

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL  
Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness  
4<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room  
99 Jesse Hill Jr., Drive  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
September 19, 2013  
9:00 a.m.

**Voting Members Present**

Deb Bauer	Ken Lazarus
Hermeyone Bell	Larry Lehman
Jerona Blue	Katherine Lovell
Walter Bradley	Harvinder Makkar
Sonya Chapman	Jacque Muther
Larry Cook, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Jeanette Nu'Man
Cheryl Courtney Evans	Trevor Person, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair	David Reznik
Reggie Dunbar, III	Nicole Roebuck
Sharron Fickling	Lisa Roland
Chris Fields	Moneta Sinclair
William Francis	Terry Stidom
Charles Fuller	Willie Lee Thomas
Jeff Graham	Masonia Traylor
Mikki Hollinger	Timothy Webb
Patrick Kelly	Norris Williams
Priti Kohle	Sean Williams
James Lark	Timothy Young
Stephanie Laster	

**Voting Members Not Present**

Jim Bacon	Phyllis Malone
Teresa Connell	Albert Mitchell
Justin Daniels	Tony Redmon
Michael DeMayo	Michael Robinson
Robert Di Vito	Sharma Sinjay
Gene Farber	Tiajuanna Thames
Ruby Lewis - Hardy	Peter Thibodeaux
Marisol Lopez	Andrea Thrasher
Shirley Love	Del'Rosa Winston

The Planning Council meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Chair Dazon Dixon Diallo with introductions from the 2013 - 2014 Planning Council and Ryan White Staff. Ms. Diallo provided a brief overview of the Planning Council process for the 2013 – 2014 Council year, along with the responsibilities and duties of the Planning Council.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to extend the Planning Council meeting until 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the September 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Council agenda.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the revised August 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Council minutes.

**Consumer Caucus:** William Francis – The Consumer Caucus meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at AID Atlanta located at 1605 Peachtree Street. The Caucus met on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and is accepting nominations for the Caucus vice chair. The Caucus reviewed the draft ACA educational fact sheets from the Public Policy Committee and provided feedback. The Caucus has two questions for the Grantee regarding when and where training for the Pilot Program for Patient Navigators will begin. The Caucus congratulated James Lark and Reggie Dunbar, III for being appointed as the HOPWA Chair and Co-Chair. The Caucus is encouraging consumers to have more active participation in the Planning Council and at the Committee level. The next Consumer Caucus meeting will be Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at AID Atlanta at which the Standard Operating Procedures will be discussed.

**AAOI Update:** Freda Jones - The AAOI Planning Committee met in August and drafted the registration forms for the 2014 event. The Planning Committee is requesting newly diagnosed individuals that were diagnosed within the past 6 months and those who have fallen out of care within the past 5 years to attend the 2014 event. The Committee is also requesting volunteers for 2014. The Council recommended adding language to the registration form regarding when the individual was diagnosed. The next AAOI Planning Committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Absolute Care located at 2140 Peachtree Street. For more information, Freda Jones may be contacted at 404.231.4431.

**Grantee Update:** Patrick Daly - The FY14 Ryan White Part A application is due to HRSA by October 9, 2013. HRSA conducted its first webinar regarding the FY2014 application on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Grantee has contacted Cicatelli Associates, Inc. to assist in the development and implementation of the Patient Navigation Pilot Program. Cicatelli is preparing a detailed scope of work that will include estimated costs. There will be up to 5 navigators for the pilot program and training will start January 2014. There will also be an application process for individuals that would like to be a Navigator. The Grantee is working with Ryan White Part B to procure a vendor to process payments to eligible clients through Health Insurance Premium program.

The Grantee originally anticipated a carryover of \$300,000 from FY2012 dollars; However, HRSA informed the Grantee that only Formula dollars may be carried over. The carryover request was submitted for \$71,598.00. Per the Priorities Committee directive, these funds will be used to support the Patient Navigation Training Pilot (\$42K) with the remaining funds being used for Primary Care with priority given to lab services. Staff is preparing a Residual Application for the FY13 additional dollars. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be available for currently funded agencies that provided Primary Care and Oral Health. Agencies will be asked to submit an application along with a budget for the requested dollars.

