

**Subject: SRFC Concurrent Planning
Policy Action**

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SRFC POLICY ACTION ITEMS

Resource Alignment Recommendations for Concurrent Planning as it relates to the following issues:

- 1) SRFC Strategic Plan Changes to Align with Concurrent Plan (*see enclosed*)
- 2) SRFC Outcome-Based Initiatives Changes for ALL Teams (*see below*)
- 3) SRFC Outcome-Based Initiative-Specific Changes (*see enclosed logic models for each team*)
- 4) SRFC Resource Allocation Formula for Years 4, 5 & 6 (FY 03-04; 04-05; & 05-06) (*see enclosed*)

Policy Action #1: SRFC STRATEGIC PLAN CHANGES TO ALIGN WITH CONCURRENT PLAN

See Strategic Plan with recommended changes highlighted.

Policy Action #2: SRFC OUTCOME-BASED INITIATIVE CHANGES FOR ALL TEAMS

SRFC is purposefully working on an outcome-based model, not an action team/program based model. The focus is on achieving outcomes, not funding programs. To ensure an outcome focus and prevent duplication of effort or program-driven strategies, the following expectations for **all teams** in their concurrent 3-year Plan are as follows:

- 1) **Joint planning and cost sharing:** Link Initiatives together to share resources and achieve joint outcomes. Focus resources by sharing human, financial and in-kind costs whenever possible. (Special focus on countywide initiatives such as the Ramsey Countywide Transportation Resource Center and Multi-Collaborative Mental Health Access Team (MCAT).)
- 2) **Continue to leverage additional resources** - Work to leverage additional resources to support the achievement of shared outcomes. Partner with community and public resources such as, city based programs (e.g. Parks and Recreation), faith communities, higher education (research community), county staff, public health, school districts, private funders, state offices, and/or third party reimbursements, etc...
- 3) **Involve parents and youth in planning** - What we've learned again and again is that parents and youth may not want to always be a part of professional committees, but they do like to be asked if community initiatives are making an impact. All teams need to state in their Concurrent 3-Year Plan how they will intentionally engage and involve parents and youth in the planning, implementation and evaluation of their efforts.

Policy Action #3: SRFC OUTCOME-BASED INITIATIVE-SPECIFIC CHANGES

Some REFINEMENT of outcomes must occur at the Design Team level. Members of the SRFC Resource Alignment Committee will work with representatives from the Design Team to refine the outcomes of the initiatives and set benchmarks that each team can achieve as it relates to our overall goal of enhancing the health, learning, and safety/security of children, youth and families experiencing at-risk circumstances in Suburban Ramsey County. All initiatives that are funded with LCTS dollars via SRFC must report their outcome findings to SRFC.

Policy Action #4: SRFC RESOURCE ALLOCATION FORMULA FOR YEARS 4, 5 & 6

- 1) In our current 3-Year Plan, we have a 1-year funding reserve. The board determined that a whole year reserve is not necessary for our Concurrent Plan. (See allocation grid for details).
- 2) All "Year 3 funds" must spent by June 30th, 2003 or returned to the SRFC office. We will be asking for all unspent funds at the end of Year 3 to be returned so we can re-allocate these returned funds into our next 3-Year Plan (*Years 4, 5 & 6 - FY 03-04; 04-05 & 05-06*).
- 3) We will allow carryover within the 3-year concurrent plan, Years 4, 5 & 6 as the board has in the past (See attached Carryover via Crediting Policy approved by the Joint Powers Board on 9-27-01) which reads: "Acceptable circumstances to carrying over dollars should include: expansion of services, more services or longer duration of services." (See enclosed "Guidelines for Spending LCTS funds")