

**Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council  
Fulton County Dept. of Health & Wellness  
99 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
May 17, 2012  
9:00 AM**

**Voting Members Present**

Dwight Curry Anderson	Robert Anderson
Deb Bauer	Walter Bradley
Jessica Cole	Teresa Connell
Larry Cook	Dazon Dixon-Diallo
Reggie Dunbar	Gene Farber
Jeff Graham	Tracie Graham
Carolyn Hodge-Armstrong	James Lark
Larry Lehman	Katherine Lovell
Robert MacLean	Harvinder Makkar
Michael DeMayo	Jeffrey Mitchell
Darryl Mitchell	Jacque Muther
Jeanette Nu'Man	Trevor Pearson
Necaela Penn	David Reznik
Nicole Roebuck	Sanjay Sharma
Moneta Sinclair	Bruce Stagner
Carolyn Stephens	Willie Lee Thomas
Sean Williams	Hermeyone Wilson
Del'Rosa Winston	

**Voting Members Not Present**

Trevalle Ambrose	Robert Di Vito
Cheryl Courtney-Evans	Chris Fields
Sharron Fickling	Marvin Ghourm
Terry Gardner	Patrick Kelly
Dolph Ward Goldenburg	Ruby Lewis - Hardy
Stephanie Laster	Marisol Lopez
Phyllis Malone	Laura Siesko
Daniele Thorpe	Dorothy Zimmer
Antoinette Barnes	

The Planning Council meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chair, Dazon Dixon Diallo. Chair Diallo gave a brief talk on unity and the need for clarity in voting. She emphasized the need to understand what is being voted on prior to a vote being cast. Clarifications and questions are always welcomed.

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt the May 17<sup>th</sup> agenda. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt the March 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Council minutes with revisions. The motion carried.**

**Consumer Caucus Update:** Consumer Caucus Chair: Del'Rosa Winston: The Consumer Caucus meeting took place at SisterLove on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. During this meeting Planning Council staff provided an update of the Affordable Care Act Study and Jeff Graham of the Public Policy Committee provided an overview of the Affordable Care Act. There were no updates on Consumer training opportunities; however, efforts were being made to foster a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the different Planning Council Committees.

**AAOI Update:** African American Outreach Initiative (AAOI) Chair, Hermeyone Wilson: The AAOI retreat will take place at the Loudermilk Center on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to plan for AAOI 2013 which will be the 14<sup>th</sup> year for the African American Outreach Initiative. The evaluation report for the AAOI is in the process of being completed. The data has been analyzed but has not been written in narrative form. The finished report will be available before the next Planning Council meeting. Upon completion the information will be placed on the web or emailed to the Planning Council membership list.

**Membership Committee:** Committee Chair Hermeyone Wilson: The Membership Committee's next meeting will be Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ryan White Office located at 137 Peachtree at 10:30 a.m. The Committee will discuss the Membership Drive (July – August), review the revised application, and look at By-Laws related to Membership. There was a question from the audience regarding whether or not there would be training. The New Member Orientation will take place in December with a mini-training in August. A recommendation was made that the Membership Orientation should be held at the start of the Council year. The Membership Committee will present at the Consumer Caucus meeting in June to explain each Committee's role. Planning Council Member Dwight Curry Anderson suggested that each Committee Chair provide an overview of what their committee does during Committee updates.

**Grantee Update:** Ryan White Special Projects Assistant Kathy Whyte provided the Grantee report in the absence of Director Kandace Carty. The Outside Review Committee (ORC) has completed its process and contracts are available. Staff and several members of the Executive Team met with consultants from the Andrew Young School of Public Policy. This team has been awarded the contract to complete the Affordable Care Act study (ACA). This study will seek to identify the impact of the ACA on Ryan White Services provided within the EMA. Recommendations will be made around how to effectively integrate the changes within our system of care. The team will also provide preliminary study information to the Priorities Committee. It was also reported that HRSA is currently undergoing reorganization.

Chair Diallo then introduced Dr. Melanie Thompson, Public Health Advisor with the State of Georgia. Dr. Thompson indicated that she would be working very closely with the Planning Council and other HIV related areas within the State of Georgia to begin strategic Planning efforts.

