

Vulnerable Children and Adults Act (VCA)

Service Plan



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Type of Service plan

Individual county plan Multi-county plan

County name: Pope	County names:
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Part A: Needs and Priorities

State the type of needs that the county will be addressing for vulnerable children and adults who experience dependency, abuse or neglect using VCA funds?

Vulnerable children

Out of home placements, respite and shelter care, intensive in-home therapy, therapeutic supports, family based skills

Vulnerable adults

Chemical Dependency and other transportation issues, vulnerable adult investigations, mental health and chemical dependency hold costs, medical assistance spend downs, guardianship and conservatorship costs

Part B: Strengths and Resources

A county has many strengths and resources to address the diverse social services needs of vulnerable children and adults. Briefly state what strengths and/or resources will be engaged (continued or implemented) to address the needs stated in Part A above?

Vulnerable children

Child protection team, retaining veteran staff, retaining quality providers, signs of safety, family group decision-making, volunteer drivers, CJJ teams and training, children’s collaborative, Blue Cross Blue Shield Growing Healthy Children and Communities grant, children’s respite grant, PSOP and SELF grants

Vulnerable adults

Monthly meetings with county attorney and law enforcement, retaining veteran staff, retaining quality providers, volunteer drivers, collaboration with regional partners such as our adult mental health initiative

Part C: Measures and Performances

Access the link below to review the county’s CY 2010 performance on VCA measures.

[CY 2010 Performance Summary on VCA Federal and State Measures](#)

Use the county’s performance summary to complete the table and questions below. In the table, enter the county’s performance on each of the measures and enter a “✓” if the standard was met, or an “✗” if the standard was not met in CY 2010. In the last two columns, set practical performance targets the county will work towards achieving in 2012 and 2013.

Federal and State Measures

Measures (abbreviated)	Standard (STD)	2010 State/County Performance			Anticipated Targets	
		State	County	STD Met? (✓ or ✗)	2012	2013
1. No repeat maltreatment w/in six mths.	≥ 94.6 %	✓ 95.1%	57.1%	X	100	100
2. Re-entered foster care w/in 12 mths.	≤ 9.9 %	✗ 24.4%	57.1%	X	0	0

3. Reunified w/in 12 mths.	≥ 75.2 %	✓ 84.5%	81.8%	V	100	100
4. Adopted w/in 24 mths	≥ 36.6 %	✓ 48.2%	100%	V	100	100
5. Two or fewer pl. settings w/in 12 mths.	≥ 86.0 %	✓ 86.8%	94.4%	V	100	100
6. Health examination w/in 12 mths.	≥ 63.5%	✗ 56.4%	42.9%	X	100	100

≥ = Greater than or equal to; ≤ = Less than or equal to; ✓ = Standard met; ✗ = Standard not met

For each measure for which the county did not meet the standard, identify the measure below and discuss what plans are in place to improve performance on the respective measure. Include what issues/barriers/challenges are hindering the county from meeting the standard, and what may need to be changed or be done differently to achieve the stated targets (add more boxes, if needed).

Measure #: 1	Repeat maltreatment: Pope County added an additional child protection staff in 2010 to alleviate high case loads. All of the children’s workers received family group decision-making training, signs of safety training, as well as other unique training opportunities. Utilizing these skills we hope will reduce the risk of repeat maltreatment to our youth.
Measure #: 2	Re-entry: Pope County utilizes a pre-placement team for youth entering and/or moving within an out of home placement. Workers have also attended Signs of Safety training. By utilizing this philosophy within the scope of their case management, we hope that will effectively reduce the rate of re-entry.
Measure #: 6	Health Exam: Pope County will implement a check list of requirements for children in placement, to make sure the requirements are being met. We will also strengthen our supervision to make sure workers are meeting the requirements.

Part D: Budget

Access the link below to review the county’s CY 2012 allocation. Use the county’s allocation to complete the budget table below.

[Vulnerable Children and Adults Act CY 2012 Allocation](#)

Fill in the proportion (percent) of the county’s VCA allocation that will be budgeted for vulnerable children and adult services for CY 2012 and beyond. Because VCA funds are directed at vulnerable children and adults, only two budget line items are listed. Subsequently, the department will apply these proportions to the most currently available allocation data. If the county changes these proportions at any time, the department should be informed by sending an email to: paul.ramcharit@state.mn.us.

VCA budget	CY 2012 and beyond
Children services	50%
Adult services	50%
Total	100%

Part E: Certification and Assurances

Federal Certifications

The federal Office of Community Services (OCS) requires the following certifications for the use of federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds (CFDA # 93.667, federal award number 0901MNSOSR, 1001MNSOSR, 0601MNSOS2). Follow the links for a complete description of each certification. Checking these boxes certifies that the county complies with these requirements for the use of SSBG funds administered through the service plan and county sub-contracting process.

- Drug Free Workplace
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/drug_free.html
- Environmental Tobacco Smoke
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/tobacco.html>
- Lobbying
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/lobbying.html>
- Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters**
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/debarment.html>

Public Input

Prior to submission, did the county facilitate a process for soliciting public input for at least 30 days on the contents of the agreement?

Yes No Was public input received/used? Yes No

Assurances

It is understood and agreed by the county board that funds granted pursuant to this service plan will be expended for the purposes outlined in Minn.Stat.§256M; that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services has the authority to review and monitor compliance with the service plan, and that documentation of compliance will be available for audit; and that the county shall make reasonable efforts to comply with all VCA requirements including documenting annual public input processes.

Service Plan Certification

Checking this box certifies that this service plan has been prepared as required and approved by the county board(s) under the provisions of [Minn. Stat. §256M](#). In the box below, state the name of the chair of the county board of commissioners or authorized designee, their mailing address and the name of the county.

Name (chair or designee)	Mailing address	County
Gordon Wagner	128 2 nd Ave SW, Glenwood Minnesota	Pope

Date of Certification: