

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness
4th floor Conference Room
99 Jesse Hill Jr., Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
November 21, 2013
9:00 a.m.

REVISED

Voting Members Present

Jim Bacon	Shirley Love
Deb Bauer	Katherine Lovell
Hermeyone Bell	Harvinder Makkar
Jerona Blue	Phyllis Malone
Sonya Chapman	Jacque Muther
Teresa Connell	Jeanette Nu'Man
Cheryl Courtney Evans	Trevor Pearson, 1 st Vice Chair
Michael DeMayo	David Reznik
Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair	Michael Robinson
Reggie Dunbar, III	Nicole Roebuck
Gene Farber	Lisa Roland
Chris Fields	Sanjay Sharma
Jeff Graham	Peter Thibodeaux
Mikki Hollinger	Masonia Traylor
Priti Kolhe	Timothy Young
James Lark	Timothy Webb
Stephanie Laster	Norris Williams
Ken Lazarus	Sean Williams
Larry Lehman	

Voting Members Not Present

Walter Bradley	Marisol Lopez
Larry Cook, 2 nd Vice Chair	Albert Mitchell
Robert Di Vito	Terry Stidom
Sharron Fickling	Tiajuanna Thames
William Francis	Andrea Thrasher
Charles Fuller	Del'Rosa Winston
Patrick Kelly	

The Planning Council meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chair, Dazon Dixon Diallo.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the November 21st Planning Council meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the revised September 19th Planning Council minutes.

Consumer Caucus Update: James Lark – The Consumer Caucus met on Wednesday, November 20th at AID Atlanta from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Caucus elected Timothy Webb as Vice Chair for the Caucus. Mr. James Lark was re-elected as the Caucus Parliamentarian. The Caucus next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18th.

AAOI Update: Freda Jones – The theme of AAOI is “Our Community Our Responsibility” AAOI will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at the Loudermilk Center from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. AAOI registration forms are available. Hermeyone informed the council that this year’s AAOI event will include sessions on Transgender, five (5) Youth workshops, ACA workshops to help individuals to have a better understanding of the new Health Care Market and on-site registration will be available. AAOI is in need of Abstracts on Physical Health, and Emotional Health. All abstracts are due Friday, December 20th. Volunteers are needed for the event. The next AAOI planning meeting will be held today, Thursday, November 21st at 2:00 p.m. at Absolute Care located at 2140 Peachtree Street.

Grantee Update: Patrick Daly –

- The 2014 HRSA Grant application was completed and submitted prior to the October 9th deadline. The amount of the request is \$23,442,079. HRSA’s Outside Review committee will begin reviewing applications in January 2014.
- A Residual RFP was issued on September 20th to currently funded primary care and oral health agencies for proposals for the additional \$499,294 award in our FY13 award. The Priorities Committee recommended that these funds be distributed 50/50 between the Primary Care and Oral Health Priority Categories. In addition, the Grantee identified approximately \$71,598 in FY12 carryover funds which the Priorities Committee recommended that \$29,598 be allocated to the Primary Care Category with priority for funding being given to laboratory services to allow primary care sites to see new patients and/or to decrease the wait time for new appointments. Total available: Primary Care Priority Category: \$279,245 (\$249,647 + \$29,598) Oral Health Priority Category: \$249,647. All Primary Care dollars were awarded with \$52,107 remaining unawarded in the Oral Health category. Contract modifications were completed and have an effective date of Nov. 1st. The Committee and the Grantee expressed concern that funds allocated to Oral Health go continue to go requested or are redirected to other priority categories through budget revisions. The Grantee will: (1) contact currently funded primary care and oral health providers and inform them that funds are still available and (2) convene a meeting of oral health providers, agency programmatic designees, and 2 to 3 consumers to address any operational problems in our current system (how many people turned away, what are the agencies policies to see patients, how do/can non-Ryan White clients receive care, what are some systemic barriers, and what scope of services do they provide).
- SEATEC and the Grantee’s office have identified the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care (GAPHC) as a resource who can provide help build capacity for billing 3rd party insurance and help Ryan White funded clinics become providers for private insurance and maximize billing to increase revenue. Several agencies have indicated a desire to receive this TA.

- The Grantee has prepared Health Care Consumer education information documents for both Consumers and Providers that will be posted on the Ryan White website. The documents include: a sheet on Healthcare Reform and You, a Road Map to Healthcare tool which is a Client Health Care Reform Passport that clients can complete before contacting a case manager or Health Insurance Navigator, and links to additional resources. All documents will be posted on the Ryan White website by close of business Friday, November 15, 2013. Renard McKenzie, Database Specialist and Sandra Vincent, Planning Council Project Officer will be working with Fulton DoIT to get the information posted as quickly as possible on our website. This information will also be distributed to the Agencies.
- The Grantee Office is finalizing plans for a Consumer Forum to provide Ryan White clients with information they will need to make the transition to the new Health Care System. Agencies which have already done significant work in this regard have been contacted for resources (written materials, speakers, etc.) and participation. A draft agenda has been prepared for the upcoming meeting and some of the topics that will be discussed are:
 1. What is the Affordable Care Act?
 2. How does it affect PLWH?
 3. What about the Ryan White Program? Does it go away?
 4. How do I know if I am eligible for Insurance?
 5. How do I access Insurance? Who can help?
 6. What if I need help with my Insurance Premiums or Insurance co-payments? The anticipated date for the Forum is Tuesday, December 3rd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. An announcement will be made later on a specific location.
- The Grantee reviewed the Assessment Committee's document entitled "Planning Our Response to the Affordable Care Act" and will provide responses to some of the questions that we have to date.
- After a minor delay due to staffing changes at Cicatelli, the Grantee is back on track in its discussions regarding the proposed scope of work and cost estimates. There are several supplemental tasks that we want added to the proposal, so they are providing us with an updated estimate. We are still on track to begin training before February 2014.
- Providers will have an opportunity to receive TA from SEATEC on December 11th that will focus on assisting providers to enroll in billing and help them to maximizing revenues. SEATEC staff will send the meeting details to our providers.
- The Grantee is working with primary care sites to certify and re-certify clinics for 340B pricing. Sites were asked to make any necessary change on the OPA website to that our office and accept the changes and begin the certification process. Some clinics have not yet responded so the Grantee will follow up with them.
- The Council Procedures Committee asked to Grantee to provide proposed governance structure for Planning Council. Language was provided and will most likely be discussed at the next Council Procedures Committee meeting.
- The Grantee was collaborating with the state to secure a vendor, but has since hired a contractor to: Conducting online research to identify potential automated payment vendor resources, prepare a scope of work to be conducted by potential vendors, prepare report that summarizes information on each

