

# "The Use of Outcome Measures for Sustainability "

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Schuylkill Alliance for  
Health Care Access

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# Schuylkill Alliance for Health Care

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Formed in 2003 with strong reliance on community partnerships including:

- ❑ 4 hospitals in Schuylkill County
  - ❑ State, County, and Municipal governments
  - ❑ Chamber of Commerce
  - ❑ PA Workforce Investment Network
  - ❑ Social service agencies, faith-based groups, local media, and educational institutions
  - ❑ Medical service providers
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# Schuylkill County, PA

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- ❑ Population 150,336 (2000 US Census)
- ❑ 95.6% identified as "white," 2.1% "black or African-American," and 1.9% "Hispanic origin"
- ❑ 40% of residents earn below \$17,500
- ❑ 9.5% at or below the poverty level
- ❑ Designated Medically Underserved Area (MUA)



- ❑ 100% Rural
  - ❑ Ranks 55<sup>th</sup> out of 67 counties in PA with unemployment
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# Eligibility

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- Resident of Schuylkill County for 90 days
  - Between 18 and 64 years of age
  - Have no or limited health coverage or cannot afford premiums or prescriptions
  - Documented income (Pay stubs, W-2, social security award letter, income tax returns, alimony, etc.)
  - Household income can be no greater than 250% of the federal Poverty Guidelines
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# Reporting Practices

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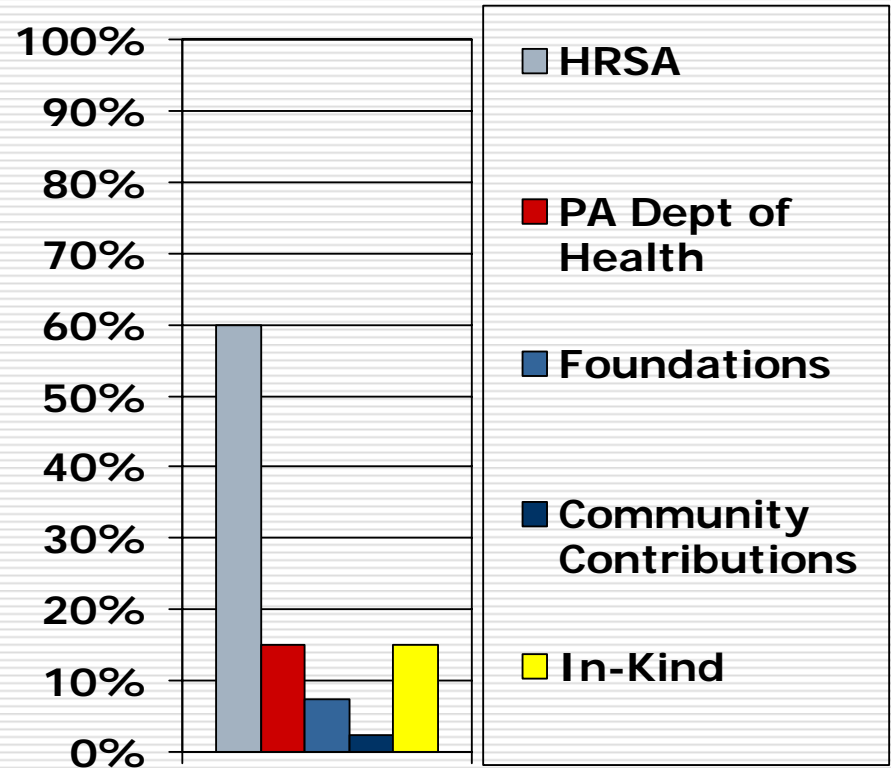
- ❑ Monthly reports to the Board of Directors
  - ❑ Annual report to Board that is available to public
  - ❑ Standard reporting to HRSA
  - ❑ Annual reporting to funding sources
  - ❑ Bi-annual reports to PA State
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# Prior Funding for the Alliance

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Five sources:

- US Dept. of Health and Human Services (HRSA)
- PA State funding
- Foundations
- Community Contributions
- In-Kind Services



# Reporting to Funding Sources

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- Current Enrollment
  - Number of Referrals
  - Discharges from Program
  - Services provided (includes medical appointments, lab work, prescription)
  - Payments to providers
  - Savings on prescriptions
  - Expenditures
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# Requesting Funding from Legislators (and Other Sources)

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- ❑ Get to know at least one person with authority in the Legislative office
  - ❑ Provide a “Fact Sheet” on ONE PAGE
  - ❑ Provide info on the demographics and number of clients served from that legislative district
  - ❑ Providers in their district that work with your organization
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## Requesting Funding (Cont.)