**Georgia Community Planning Group (GCPG) Update -** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, Larry Cook: The Georgia Community Planning Group met on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, at the Department of Health and Human Services at 2 Peachtree St. There were 16 members in attendance for orientation, with 12 being new attendees. The group discussed why it is important to have a planning group. Other items discussed were voting of new co-chairs: Ainka Gonzalez (returning) as Urban Co-Chair, J. P. Martin as Rural Co-Chair, and Ray Daniels as Parliamentarian. The GCPG also elected committee chairs. The Council was notified that the Georgia Community Planning Group name will change to the Prevention Planning Group. The next meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Augusta GA.

**Public Policy Committee:** Committee Chair Jeff Graham: Every 5 years the Ryan White Program has to be reviewed and reauthorized by Congress. On September 30, 2013 the current act will expire. On Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> the Public Policy Committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m. at 1530 DeKalb Avenue to begin work on comments on aspects of the reauthorization. The meeting will serve as a forum to discuss the challenges within the Atlanta EMA. This information will be compiled and submitted to HRSA as public comment by the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. The group will also discuss the 10% administrative cost cap and how administrative cost is defined. Primary session is July 31<sup>st</sup> and everyone should make sure that they are registered to vote. Information on voter registration can be obtained at “My Voter” page on the Secretary of State’s website ([www.sos.ga.gov/mvp](http://www.sos.ga.gov/mvp)). Information on “Advanced Directives” for health care was disseminated to the Council.

Given the hour, Chair Dixon-Diallo called for a motion to extent the Planning Council meeting by 15 minutes.

**A motion was made and seconded to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. The motion carried.**

**Committee Updates:**

**Assessment Committee:** Committee Chair, Jeanette Nu’Man: The Assessment Committee is in the process of working with SEATEC to compile data on disparate health outcomes and health disparities within the EMA. The Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month; the next meeting will be held at Positive Impact at 60 Eleventh Street at 9:30am on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Comprehensive Planning Committee:** - Committee Chair, Katherine Lovell: The Comprehensive Plan Committee met in March to review the final Comprehensive Plan document to be submitted to HRSA. The next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee will take place on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Grady at 9:30a.m.

**Council Procedures Committee:** Committee Chair, Larry Lehman: The Council Procedures Committee is in the process of reviewing both the By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures and Grievance Procedures for the Metropolitan Atlanta Health Services Planning Council.

**Evaluation Committee:** No Report.

**HOPWA Committee:** Committee Co-Chair, James Lark: The HOPWA Committee met May 4<sup>th</sup>. The HOPWA Committee compiled and provided information to the Assessment Committee regarding the need for quality housing within the EMA. The Committee will work with the Assessment Committee to develop a data sheet for the Priorities Committee to be used during the FY 2013 priority – setting process. The next meeting of the HOPWA Committee will take place Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at AID Gwinnett to provide feedback to City of Atlanta.

**Quality Management Committee:** Committee Chair, Nicole Roebuck: The Quality Management Committee examines the quality of services in the EMA by establishing service measures and monitoring performance to make sure that quality is being upheld within the EMA. There will be a joint venture between Part A and Part B in developing a Quality Management 101 Program. The Committee is also working on a quarterly newsletter which is published by SEATEC. Recently, the Committee has completed Legal Standards for the EMA which were developed into a legal screening tool to assist Ryan White Consumers. Training will be forthcoming.

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**Priorities Committee:** Planning Council Chair, Dazon Dixon-Diallo: The Priorities Committee will be meeting to discuss FY2013 Priorities on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 p.m. –5:00 p.m. (Data Meeting – Presentations from SEATEC, State of Georgia, and Grantee), July 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m. (Agency and Individual Presentations), and August 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Priorities Committee Recommendations).

**Public Forum:**

Mr. Trevor Pearson announced that Jerusalem House is participating in a funding program through Home Depot. Attendees were encouraged to support the effort.

Mr. Dwight Curry-Anderson announced the support group “Together for Life” will meet every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness.

Mr. Larry Cook provided information on the “Hershey Protest”; individuals requiring additional information can contact Larry Cook.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

**Date Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attested By:** \_\_\_\_\_