

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

*Public Policy Committee
Phillip Rush Center, Atlanta, GA
January 12, 2018
2:30 PM*

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Jeff Graham, Chair	
Wes Sanders	Reggie Dunbar, Vice-Chair
Zina Age	Brenton Guy
Dorothy Ziemer	Dr. David Reznik
Gwen Davies	
Erick Paulk	
Melissa Beaupierre	Kontorra Davis
John Gooden	
Dr. Melanie Thompson	Sonja Tonpea
	Thomas Green
	Tiffany Cooke

Also in attendance: Johnny Kornegay, Donald R.

QUORUM:

{The presence of (3) active members of the Committee, Caucus, or Task Force shall constitute a quorum}

Yes No

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair called meeting to order at 2:35 PM with introductions of those in the room and on the conference call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

{Attach a copy of your agenda}

<i>Motion: to approve the agenda as presented by the chair</i>	
Votes For: 5	Motioned by: Ziemer
Votes Against: 0	Seconded by: Davies
Changes/Additions:	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting Date: November 10, 2017	
Votes For: 5	Motioned by: Zina Age

Votes Against: 0	Seconded by: Eric Paulk
Corrections:	

AGENDA ITEM # 3 AGENDA ITEM: Federal Issues Update

Brief Summary of Discussion: Chair distributed Dec 6, 2017 FAPP analysis of proposed FY18 federal budget. No major changes. Major concerns around Senate recommendations for HOPWA - \$26 mil cut. House is proposing \$19 mil increase for HOPWA. Current CR ends next week (Jan 19), still no budget passed for FY18, which began in Oct 2017. Some talk going around about lifting some sequestration cuts, but nothing real at this point. The budget doesn't require immediate action but there may be some needed advocacy in the coming weeks. 340b reforms: Are there 2-3 people who want to work on reviewing 340b program proposal and make recommendations for cmte action at meeting next month? The major problem that exists right now is that there's very poor monitoring so no one really knows what's going on. At this point, there is likely not much to do but pay close attention because some needed action may arise.			Old Business X New Business	
<i>Motion: N/A</i>				
<i>Action to be taken:</i>				
# of Votes For:	# of Votes Against:	Motioned By: Seconded By:	Motion Passes <input type="checkbox"/>	Motion Fails <input type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA ITEM # 4 AGENDA ITEM: State Issues Update

Brief Summary of Discussion: AIDS Watch in Georgia will be Feb 8. Agencies can participate by tabling about their organizations. Tabling will be educational only, non-lobbying, in compliance with c3 standards. Please distribute the information to your consumers. The bigger the group the better. If you have questions, email Eric Paul (eric@Georgiaequality.org) Cover Georgia Lobby Day is February 15 for Medicaid expansion. More info to come. LGBT Lobby Day is March 1. Medicaid Expansion Discussion: we know there will be some conversation around this issue at the General Assembly this year. Seems that it's still in the works with legislators.			Old Business X New Business
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<p>Hopefully it will be OK legislation. Grady lobbyists have been involved with the process. Nothing particularly notable in the Governor's budget.</p> <p>ADAP Budget appears to be flat funded. No one is hearing anything to the contrary.</p> <p>HIV Criminalization: Great report out of the Williams Institute this week on impact of HIV Criminalization laws in Georgia. It disproportionately impacts rural counties, up to 10% of HIV positive folks in rural counties have been prosecuted. Disproportionate impact on white women as well.</p> <p>Chair will distribute Williams report as well as House Study Cmte report to Cmte.</p> <p>We do have draft legislation ready to go, but it's unlikely to go anywhere at this point.</p> <p>Dept of Public Health has agreed to develop omnibus HIV reform package working with community members, but won't happen until after this legislative session because of the length of the process.</p>				
<p><i>Motion: N/A</i></p>				
<p><i>Action to be taken:</i></p>				
# of Votes For:	# of Votes Against:	Motioned By:	Motion Passes	Motion Fails
		Seconded By:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA ITEM # 5 AGENDA ITEM: Housing Issues

<p>Brief Summary of Discussion:</p> <p>City is issuing payment as they're supposed to now. Unsure if the systemic issue has been resolved. Sandra and Emily are still working on their paper. We're reaching out to Mayor Bottoms' transition team, hopeful to have a meeting soon. This will likely require more thinking and action. The conversation will continue at future meetings.</p>			Old Business
			New Business
<p><i>Motion: N/A</i></p>			
<p><i>Action to be taken:</i></p>			
# of Votes For:	# of Votes Against:	Motioned By:	Motion Passes
		Seconded By:	<input type="checkbox"/>

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 9, 2018

NEXT MEETING TIME: 2:30 PM

NEXT MEETING LOCATION: Phillip Rush Center

Time Meeting Adjourned: 3:33 PM

Attested by: _____ *{Chair's Signature}*

Minutes Approval Date: _____

