

Allocations Committee



Randall Furrow, Chair

Wednesday, February 5, 2014
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Public Health
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Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members *AT: Attended AB: Absent EX: Excused ALT: Alternate Present*

AT Andrea Norman AB Cheri Tomlinson AB Cynthia Trottier AT Debby Elliott

AT Robert Solis AT Maclovia Morales EX Mary Rose AT Randall Furrow
Wilcox

Guests

Siman Qaasin Mary Perez Bruce Weiss Lucio Amado

Administrative Agent Staff

Rose Conner Georgina Lowe Ken Leighton-Boster

Support Staff: Claire Tyrpak

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Randall Furrow called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/herself and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Determination of quorum

Randall Furrow determined that quorum was not established and the meeting continued as a workgroup. Later, quorum was announced at approximately 5:30 pm with five of eight members present.

Funding is provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

Copies of the documents provided to the participants of this meeting may be requested from Planning Council Support.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Review of minutes and action items

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes for the previous meeting. Rose mentioned a correction on page 2 that should read “800 out of 1000” rather than “100”.

Committee Chair Update

Randall Furrow announced the midyear PSRA that will take place on Thursday, March 13 from 5 until 8 pm. This meeting will include the data session.

Administrative Agent update

Rose Conner gave a brief ACA enrollment update, stating that 94 percent of clients have been screened and enrolled and that 35 percent of these have been verified thus far. Rose then discussed the February allocations report.

1. The Health Insurance Premiums Financial Assistance Service Category will need additional funds to cover expenditures through Feb. 28. The provider estimates a need of approximately \$35,000 to cover expenditures during the remaining months of the 2013 grant year.
2. The Mental Health Services Category is expected to need an additional \$20,000 to cover services through Feb. 28, dependent on the number of clients that are verified as AHCCCS or FFM eligible by the end of the grant year.
3. The Substance Abuse Treatment Services Category is expected to need an additional \$15,000 to cover services through Feb. 28, dependent on the number of clients that are verified as AHCCCS or FFM eligible by the end of the grant year.
4. The amount of billing received in December for Outpatient Ambulatory Care was less than projected, and the monthly billing amounts are expected to decrease in January and February due to enrollments in AHCCCS and FFM. The providers in this service category are estimating that there may be up to \$200,000 remaining in this service category at the end of the year due to the transition on clients into AHCCCS and FFM.
5. The amount of billings received for Dental Insurance has decreased in both November and December, resulting in revised projections for yearend expenditures. **The AA recommends that the Planning Council re-open Direct Dental Services for clients that are awaiting oral health services.** It is expected that the Direct Dental providers would be able to provide an additional \$50,000 in services to clients that are on the current wait list. The Dental Insurance Program is also contacting clients on their wait list and assisting those clients in enrolling in Dental Insurance effective March 1.
6. The Medical Nutrition Services provider is continuing to cut the amount of supplements that are available for clients in an effort to reach a balanced budget by the end of the grant year. At this time, there is a projected imbalance of approximately \$15,000.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Requested action: The AA recommends that the Planning Council approve a decrease of \$70,000 in Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care, and increase allocations to the following service categories:

- Health Insurance Premiums Financial Assistance \$35,000
- Mental Health Services \$20,000
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services \$15,000

MOTION: Andrea Kamenca moved to accept the AA recommendations as presented. Robert Solis seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Current event summaries

Debby Elliott stated that Care Directions got their first real-time decision from AHCCCS and that clients can go to the DES office where they will likely get a decision the same day on their eligibility.

Call to Public

Siman Qaasin introduced Mary Perez, the new dental staff person in the Public Health office, who will replace Chavon Boston.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:33 pm.