

CHAPTER 256M

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT

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256M.10 DEFINITIONS.

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Subd. 5. Former children's services and community service grants. "Former children's services and community service grants" means allocations for the following grants:

- (1) community social service grants under section 252.24 and Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 256E.06 and 256E.14;
- (2) family preservation grants under section 256F.05, subdivision 3;
- (3) concurrent permanency planning grants under section 260C.213, subdivision 5;
- (4) social service block grants (Title XX) under Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 256E.07; and
- (5) children's mental health grants under Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 245.4886 and 260.152.

[For text of subd 6, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 10 art 1 s 58

256M.30 SERVICE PLAN.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 2. Contents. The service plan shall be completed in a form prescribed by the commissioner. The plan must include:

- (1) a statement of the needs of the children, adolescents, and adults who experience the conditions defined in section 256M.10, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), and strengths and resources available in the community to address those needs;
- (2) strategies the county will pursue to achieve the performance targets. Strategies must include specification of how funds under this section and other community resources will be used to achieve desired performance targets;
- (3) a description of the county's process to solicit public input and a summary of that input;
- (4) beginning with the service plans submitted for the period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2007, performance targets on statewide indicators for each county to measure outcomes of children's mental health, and child safety, permanency, and well-being. The commissioner shall consult with counties and other stakeholders to develop these indicators and collect baseline data to inform the establishment of individual county performance targets for the 2006-2007 biennium and subsequent plans; and
- (5) a budget for services to be provided with funds under this section. The county must budget at least 40 percent of funds appropriated under sections 256M.01 to 256M.80 for services to ensure the mental health, safety, permanency, and well-being of children from low-income families. The commissioner may reduce the portion of child and community services funds that must be budgeted by a county for services to children in low-income families if:
 - (i) the incidence of children in low-income families within the county's population is significantly below the statewide median; or

(ii) the county has successfully achieved past performance targets for children's mental health, and child safety, permanency, and well-being and its proposed service plan is judged by the commissioner to provide an adequate level of service to the population with less funding.

[For text of subs 3 to 7, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 98 art 3 s 20

256M.40 CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ALLOCATION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 4 art 3 s 20]

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.2004]

NOTE: Subdivision 2 was also amended by Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 4, article 5, section 14, to read as follows:

"Subd. 2. **Project of regional significance; study.** The commissioner shall study whether and how to dedicate a portion of the allocated funds for projects of regional significance. The study shall include an analysis of the amount of annual funding to be dedicated for projects of regional significance and what efforts these projects must support. The commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs of the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over children and community services grants by January 15, 2005."