

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness
99 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive
4th Floor Conference Room
9:00 A.M.
July 21, 2016

The July 21, 2016 Planning Council Meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M by Chair, Ken Lazarus.

Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Ken Lazarus opened the meeting by introducing the Ryan White recipient's office new staff members (Jocelyn McKenzie and Troy Scott). He also asked other attendees to stand and introduce themselves.

Adoption of the Agenda

James Lark stated that his name needs to be removed and Spencer Burton-Webb's name needs to be added as the chair of the Housing Committee. David Reznik moved for the adoption of the agenda. James Lark seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Approval of Minutes

Committee members reviewed the minutes and the following corrections were requested:

- David Reznik's name needs to be moved to voting members present
- Trevor Pearson's name needs to be moved to voting members absent

The adoption of the May 19, 2016 minutes was made by Bruce Garner as presented with corrections and seconded by Phyllis Malone. The minutes were adopted as presented without opposition.

Consumer Caucus Update – Timothy Webb, Consumer Caucus Chair

Timothy Webb announced that the Consumer Caucus met on July 20, 2016. He thanked the representatives from HOPE Atlanta and Positive Impact for their presentations during the meeting. The next Consumer Caucus meeting will be held at noon on August 17, 2016 at Atlanta Legal Aid, 54 Ellis Street.

Atlanta Area Outreach Initiative (AAOI) Update – Kim Moon, AAOI Co-Chair

Ken Lazarus presented on the behalf of Kim Moon, who was not present due to traveling. The 2017 AAOI opening ceremony will be held at 6 PM on February 3, 2017. The theme for the 2017 AAOI is "PrEParing for a Healthier Future". The next AAOI committee meeting will be held July 25, 2016 at 2 PM in the first floor conference room of the Ryan White offices at 137 Peachtree Street.

Recipient Update – Jeff Cheek

Jeff Cheek reported that once the final financial report is completed a request for the use of unobligated funds from FY15 will be submitted to HRSA. The close out report is due by July 30. In addition, a report for FY16 is due in August. Jeff indicated that the reports will be posted on the new Ryan White website (www.ryanwhiteatl.org) once completed.

Jeff indicated that the first \$150,000 of the Part A increase will be used for patient navigation to support clients in obtaining insurance. The patient navigation services, which will be provided by The Health Initiative, will be made available for all of the Ryan White funded providers. The remaining increase in funding will be used for rapid entry clinics to get people in care quickly until they can get established with a long term provider. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued recently to provide rapid clinic services and proposals are due July 22, 2016.

A funding opportunity for medical case management has also been released by the Ryan White Office. Under this proposal, agencies can propose to provide their own case management.

He noted that the Fulton County health department is moving to 10 Park Place, near Woodruff Park. Jeff asked for suggestions of possible meeting places for the Planning Council. Accessibility is a key issue as it pertains to identifying a new meeting place.

In response to a question from a Planning Council member, Jeff indicated that anyone who is eligible for Ryan White services will be eligible for rapid entry to care. He noted that there is a big push by HRSA and CDC to get people linked to care rapidly once diagnosed. Jeff said he does not distinguish between individuals who are newly diagnosed and those out of care and relinked. Both will be eligible for rapid care entry. At the August Planning Council meeting, Jeff will talk about other policies the Ryan White Office is looking at to decrease barriers to enrollment in Part A HIV services.

In response to a question about funding rapid clinics outside I-285, Jeff noted that Part A covers the 20 county Atlanta EMA, but the majority of services provided are in the EMA's core counties; however, not all counties are funded in the EMA. HRSA has expressed a desire to expand services for counties not currently covered. Jeff has contacted the Ryan White Part B program to see what services county health departments in those counties are currently providing for people for HIV. He is also interested in finding out whether they could expand or add services if they had a half time nurse position or expanded the time of a nurse. Jeff indicated that the State Department of Public Health uses a weighted formula to provide Part B funding. He is looking at how that formula could be adapted for Part A.

Trevor Pearson noted that in many rural areas, people who are HIV positive may be reluctant to use services in their area for fear of loss of confidentiality and of stigma. In many cases the health department is the only health care in the area. Trevor wanted to make sure that any money allocated to expand services in EMA counties not currently covered by Part A funding is used efficiently. It is also important to look at transportation support for individuals in rural

areas so they can access services. It was noted that Mercy Care recently opened a clinic providing services in targeted zip codes.

