Using Performance-Based Contracting and Active Performance Management to Deploy Recovery Funding Effectively and Efficiently

CWDA CONFERENCE

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SOCIAL FINANCE & COUNTY-LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

Social Finance delivered training sessions and toolkits on PBC & performance management principles and is providing technical assistance to select counties

Toolkit Development



Performance-based contracting and contract management toolkits, which include best-practices, case studies, exercises, and other resources

Training Delivery



Offered a series of trainings on a voluntary, pro-bono basis, covering toolkit content interactively, and with a focus on applying concepts to real-world scenarios

Hands-On Assistance



Ad-hoc or long-term assistance to counties, to integrate concepts into current contracting & performance management processes

CURRENT STATE

Diffusion

There are several challenges associated with the way we currently fund social programs

collaboration

 Uncertainty
 Genuine uncertainty about which programs will achieve policy goals

 Accountability
 A lack of clear, pre-defined goals for program performance and how performance will be evaluated

 Reactivity
 Near-term successes are rewarded and a focus is placed solely on addressing present crises

 Systems of government are diverse and lack mechanisms of

DESIRED STATE

These challenges also suggest opportunities for improving service delivery and increasing impact

Two Simple Truths

- Some programs create better results than others. Not all social programs work equally well; and some turn out to be more (or less) effective than we initially expect.
- Better information can create better results. Faster feedback loops and greater inclusion help organizations fulfill their missions.

By changing how we fund programs—to **buy more effective programs and strengthen service delivery**—we can create greater impact.

WHY PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTS

While traditional contracts often concentrate on activities & outputs, performance-based contracts shift the focus towards beneficiary outcomes

Contract Type

Traditional Contracting

Performance-Based Contracting

Metrics Included In Contract

Activities

Outputs

Outcomes

Impact

Actions
undertaken to
deliver goods &
services indicated in
a contract

(e.g. # of workforce training sessions conducted)

Direct and tangible products from
activities of an
intervention

(e.g. # of participants completing workforce training programs)

Consequences of an intervention reflected by changes in behavior, knowledge or

(e.g. # of participants acquiring full time jobs)

attitudes

Long-term effects for a participant's future well-being.

(e.g. # of participants maintaining long-term economic mobility)

TRAINING CONTENT AND MODULES

Metric Selection



How to use logic models to build and refine a list of outputs, outcomes, and impact measures that will provide insight into the operations and efficacy of a program model

Incentives



How to incentivize performance through funding, contract renewals, public recognition, and other tactics to change behavior

Performance Management



Strategies to manage the performance of active contracts and programs using data and collaborative problem solving





Community Employment Pathways PROGRAM

CaSonya Thomas

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the **PROGRAM**





In support of the countywide Vision2Succeed initiative to strengthen the local workforce and to support and attract business within the county, the County of San Bernardino contracted with First Step Staffing, Inc. (FSS) to administer the Community Employment Pathways (CEP) program.

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The goal of this innovative program is to assist homeless, unemployed, underemployed and/or justice-system involved individuals by providing job placement and linkage to supportive services.







FSS is a non-profit corporation that uses a social enterprise alternative staffing model to provide direct employment opportunities to individuals experiencing homelessness since 2007. As part of their mission, FSS focuses on employment for system involved participants and conducts job development for second chance friendly sites.









HOURLY WAGES

\$15 - 18.50





POSITIONS

Cherry Picker Drivers (Certified)

Clamp Drivers

Forklift Drivers

General labor

Lumper (Person who unloads cargo)

Mail Sorter

Order Picker

Order Processor

Package Handlers

Packers

Reworkers

Warehouse Associates



LOCATIONS

Bloomington

Chino

Fontana

Rancho Cucamonga



CEP

Provides job placement that promotes:





Implementation timeline



2019

JUNE

Contract



2019 AUGUST

Implementation



2020

MAY

Soft launch



2020

NOVEMBER

Expanded pilot to include Probation



REFERRALS



JOB OFFERS



JOB PLACEMENTS







IMPACT

Success Story:

Freddie Bernard





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SSI APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

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CURRENT NEED

- Welfare-to-Work (WTW) participants with long term exemption
 - Alignment with CW 2.0
 - Improve income for the family
 - Improving Work Participation Rate
- Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)





ALIGNMENT TO SOAR

- Aligning application assistance with the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) model.
- SOAR is a national program designed to increase access to disability income benefit programs by SSA for eligible adults and children who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.
- WTW participants & chronically homeless individuals benefit from extra support received in applying.





PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES

- Limited providers
- Need to ensure providers have enough funding to support needed service.
- Incentives
 - Initial Application submitted within 45 days and benefits approved = 100% bonus payment
 - Initial application submitted over 45 days and benefits approved = 50% bonus payment
 - Re-consideration submitted within 45 days and benefits approved = 20% bonus payment
 - Re-consideration submitted over 45 days and benefits approved = 10% bonus payment





WHY PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT?

- Ensure all referrals, regardless of difficulty, were prioritized.
 - Avoid long waitlist for service to be provided
- Incentivize provider to submit best possible application for faster approval.
 - Sooner connection to customer
 - More thorough review of application



