

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Fulton County Health & Human Services Building
137 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

**May 8, 2014
Conference Call**

Committee Members Participating

Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair
Trevor Pearson, 1st Vice Chair
Larry Cook, 2nd Vice Chair
Jeanette Nu'Man
Katherine Lovell
Larry Lehman
Ruby Lewis Hardy
James Lark
Hermeyone Bell
Jeff Graham
Nicole Roebuck

The Executive Committee was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chair, Dazon Dixon Diallo.

A motion was made and seconded and carried to adopt the Executive Committee agenda.

A motion was made and seconded and carried to adopt the revised March 13th Executive Committee minutes.

Grantee Update: Patrick Daly –

2014 Award: The Grantee is waiting on FY2014 full award amount. HRSA informed the Grantee's Office that they would receive notification by mid-May. The Grantee does not anticipate a reduction in funding. Agency contracts have been mailed out and are aware that they will only received 2 months of funding until the full award amount has been given. The 2014 contracts are going to be for 10 months this re-aligns our (EMA) with the Ryan White Part A federal budget year. This was a directive we received last year, requiring us to re-align our contracts and goals with federal budget year. The Ryan White Office is undergoing an internal audit that will last until July.

The Health Insurance Program: The State and Part A and Part B issued guidance on what assistance is available. The program will expand in January 2015 to cover out-of-pocket expenses for clients and copayments co-insurance payments. The cap on out-

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of-pocket expenses, including premiums, of \$9,496 per year, per client. The Premium assistance program will pay up to \$1,100 is month for clients who have enrolled in a marketplace plan. The Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP) will continue to pay for premiums for clients who are enrolled in COBRA, Medicare Part D, or a non-marketplace plan. Part A will contract with Part B as soon as the Grantee receives the full award amount. The Part B program is still working with their independent vendor, and they're beginning to pilot premium payments. The Part A program will supplement the program with Part A funds after the full FY2014 award amount is received.

The Executive Committee expressed concern about the delay in paying for Clients copays through the state system. The Grantee agreed to have a conference call to develop a plan on how to move forward until January 2015.

The Priorities Committee: The Committee will convene soon to address the final 2014 award amount, carryover dollars and remaining dollars from ORC. The Priorities Committee will announce their meetings date once HRSA has notified the Grantee's Office.

The Consumer Caucus: Sandra Vincent – The Caucus brought their concerns to the attention of the Grantee's Office. The Council Procedures called a meeting to discuss some of the concerns and majority of the issues has to deal with leadership and the desire to have greater consumer participation within the Planning Council training and the need to be more culturally sensitive to the individuals who are served. The Council Procedures Committee along with the Grantee's office is working on a plan to ensure that individual consumer concerns are addressed to the proper to channels. The Council Procedures will make its recommendation at the July 17th Planning Council meeting.

Committee Updates:

Assessment Committee: Jeanette Nu'Man - The Assessment Committee is currently working with SEATEC on the upcoming Consumer Survey.

Comprehensive Planning Committee: Katherine Lovell – The Comprehensive Planning Committee Chair and the Assessment Committee Chair will discuss having a joint meeting.

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Council Procedures Committee: Larry Lehman - The Council procedures Committee met and completed the by-laws recommendations and governance concerns. The Committee will provide an update at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Evaluation Committee: Ruby Lewis Hardy - The Evaluation Committee is in the process of electing a new co-chair.

HOPWA Committee: James Lark – The next HOPWA Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19th at 12:45 p.m. at the Mechanicsville Library located at 400 Formwalt Street.

Membership Committee: Hermeyone Bell – The next Leadership Institute meeting will be held in June at the Grantee's Office.

Public Policy Committee: Jeff Graham – The Public Policy Committee will be meeting soon. Several members of the Public Policy Committee attended AIDS Watch. The Committee will provide packets on information updated information on AIDS Watch. On Thursday, June 5th at the Loudermilk from 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. a townhall meeting will be held. Douglas Brooks the Director of Office National AIDS Policy will conduct the meeting.

Quality Management Committee: Nicole Roebuck - The Quality Management Committee has sent out the QM newsletter and is available on the Ryan White website. The EMA screening tool and the standards have been revised and will be available to all funded agencies in mid –May early June.

The Executive Committee reviewed modified and approved the revised May 15th Planning Council agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.