

The background of the slide is a complex, abstract pattern of wavy, overlapping lines in shades of blue and black. The lines are dense and create a sense of movement and depth, resembling a stylized, textured surface or perhaps a close-up of a woven fabric. The overall effect is dynamic and visually engaging.

# LOCAL FUNDING COMMITTEE'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

# Local Equity and Public Safety Committee Members

- **Staff from the Designated Agency**
- **Representatives from local Specialized Service Agencies**
- **People receiving services and/or family members or guardians**
- **One or more individuals representing local community resources (e.g., Vocational Rehabilitation, schools, Department of Corrections, Area Agency on Aging, Department for Children and Families) and other interested stakeholders**
- **To meet at least monthly to review all funding proposals prepared by the Designated Agency and appropriate Specialized Service Agencies**

# Transition II Local Funding Committee Members

- **Staff from the Supportive ISO**
- **People receiving services and/or family members**
- **One or more individuals representing local community resources (e.g., Vocational Rehabilitation, schools, Area Agencies on Aging) and other interested stakeholders.**
- **Meet at least monthly to review all funding proposals for people Self or Family Managing services.**

# **DDSD Eligibility Criteria has been meet**

- **Clinical eligibility for new applicants as outlined in Regulations Implementing the DD Act of 1996**
  - **Intellectual Disability criteria met for adult or child services**
  - **Autism evaluation has all required components**
  - **Adaptive Skills Assessment completed within last 3 years**
- **Financial eligibility for new applicants, person is covered by Vermont Medicaid**
- **Person meets Funding Priority Criteria**

**Requested supports may not duplicate supports that are the responsibility of other publicly funded systems or available naturally occurring supports.**

**Confirm requested supports are not available through other available resources.**

This includes but is not limited to:

- Natural Supports
- Local Resources/Grants/Community Partners
- Private Insurance
- Educational/School based supports
- Internal funding within agency
- Children's Personal Care Service funding
- HireAbility
- Hi Tech Nursing funding
- Non-Waiver DDS supports- TCM, FFF, FMR, and Bridge
- Choices for Care supports/services
- Traumatic Brain Injury supports/services
- Mental Health Services

## **Confirm Supports and Services requested:**

- Are based on a recent Needs Assessment
- Clearly meets Funding Priority Criteria
- Are needed to meet a newly identified need
- Will meet the unmet needs described in proposal
- Are the most cost-effective option to meet person's unmet needs
- Follow all funding limitations and rules in DDSD's System of Care, Regulations Implementing the DD Act of 1996, state and federal Medicaid regulations and any other policy or guideline which relates to funding

# Funding Priorities

**Health and Safety:** Ongoing, direct supports and/or supervision are needed to prevent imminent risk to the individual's personal health or safety. **Priority is for adults aged 18 and over.**

a. **"Imminent"** is defined as presently occurring or expected to occur within **45 days.**

b. **"Risk to the individual's personal health and safety"** means an individual has substantial needs in one or more areas that without paid supports put the individual at serious risk of danger, injury or harm (as determined through a needs assessment).

**Public Safety:** Ongoing, direct supports and/or supervision are needed to prevent an adult who poses a risk to public safety from endangering others. To be considered a risk to public safety, an individual must meet the Public Safety Funding Criteria. **Priority is for adults aged 18 and over.**

**Preventing Institutionalization - Nursing Facilities:** Ongoing, direct supports and/or supervision needed to prevent or end institutionalization in nursing facilities when deemed appropriate by Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR). Services are legally mandated. **Priority is for children and adults.**

**Preventing Institutionalization - Psychiatric Hospitals and ICF/DD:** Ongoing, direct supports and/or supervision needed to prevent, or end stays in inpatient public or private psychiatric hospitals or end institutionalization in an ICF/DD. **Priority is for children and adults.**

**Employment for Transition Age Youth/Young Adults:** Ongoing, direct supports and/or supervision needed for a youth/young adult to maintain employment. **Priority for adults aged 18 through age 26 who have exited high school.**

**Parenting:** Ongoing, direct supports and/or supervision needed for a parent with developmental disabilities to provide training in parenting skills to help keep a child under the age of 18 at home. Services may not substitute for regular role and expenses of parenting. **Priority is for adults aged 18 and over.**

# Public Safety Funding Criteria

An individual must have proposed services that reflect offense-related specialized support needs and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- (1) Committed to the custody of the Commissioner under Act 248.
- (2) Convicted of a sexual or violent crime, has completed their maximum sentence, and there is evidence that the individual still poses a substantial risk of committing a sexual or violent offense.
- (3) Substantiated by the Department or DCF for sexual or violent abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable person and there is evidence that the individual still poses a substantial risk of committing a sexual or violent offense.
- (4) In the custody of DCF for committing a sexual or violent act that would have been a crime if committed by an adult, now aging out of DCF custody, and there is evidence that the individual still poses a substantial risk of committing a sexual or violent offense.
- (5) Not charged with or convicted of a crime, but the individual's risk assessment contains evidence that the individual has committed an illegal act and still poses a substantial risk of committing a sexual or violent offense.
- (6) Convicted of a crime and under supervision of the Department of Corrections (DOC) (e.g., probation, parole, pre-approved furlough, conditional re-entry) and DOC is actively taking responsibility for supervision of the individual for public safety. Public Safety Funding only pays for supports needed because of the individual's developmental disability. Offense-related specialized support needs, such as sex offender therapy, cannot be funded by the Department for an individual who Department for an individual who is under the supervision of DOC.

\*More detail can be found [Vermont State System of Care Plan](#) pages 33-34



## **Confirm the supports being requested are necessary**

### **Example questions to ask:**

- Why are X amount of (Home, Community, Clinical) supports needed? Could a lesser amount meet the person's needs? Why or why not?
- Could supports be provided by a contracted or natural support verses agency staff? Why or why not?
- Are current supports being fully used? If not, can current waiver funding be used? Why or why not?
- How do all or a specific support being requested meet the identified Funding Priority?
- Does all the information in proposal align? From the Needs Assessment Summary, to the narrative, to the services being requested. Do you have to assume any information because it is not included?

## **Confirm the administrative details in proposal are accurate**

### **Funding Spreadsheet:**

- Rates listed are accurate and up to date
- Support units and funding requests match narrative or write up
- Accurate start date
- USP information and funding amounts are correct
- Aligns with Agency HCBS waiver spreadsheet

### **Recommendation Page:**

- Includes a recommendation from local committee
- Recommendation matches Funding Spreadsheet
- Signature and date

Why are we talking about this?

Questions?

Thoughts?