meetings via **teleconference**:
  - April 6, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
  - April 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
  - 1(877)977-1977, guest code 678-3969
- ❑ Plan will be submitted to PA Department of Human Services no earlier than June, 2020
- ❑ Plan is not consider approved by Commissioners until they vote on its approval at a public meeting. Most years this happens after its submission to the Dept. of Human Services

# *Human Services*

## *Development Fund (HSDF)*

- ❑ Safety Net Funding
- ❑ From over \$1.14 million in 2005 to \$360,493 in 2012-13 when a 10% cut was made
- ❑ FY 19-20, Served over 36,102 Westmoreland County citizens:
  - Area Agency on Aging
  - Children's Bureau
  - Westmoreland Food Bank
  - Drug Overdose Task Force



# ***Block Grant Advisory Committee***

**❑ 13 members**

**❑ Demographics:**

- 7 (54%) consumers, former consumers, family members, or professional advocates
- 12 women (92%), 1 man (8%)
- 12 Caucasian (92%), 1 African American (8%)
- 5 provider representatives
- 13 Westmoreland County residents, 1 non-resident (waiver granted due to work history)
- 9 Advisory/Board members from categoricals

# ***HSBG Steering Committee***

## **Members:**

Dirk Matson (Chairperson)- Human Services, Behavioral Health/Developmental Services/Early Intervention