DATA Presentation – Joseph Lynn

Joe Lynn reviewed the FY 16 Clients EMA Compared Data Chart included in the Planning Council meeting packet. The table breaks data out by year for three years to identify trends and anomalies. It also includes data on clients newly diagnosed during the period (number diagnosed HIV or AIDS and got into care). Joe reported that he is working to get core services reports running again and in the future, the performance measures for the core services will be added. Joe indicated that the data for clients served is unduplicated. He was asked if it was possible to get the number of services used by clients. Joe stated that it was possible to break the data out this way, but a separate report might be needed to avoid data overload. It was noted that having the data on the services used by clients might be useful in identifying services that are in demand. Katherine Lovell noted that the Integrated Plan has a table that looks at units of service versus Full Time Equivalents of staff to help agencies see what they are being asked to do and how they are doing it. This information is available for Part B and Part D as well.

Harvinder Makkar asked about a drop in oral health care services that was seen in the Compared Data Chart. David Reznik responded that two providers in the clinic have had neck injuries which may account for why the numbers served have been a little lower. A temporary staff member has been hired.

CAREWARE training will be held August 16-17 and will include information on how to develop and run reports. Lunch is included as part of the training. Interested individuals should go to the Ryan White website and enroll. The training is free, but participants will need pay for their own parking. The training will be provided by at the Ryan White offices

Budget Update - Michele Beadles

Michele Beadles provided a review of the FY16 Priority Service categories. The table, which shows percentages for each category includes information on the first quarter agency expenditures, March through May. The table also contains information on administrative expenditures through June 30, 2016.

The second document that Michele reviewed was entitled, “Grant At-A-Glance”. The table reviewed the: budget, expenditures, unexpended funds, percentage of budget spent, and the percentage of unexpended funds for categories such as the: formula, supplemental, MAI, and FY14 supplemental. The table also noted that 95% of the formula has to be spent in order for the recipient’s office to receive supplemental and carryover in the succeeding year.

Integrated Plan Update – Katherine Lovell

Katherine Lovell indicated the draft Integrated Plan was reviewed at the May Planning Council meeting. There was a 30-day review period for Planning Council members and others to review the draft and submit suggestions. Submitted comments were reviewed. Katherine noted that

the writing team met a number of times to review the Integrated Plan goals and objectives to see where activities were unified for more than one grantee. Emphasis has also been placed on developing realistic, achievable objectives. The Final draft revisions were due to State funded consultant Kathy Whyte last week. She plans to have an updated draft by July 31 that is close to the final draft. At the August 18 Planning Council meeting, members will vote on the plan. Katherine asked Planning Council members to review the new draft as soon as possible after they receive a notice from the Ryan White Office about its availability. Any review comments should be submitted no later than August 12. She also noted that each grantee will have its own concurrence letter rather than all grantees signing one letter. Part A only received two comments on the initial draft and JPEG had no comments. The importance of reviewing and commenting on the next draft was emphasized.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Assessment Committee Chair – Jeanette Nu’man

Steven Bales, the committee co-chair reported on the behalf of the Chair, Jeanette Nu’man. He indicated that he and Jeanette met with the HRSA consultant after the July Planning Council meeting. The consultant gave them some suggestions for the use of data by the committee. He asked for committee members to provide him with updated info. The Assessment Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM at Atlanta Legal Aid at 54 Ellis Street NE Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Comprehensive Planning Committee Chair – Katherine Lovell

The Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet on August 10 at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held at Atlanta Legal Aid, 54 Ellis Street.

Council Procedures Chair – Larry Lehman

In Larry Lehman’s absence, Co-Chair Ken Lazarus reported that the Council Procedures Committee will meet on July 27 at 10 AM to review the bylaws. The meeting will be held at Positive Impact: 1117 West Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.

Evaluation Committee Chair – Armistad St. Arromand

Armistad St. Arromand indicated that the committee is looking for new members. Interested individuals should contact him or Sandra Vincent, Project Officer. A meeting was held with the HRSA Consultant to obtain feedback on the committee’s current evaluation tool. The current tool will be used this year and if changes are needed in the tool for next year, the Committee will bring the proposed changes to the Planning Council.

It was noted that a conference call was going to be held later in the day with the HRSA Consultant for Persons Living with HIV as part of a national effort to develop a standardized training packet. The call is an outgrowth of the Consultant’s recent visit to the Planning Council. Sandra Vincent reported that anyone who is interested in participating in the call at 4 PM should contact her to obtain the conference call number.

