

**Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council
The Loudermilk Center
40 Courtland Street
Ann Kramer Room
Atlanta, GA 30303
January 19, 2012
9:00 AM**

Voting Members Present

Trevalle Ambrose
Dwight Curry Anderson
Robert Anderson
Antoinette Barnes
Jessica Cole
Teresa Connell
Larry Cook, 1st Vice Chair
Michael DeMayo
Reggie Dunbar, III
Gene Farber
Chris Fields
Dolph Ward Goldenburg
Jeffery Graham
Carolyn Hodge - Armstrong
Patrick Kelly
James Lark
Stephanie Laster
Jacqueline Lee

Larry Lehman
Katherine Lovell
Robert MacLean, 2nd Vice Chair
Alecia McFarland
Harvinder Makkar
Phyllis Malone
Darryl Mitchell
Jeffrey Mitchell
Jacque Muther
Trevor Pearson
Necaela Penn
Nicole Roebuck
Moneta Sinclair
Carolyn Stephens
Willie Lee Thomas
Hermeyone Wilson
Del'Rosa Winston

Voting Members Not Present

Walter Bradley
Cheryl Courtney - Evans
Robert Di Vito
Dazon Dixon – Diallo, Chair
Sharron Fickling
Terry Gardner
Marvin Ghourm
Tracie Graham
Ruby Lewis - Hardy
Marisol Lopez

Jeanette Nu'Man
Brain Palmer
David Reznik
Sanjay Sharma
Laura Siesko
Bruce Stagner
Daniele Thrope
Sean Williams
Dorothy Zimmer

The Planning Council meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by 1st Vice Chair Larry Cook, with a request for a moment of silence for those we have lost to HIV/AIDS.

A motion was made, and seconded and passed to adopt the January 19th Planning Council agenda.

A motion was made, and seconded and passed to adopt the November 17th Planning Council minutes.

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Consumer Caucus: Phyllis Malone - The Consumer Caucus met on Wednesday, January 18th at 1237 Ralph David Abernathy. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at SisterLove Motherhouse located at 1237 Ralph David Abernathy. The Caucus has scheduled their evening meetings to be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday, of each quarter.

AAOI Update: Heremyone Wilson - AAOI will be held on February 18th & 19th, 2012 at the Loudermilk Center. AAOI registration was extended until Tuesday, January 31st and already 303 individuals have registered, with 22 children for childcare. The next annual AAOI fundraiser "Jazz for a Cause" will be held on Thursday, January 26th at Acoustix Jazz Restaurant & Lounge located at 840 Marietta Street Atlanta with a special performance by Alex Bugnon. Tickets are \$20.00 and for more information visit www.jazzforacause.eventbrite.com

Community Planning Group: Larry Cook - The Community Planning Group met Tuesday, November 14th & Wednesday, November 15th in Savannah to recap previous meetings. The next Community Planning Group meeting will be held Monday, February 20th & Tuesday, February 21st in Atlanta.

Grantee Update: Kandace Carty - The Request for Proposal was released on Monday, January 9th with a deadline date of Friday, March 9th. The Grantee's office held a Community Outreach Workshop on Monday, January 9th with six (6) agencies in attendance. There will be two mandatory Technical Assistance Workshops held at the Atlanta – Fulton Public Library – Mechanicsville Branch on Tuesday, January 24th for Currently Funded Agencies (9:00 AM to 12 :00 PM) & Wednesday, January 25th for Not Currently Funded Agencies (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM)

The Outside Review Committee met Friday, December 16th at the Loudermilk Center to allocate the additional Supplemental funding the EMA received (\$1,943,189). Fourteen (14) applications were received from Currently Funded Applications totaling \$1,468,568, leaving a remaining balance of \$474,620. After the applications were reviewed, the Committee approved \$1,299,114 in requests, leaving a remaining balance of \$644,074. The Grantee noted that in addition there could be additional Administrative and/or Planning Council Funds bringing the total of FY 2011 unawarded funds to approximately \$700,000.

Priorities Committee: Jeffrey Mitchell - **Action Item-** The Priorities Committee met on Wednesday, January 11th at the Fulton County Government Center to discuss the allocation of unawarded funds. The Grantee provided an update on the recent ORC process, the availability of unawarded funds, and a recommendation that the Priorities Committee reconsider one of their previously approved funding scenarios regarding ADAP and/or HCIP. Mr. William Lyons and Ms. Libby Brown from the Georgia Department of Public Health presented a proposal to offset ADAP expenses.

