



JLARC HHR Unit 2019 Behavioral Health Reviews

JLARC ongoing review of HHR

- 2018 Appropriation Act requires ongoing review and evaluation of HHR agencies and programs
- Study topics directed by JLARC, with input from Joint Subcommittee on HHR Oversight
- Members and Committees may request studies

2019 HHR projects

- Review of STEP-VA implementation
- Review of CSB funding
- Ongoing oversight of Medicaid expansion
- Support work on individual insurance market reforms by the Joint Subcommittee for HHR Oversight

STEP-VA: Background

- STEP-VA initiated during 2017 session
 - Expands required services at all CSBs
 - Goal of providing consistent access to quality services and increasing accountability statewide
- Legislation requires full implementation by July 2021
 - Same day access and primary care screening to be completed by July 2019

Chapter 607, 2017 Acts of Assembly

STEP-VA: Key questions

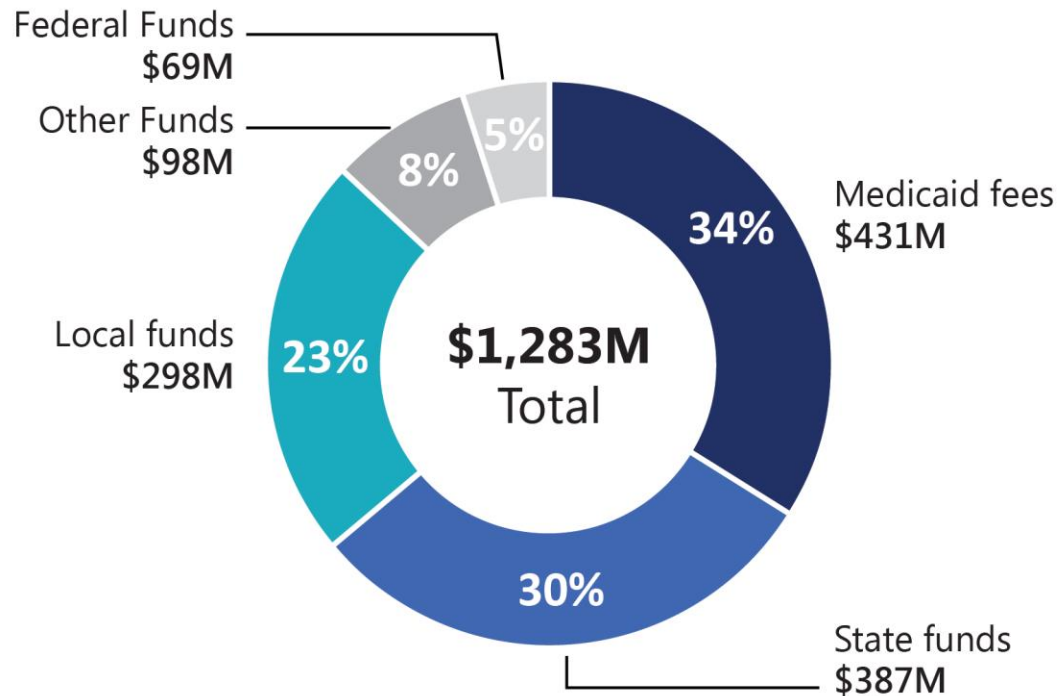
- To what extent is initial implementation enabling CSBs to meet STEP-VA's overall goals?
- Is there an adequate plan in place to support the full implementation of STEP-VA by July 2021?

STEP-VA: Study approach

- Interviews with DBHDS staff; review of STEP-VA plans and budget documents
- Perspective of CSBs on implementation and planning
 - Interviews and site visits
 - Survey of all 40 CSBs
- Review of other states' implementation of similar transformations

CSB Funding: Background

- Requested by Commission on Mental Health Services in the 21st Century
- CSBs received \$1.3 billion in total funding in FY18



CSB Funding: Requested information

- Inventory of all funding sources for each CSB
- Criteria used to allocate funds for major funding sources
- Alternative models used for (i) public behavioral health services in other states and (ii) other public services in Virginia
- Potential impact of using alternative models to fund public behavioral health services in Virginia

CSB Funding: Study approach

- Analyze budget and spending data from all 40 CSBs
- Understand other states' programs and other programs in Virginia
 - Documents related to funding and structure
 - Interviews with program staff
- Sensitivity analysis on how alternative funding approaches would impact Virginia's CSBs

Report timeline

- Reports and briefings to JLARC at June meeting (scheduled for June 17th)
- Reports shared with Commission on Mental Health in the 21st Century at that time
 - Additional briefings and materials provided as requested