Housing Committee Chair – Spencer Burton-Webb

Spencer Burton-Webb announced that all HOPWA applications have been received. A housing fair will be held November 11 at the Loudermilk Center. The Housing Committee will meet on July 20 at noon at the Ryan White Office.

Membership Committee Chair – Stephanie Laster

Sandra Vincent gave the committee report for Stephanie Laster who is in South Africa. The committee will meet on 07/28/2016 at Noon. The meeting will be held at 137 Peachtree Street.

Policy Committee Chair – Jeff Graham

Jeff Graham reported that the Policy Committee met in June to complete a final review of all of the policy goals in the “Strategy to End HIV/AIDS in Fulton County”. The document is available on the new Ryan White website. Jeff also reported that the federal budget for next year is working its way through Congress with Ryan White programs flat funded for the coming year. Jeff reported one bit of concern that on the Senate side, Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) was eliminated from Part F, but it was restored on the House side. When the budget gets to the conference committee, hopefully SPINS will be restored as flat funding. Jeff also stated that after years of advocacy, both the House and Senate adopted the HOPWA Modernization Act which changes the allocation method. Ultimately, especially in the South, the change should be of benefit to more rural areas of the South.

Jeff reported that last Monday regulations on implementation of Rule 1557 of the Affordable Care Act went into effect. There is language as well as regulations that include stronger sex discrimination language. A Rule 1557 training will be offered next Monday at the Rush Center. The training is provider focused but consumer information is also being developed on the rule, including how a complaint can be filed.

Election run offs will be held next Tuesday in a number of counties the EMA. Jeff encouraged Planning Council members to go the My Vote page on their county website to see if there are run offs in their company. A number of critical races have not been decided yet. It is important to vote because many of those positions can have an impact on people’s day to day lives.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee will be held Friday August 12 at 2:30 pm at Rush Center.

David Reznik reported that the CAEAR Coalition has developed talking points around SPNS. David will get the information to Sandra who will send it out to the Planning Council so that members can advocate for SPNS.

Priorities Committee Chair – Timothy Young

Tim reported the orientation for members of the Priorities Committee will be held August 2. This will help new members to understand what the Priorities Committee does and how it operates. The meeting will be held at the Ryan White Offices at 137 Peachtree. August 4 and 5 are working days in which committee members will review data and establish resource allocations and priority rankings.

Quality Management (QM) Committee Chair – Nicole Roebuck

In Nicole Roebuck's absence, Latonya Wilkerson reported on her behalf. She mentioned the QM Committee continues to work on updating standards. The Committee is also working to identify quality initiatives, such as wait times in waiting rooms before a consumer is seen by their provider. The QM Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM at the Grady IDP in room P-40. The next meeting will be held from 10 AM to Noon on August 4.

Public Form:

Brigid Scarborough reported that the Health Initiative is working with many Part A agencies and their clients to make sure the clients are aware of the Affordable Care Act.. She is already working with many Part A agencies and their clients to help them learn about ACA options. The Ryan White Office will send out information about upcoming educational sessions.

Ms. Richburg from AID Atlanta indicated that her agency offers self-management support for people living with HIV who may not need intensive case management, but still want a connection. She noted that AID Atlanta has a number of educational opportunities each month and referred Planning Council members to AID Atlanta flyers at the back of the room that contain information on August educational offerings.

Dwight Curry Anderson expressed that **Together For Life** meets every Monday at the Fulton County Health Department of Health and Wellness, 99 Jesse Hill Jr Drive.

Reggie Dunbar reported that **Positive Vets** meets the second Thursday of each month at Absolute Care from 2 to 4 PM. They are trying to get the VA involved. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Jay-Paul Kirk indicated that the Resource Center is enrolling individuals in its Healthy Relationship Program. The program is located at the United Way building in Suite 775, 1000 Edgewood.

Cheryl Courtney-Evans thanked the Planning Council for its forbearance regarding her absence in membership due to illness. She also thanked Sandra Vincent for keeping in contact with her. Ken indicated that he was glad she was able to be here today.

J. Edward Dutta stated that Gilead recently mailed a notification to 70,000 health care providers across the country about PrEP and treatment as part of Gilead's first national awareness campaign. It was noted that resources are available on the preventhiv.com national website.

Adjournment:

The chair opened the floor to accept a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by: Dwight Anderson moved to adjourn and Peter Thibodeaux seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Meeting Date: July 21, 2016

Minutes Approval Date: August 18, 2016

Attested By:

Ken Lazarus

Ken Lazarus , Planning Council Chair