Discussion:

The Planning Council raised some concern about the remaining funds being allocated to the State ADAP program and why the State is currently accepting or is need of the additional dollars. The Council was then informed that as of January 5, 2012, there are 1,287 clients on the ADAP waiting list, with 67% enrolled within the EMA sites. The additional funds would provide services for 749 Grady clients at the cost of \$700,315 (\$677,845 medications + \$22,470 dispensing/ administrative fee) The Grantee

explained that the funds would not be given to State, but to Grady for 749 of their clients on the ADAP waiting list. In addition, it would allow 64 persons to be removed from the waiting list. The Planning Council also questioned if other options were considered to expend the unawarded amount. Ms. Carty informed the Council there is not enough time for the Grantee's office to do another RFP and have another ORC process and implement contracts before the end of the fiscal year.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to use any remaining and unawarded funds at the end of the FY11 year for the State ADAP Program. Yes: 29 No: 2

Comprehensive Plan Update: Katherine Lovell – The Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council 2012 – 2014 Comprehensive Plan is ready for review. The draft of the plan will be available on the Grantee's website at <http://www.co.fulton.ga.us/ryan-white-home> and available for commenting from Friday, January 20th - Thursday, February 2nd all comments should be sent to RWhiteProjects@fultoncountyga.gov . The Planning Council will vote at the March 15th meeting on whether to approve the plan, prior to submittal to HRSA in May.

Committee Updates:

Membership Committee: Hermeyone Wilson - The Membership Committee held Membership Orientation on Friday, December 8th at the Loudermilk Center and 32 participants who attended. The Committee also met following Orientation to discuss seven (7) voting members who have missed two (2) consecutive meetings. Letters were to the members informing them they must to attend today's meeting or jeopardize their voting membership status. At large members were identified as replacements if the voting members were not in attendance. Necala Penn has been appointed as the Membership Committee co-chair.

Assessment Committee: Steven Bales - The Assessment Committee met Wednesday, January 4th and developed their work plan. The Assessment Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Positive Impact. The next meeting will be held on February 1st from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Council Procedures Committee: Larry Lehman - The Council Procedures Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 1st at Fulton County Health & Human Services building located at 137 Peachtree St., S.W. Atlanta from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Committee will review the Grievance procedures, and the Consumer Caucus by-laws, and discuss appointing Consumers as co-chairs of the Planning Council Committees.

HOPWA Committee: Dolph Ward Goldenburg - The HOPWA Committee will meet Friday, January 27th at Grace United Methodist Church to set the meeting schedule for the year, select a Committee co-chair, and work on their workplan.

Public Policy Committee: Jeff Graham - The Public Policy Committee met Tuesday, January 17th and discussed HRSA 10% Indirect and Administrative Cost. The Public Policy Committee is recommending drafting a letter to HRSA in behalf of the Metropolitan Atlanta Health Services Planning Council to request a waiver of the 10% indirect and Administrative Cost Cap requirement.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed to draft a letter to HRSA to request a waiver of the 10% Indirect and Administrative Cost cap requirement.

Mr. Larry Cook, 1st vice Chair requested a motion to have the Planning Council meeting extended to hear Committee updates and public forum.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to extend the Planning Council meeting by an additional 10 minutes.

The Public Policy Committee will host citizen Lobby Training Saturday, January 28th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Phillip Rush Center located at 1530 DeKalb Ave. On Wednesday, February 22nd, "Georgia AIDS Watch to Save ADAP" will start at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capital 3rd floor. The Committee has invited the Consumer Caucus to attend. There will be action alerts coming forth.

Quality Management Committee: Nicole Roebuck - The Committee is currently working on their 2012 workplan. The Committee's 2nd quarter newsletter was e-mailed to the Planning Council. Trevor Pearson has been appointed the Quality Management co-chair. The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Grady IDP room 354.

Public Forum:

Charles Fuller: The Veterans Hospital has a Veterans HIV Support Group that meets every Wednesday from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the training Center.

Dwight Anderson: Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness is offering "Together for Life" support group that meets every Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Laster: SisterLove will be hosting Hepatitis C & HIV training on Wednesday, February 15th at 2:00 p.m. at 1237 Ralph David Abernathy.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.