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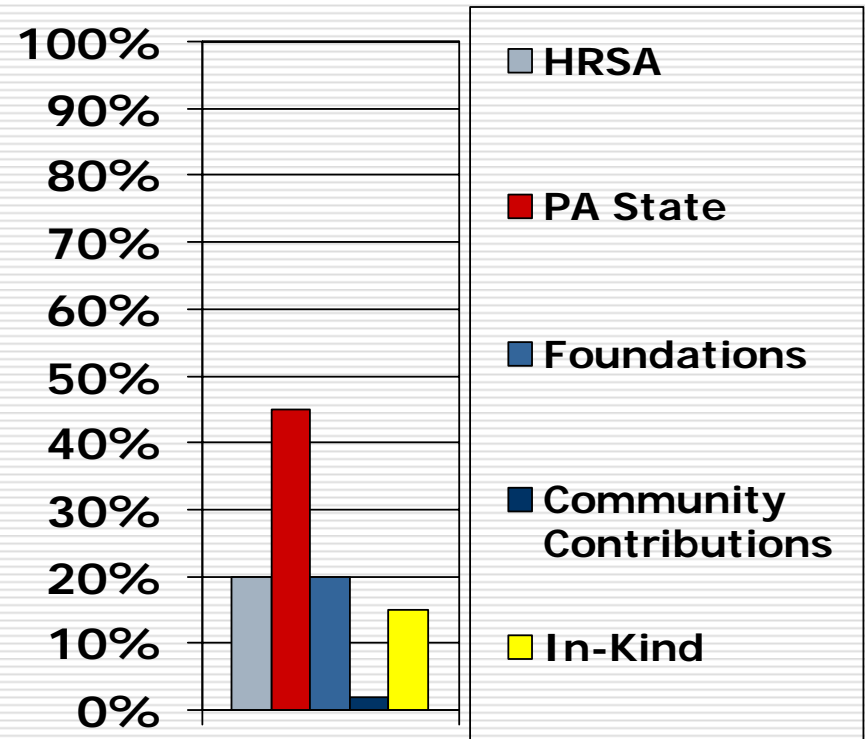
- ❑ Monthly cost of program and savings to the district in actual dollars
  - ❑ Savings in “projected dollars”
  - ❑ Ask the office for assistance with referrals and for regular input
  - ❑ Ask for assistance to recruit providers
  - ❑ Regularly report “positive information”
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# 2008 Funding for the Alliance

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Five sources:

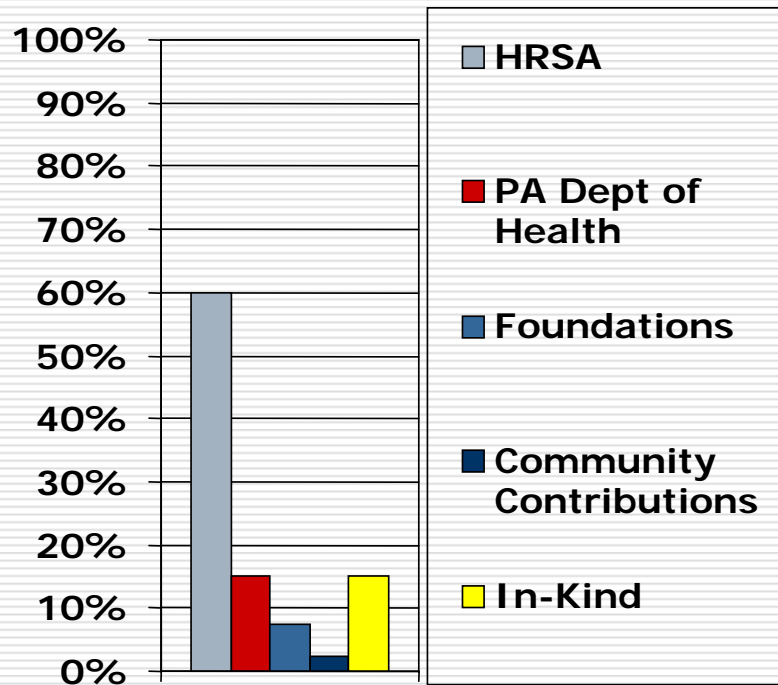
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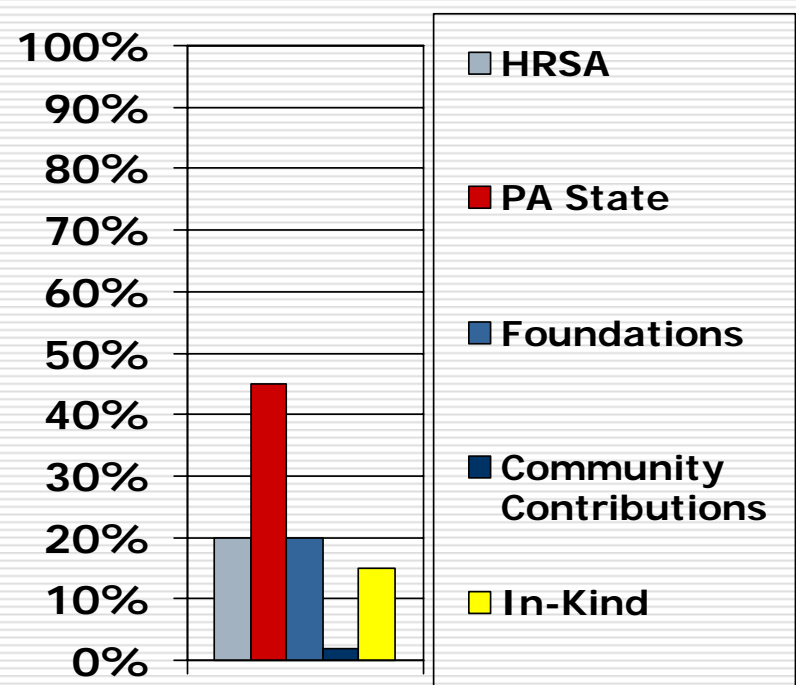
# Comparing Funding

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2003 - 2007



2008



# Demographics

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- Number of Clients
  - Age of clients
  - Average household income
  - Geographic distribution
  - Top diseases
  - Referral source
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# Questions/Comments?

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