

Plan Review: Cumberland/Salem WIB

General Comments:

- The Cumberland/Salem Plan is extremely well-developed addressing all required components of the planning guidelines.
- All sections of the Plan were clear, easy to follow, convincing, manageable and, from our perspective, able to be implemented. Since it is so readily understood it should facilitate buy-in and support from all of the planning partners and the community-at-large.
- The Plan addressed the few issues raised in the review of the Preliminary Plan.
- The Plan, however, places the success of the reorganization on the back of provision of resources. This was done without addressing whether or not the past successes have had an impact on the needs to continue existing services at the same level. Any problem with the Plan was more of tone rather than content.
- While the Plan was overwhelmingly well received by the Review Team, the comments from UI raise a question as to the inclusiveness in the planning process. The Plan needs to clarify the role of UI in the planning process and in the fully integrated system.

Next Steps:

Please review the comments listed above and make any necessary revisions to your Plan. We find your plan to be of excellent quality—thoughtful and imaginative. If you would respond to the comments provided and submit an implementation plan by March 1st, we will be able to begin the formal process of approval.

Please feel free to schedule a meeting with the SETC to discuss the questions and issues related to implementation that you raised in your Plan (on pages 9 and 10).