Colleen Hughes- WeDAC

Carrie Lucotch- WCHA

Dante DeCario – HS Fiscal

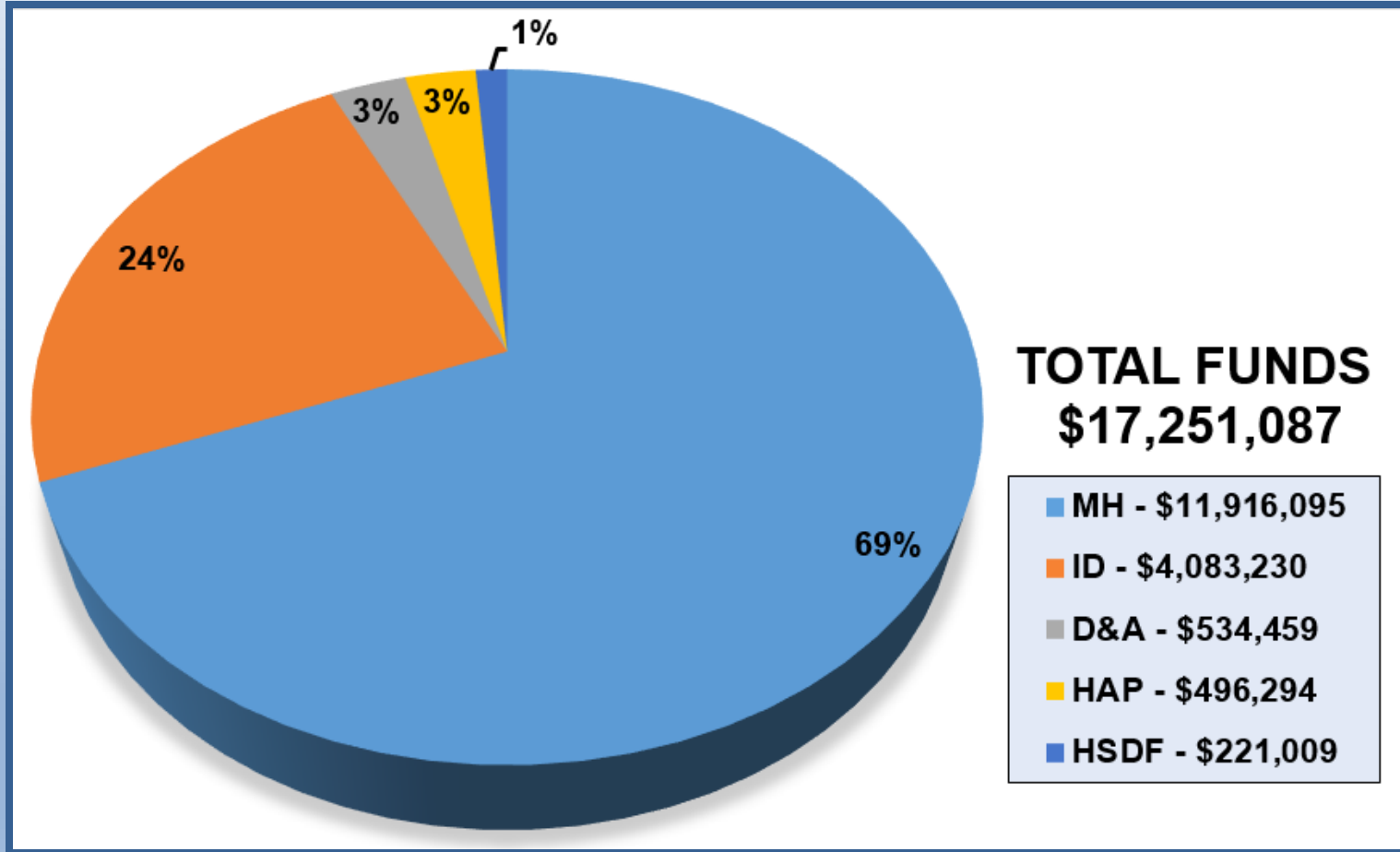
Sandy Huth – BH/IDD Fiscal

# *Leftover Funds*

- ❑ Total distributed from excess Block Grant Funds:
  - FY 15-16 carried over to 2016-17:  
\$774,220
  - FY 16-17 carried over to 2017-18:  
\$86,481
  - FY 17-18 carried over to 2018-19:  
\$730,960
  - FY 18-19 carried over to 2019-20:  
\$396,712

# HSBG Fund Proportions

(Based on FY 18-19 expenditures)



# *WCCB and Juvenile Probation NBB*

- ❑ Budget reflects all costs related to WCCB's operations / services; only reflects services to children and families provided by JPO.
- ❑ Budget is now being prepared for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (narrative due 8-15-20, budget submission due 9-1-20).
- ❑ PA will allocate an amount based on our actual costs for last Fiscal Year (2019-20) and our projected costs for the next two fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

# ***Westmoreland County Children and Youth Budget (WCCB/JPO)***

## **Fiscal Year 2018-19**

\$33,433,467 certified/approved amount  
\$31,939,725 actual amount spent

## **Fiscal Year 2019-20**

\$34,542,644 certified/approved amount  
\$32,500,000 actual amount spent

## **Fiscal Year 2020-21**

\$36,452,387 tentative budget

# *Children's Bureau Accomplishments*

- Agency's rate of achieving permanency within 12 months for youth in care 12-23 months, was 73.26%, far exceeding the national standard of 45.9%.
- Although parental drug and alcohol use continues to be the main reason for removal, representing 26% of entries, WCCB continues to be below national average of 38%, due to offering prevention services to families.
- In compliance with ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), during the last school year, the agency had 53.4% success rate with maintaining children in their home and school district. This is a 10.5% increase from the 17/18 school year.
- WCCB % of Kinship placements (97.30% Permanency within 12 Months – In Care 12-23 Months) outperforms our state and national average.
- As compared to Class 3, Western Region and Statewide counties, WCCB has:
  - Of all children who discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering foster care, currently only 1.92% reenter care, which is well under the National Standard of 8.3%;
  - Continue to have a lower placement rate of children per capita; and,
  - Monthly Kinship rates range from 40% to 47%, which exceeds the state average of 27% and the national average of 30%.

# ***Community Feedback:***

**Where are our biggest Human Service needs within the 6 Block Grant funding streams?**

- Mental Health Community Based Funded Services
- Behavioral Health Services Initiative (MH & D/A)
- Intellectual Disabilities Community Based Funds
  - Act 152 Funds, Drug and Alcohol
  - Homeless Assistance Program Funds
  - Human Services Development Funds

**What service needs should we consider for the NBB for Children & Youth and Juvenile Probation?**



# *Community Feedback:*

*Please....*

- Speak clearly into your phone / microphone.
- State your name.
- State your organization or municipality.
- State which topic you want to address - Block Grant  
or Children's Bureau Needs Based Budget.
- Limit your comments to no more than 3  
minutes in consideration of other guests.

*Thank You!*