

PA CARE PARTNERSHIP (PA SYSTEM OF CARE PARTNERSHIP)

EXPANSION AND SUSTAINABILITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. The population served specifies that the grant serves children and youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance. Can you define Serious Emotional Disturbance?**

A: Childhood SED is defined as the presence of a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder that resulted in functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits the child's role or functioning in family, school, or community activities (SAMHSA, 1993)

For this grant, the authorizing legislation for the Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) uses the phrase serious emotional disturbance. For the purpose of the grant the term serious mental health conditions can also be used.

- 2. If a county is a joinder, should the application be submitted as a joinder, or can individual counties in the joinder submit one or more applications?**

A: Counties can submit an application as a joinder to receive up to \$100,000.00 for to be used in a shared fashion for System of Care activities, or one or more joinder counties can each apply for funds and become an individual System of Care County to work on the goals and objectives of the single county.

- 3. The application documentation details that counties who are part of the grant must submit matching dollars can you explain that this entails?**

A: Matching dollars for a county do not necessitate the county to match physical dollar for dollar, but this is not prohibited. Matching dollars for this grant are calculated at 3:1 for years one (1), two (2), and three (3) and 1:1 for year four (4). Match for this grant comes from the following 1) in-kind contributions of time by youth, family members and individuals employed by the public and private agencies if they are not being funded by the System of Care Grant. Match cannot be counted for individuals if they are already being paid by federal funds. 2) a contribution of space and utilities for grant staff offices on campus with the DHS/OMHSAS/County Office/or other donated space, 3) county funds to training entity for training for System of Care trainings, 4) funds from counties for



integrated children's services planning activities that directly relate to SOC implementation, and 5) county human services funds. Documentation of in-kind time is detailed on a form that has been reviewed by our lead SAMHSA technical assistance partner and/or with meeting sign-in, forms and we have adhered to the requirements of the OMB Circular A-133.

Examples of staff used for Match: Child Welfare, Mental Health, Education, Juvenile Justice, Substance Abuse, Human Services, High Fidelity Wraparound, Department of Human Services/OMHSAS, Community Agencies, etc. (This list is not inclusive of all agencies or staff able to be used for match.)