identified vendor, including estimated costs, and to contact identified vendors to obtain information about available services as well as cost estimates (e.g., estimated transaction fees). We have a meeting scheduled next week with an interested vendor. We have begun drafting policies and procedures, including the client application process, for the new HIP service. Also we are contacting other EMAs for any HIP for tools they have developed regarding enrollment.

- On Wednesday, November 20th the Grantee's office hosted a Providers meeting informing currently funding agencies of HRSA's new policy updates regarding Client Eligibility, Payer of Last Resort (including ACA and the Insurance Marketplace), and Recertification and discussed other administrative and fiscal matters . The Grantee will incorporate these policies into the Ryan White Manual used by agency programmatic and fiscal staff.

Budget Revision(s) – Action Item: Michelle Fleetwood presented several budget revision requests in the amount of \$70,340.87. Multiple agencies are requesting to move \$22,072.00 from Primary Care to APA; \$15,000.00 from Oral Health to APA; \$9,700.00 from Mental Health to Primary Care; \$10,920.00 from Mental Health to Substance Abuse; \$6,271.62 from Support Services - Psychosocial Support to Substance Abuse; \$3,377.25 from Primary Care to Support Services – food; \$3,000.00 from Substance Abuse to Support Services- Emergency Financial Assistance. (See Attached)

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the budget revision request. Yes: 33 No: 0

Committee Updates:

Assessment Committee: Jeanette Nu'Man – The Assessment Committee Completed the task of generating questions that should be considered in planning for response to ACA and documenting resources of data in the EMA. The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Positive Impact located at 139 Ralph McGill Blvd.

Comprehensive Planning Committee: Katherine Lovell – The Comprehensive Planning Committee met in October and updated the workplan. Committee Chairs were sent a reminder that all Committee workplans are due to Sandra Vincent before the next Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting in January 2014.

Council Procedures Committee: Larry Lehman - The Council Procedures Committee received the Governance/Structure information from the Grantee's office. The Committee is also reviewing how Committee chairs are appointed.

Evaluation Committee: No Report

HOPWA Committee: James Lark – The HOPWA Committee met Tuesday, November 12th at the Mechanicsville Library and started the process of developing a resource booklet on housing. The Committee will meet quarterly on the following dates: February 20th, June 19th and October 16th from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The location is to be determined.

Membership Committee: Hermeyone Bell – The Membership Committee met August 26th and revised its meeting calendar for the year and reviewed Membership Standard Operating Procedures. The Committee also reported that Membership Orientation took place prior to the seating of the Planning Council this year. On October 29th the Membership Leadership Institute met and concerned was expresses that all Co-Chairs were not in attendance and, those who were, registered concern about individuals not being present. The next Leadership Institute will be held in February 2014. This month will mark the graduation of the prior year’s Leadership Class. The 2014 institute will be open to any Consumer wishing to develop leadership skills.

Public Policy Committee: Jeff Graham – The Public Policy Committee met on November 13th with representatives from SEATEC in attendance. The Committee reviewed questions from the Assessment Committee and will provide a responses relative to the questions that should be handled by Public Policy Committee. The Committee discussed several concerns relative to Health Care Reform. The issue of HIV medications listed as Tier 4 specialty medications on insurance company formularies was a major topic of discussion and area of concern. The Committee suggested that the Medical Task Force be re-convened to meet at a minimum of twice per year (during enrollment period and six months after enrollment) to monitor the formulary list.

Priorities Committee: No Report

Quality Management Committee: Nicole Roebuck - The Quality Management Committee met on Thursday, November 7th at Grady IDP. SEATEC is working on a final report for the Client Satisfaction Survey. Statewide Client

Public Forum

Reggie Dunbar, III informed the Council that there are housing vouchers available for homeless Veterans. For more information contact Reggie Dunbar, III at reggiedunbar2002@yahoo.com.

Dwight Anderson Informed the council that every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. “Together for Life” support group meets at the Fulton County Health Department.

Jeff Graham announced that Georgia Equality will host a Town Hall meeting for the LGT Community on Wednesday, December 11th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at 1530 DeKalb Ave.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to extend Planning Council an additional 5 minutes.

Stephanie Laster announced that Sisterlove has a women’s support group that meets every 3rd Thursday

On Tuesday, December 3rd from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sisterlove will be hosting a lunch and learn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.