**Evaluation Committee Report – Action Item:** Sandra Vincent, Planning Council Project Officer - The Evaluation Committee met Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at Grady IDP to review the 2012 Evaluation Committee Report. Fifteen agencies were provided surveys and all fifteen responded. The results were compiled in the aggregate for confidentiality, reviewed, and shared with the Grantee for comment. The overall score is “good” and reflects meeting and/or exceeding standards. Based on Service Provider responses and ratings, the Evaluation Committee has no recommendations.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to accept the FY2012 Evaluation Committee Report. Yes: 30  
No: 0

**Presentation: Populations and Communities with Disparate HIV/AIDS Outcomes:** Steven Bales & Timothy Webb from the Assessment Committee presented the final report on “Populations and Communities with Disparate HIV/AIDS Outcomes” to the Planning Council. The Committee was able to identify Fulton and DeKalb Counties with the highest number of individuals in the EMA with disparate outcomes. Transgender data was limited and the State will be contacted to acquire additional information. In its report to the Priorities Committee, the Assessment Committee developed two recommendations: To increase or maintain funding for transportation at current levels and, to consider the zip codes identified in this report to pilot any effort to support adherence and reach individuals with unmet needs.

#### Committee Updates:

**Membership Committee:** Hermeyone Bell - The Membership Committee met Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Grantee Office to set the Planning Council Roster for 2013 -2014. There were one hundred and eleven (111) applications submitted and 55 voting members were slated. The Committee exceeded the mandated 33% of the PLWH Council representation and 42% unaligned Consumers. New Membership Orientation was held on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Loudermilk Center from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with 30 members in attendance. The Leadership Institute Training will be held on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Ryan White Office.

**Comprehensive Planning Committee:** Katherine Lovell - The Comprehensive Planning Committee met Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and discussed the progress of the EMA’s Comprehensive Plan. The Committee will meet Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in room 354 at Grady IDP, room 341.

**Council Procedures Committee:** Larry Lehman - The Council Procedures Committee met Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ryan White Office. The Council Procedures Committee requested input from the Grantee on the governance/structure of the Planning Council. The Committee will reconvene at a later date to complete updating the By-laws. The Grantee will submit its recommendations as requested.

**HOPWA Committee:** James Lark – The HOPWA Committee will continue to meet quarterly. The HOPWA Chair will meet with the Planning Council Project Officer (Sandra Vincent) to develop a Committee workplan. The HOPWA Leadership Training will be held at Positive Impact. The next Committee meeting will meet in October. Time and location will be announced later.

**Public Policy Committee:** Jeff Graham – The Public Policy Committee met and drafted two ACA educational packets; one for Consumers and one for Providers for the Health Insurance Marketplace. The Consumer Caucus reviewed the packet as a beta test. The Public Policy Committee will email the final educational fact sheets to Providers for distribution at their agency. Harvard's Health Law Project will be conducting a full analysis of all private plans in the Georgia marketplace and will give a report detailing the various benefits for people living with HIV/AIDS. It is suggested that consumers and providers wait until the analysis is complete before beginning the enrollment process. While enrollment begins on October 1, it is recommended that individuals wait until November or December to begin to select plans.

**Priorities Committee:** Patrick Kelly - The Priorities Committee is a committee of non-aligned individuals that assesses service needs and recommends priority rankings and funding percentages for allocation of funds. Announcements regarding the Priorities Committee will come from Grantee Office.

**Quality Management Committee:** Nicole Roebuck – The Quality Management Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Grady IDP. The Client Satisfaction Survey results are back and will be presented at a later date to the Consumer Caucus and Planning Council.

**Public Forum:**

Timothy Webb: The AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) is conducting five (5) studies. For more information, visit [www.actgnetwork.org](http://www.actgnetwork.org).

Dwight Anderson: The “Together for Life” support group meets every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness.

Reginald Goddard, Clayton County Board of Health: The Clayton County Specialty Services Clinic is accepting new clients. The Clinic is located at 1117 Battlecreek Road Jonesboro, GA 30236.

Dazon Dixon Diallo: The 4<sup>th</sup> annual 20/20 Women’s Leading Society Award will be held Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Freight Depot located at 65 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.