

Planning Council



Randall Furrow, Chair

Thursday, June 14, 2012
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Area Agency on Aging/Care Directions
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Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Committee Members *AT: Attended AB: Absent EX: Excused ALT: Alternate Present LOA: Leave of Absence*

EX	Abdul Hasan	AT	Brian Arey	AT	Bruce Weiss	AT	Carla Chee
EX	Celina Sanchez	AT	Cheri Tomlinson	AT	Cynthia Trottier	EX	Dan Lindell
AT	David Aguirre	AT	Debby Elliott	AT	Deborah Frusciano	EX	Eric Moore
AT	Jonathan Harris	LOA	Juan Carlos Perez	AT	Keith Thompson	AT	Ken Bethel
EX	Kimberly Yellow Robe	EX	Lucio Amado	AT	Maclovia Morales	AT	Marge Samson
EX	Mary Rose Wilcox	EX	MiAsia Pasha	LOA	Miguel Garruna	EX	Norman Wagner
AT	Penny Ellis	AT	Randall Furrow	EX	Rebecca Barnett	AT	Robert Solis
AT	Ron Hill						

Guests

Edward Tisdale	Cindy Alvarez	Edward Tony Ornelas	Erica TeKampe
Philip Seeger	Siman Qaasim	Mike Gilbert	Darwin Gunderson
Boni Lowney	Natasha Lindsay	Chris Bojurquez	Annie Czenszak
Andrea Norman			

Administrative Agent Staff

AT	Rose Conner	AT	Kenneth Leighton-Boster	AT	Carmen Batista	Chantie Terrazas	
AT	Edd Welsh		Georgina Lowe	AT	Jennifer Hawkins	AT	Victoria Jaquez
AT	Jared Vega						

Support Staff: John Sapero

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

Planning Council Chair Randall Furrow called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Determination of quorum

Randall Furrow determined that quorum was established with 17 of 29 members at 5:15 pm.

Review of the minutes and action items from the prior meeting

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes for the March 8, 2012 meeting. Ron Hill noted he was present at the meeting. Jennifer Hawkins made a correction to Rebecca Belway's name. Debby Elliott noted two additional errors.

MOTION: Ron Hill moved to accept the minutes as revised. Robert Solis seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Administrative Agent update

Rose Conner provided a review of Part A expenditures, and discussed:

- The EMA's main Primary Care provider reports a large increase in the number of RWPA clients being served for Primary Care services. In March/April, more than 100 new RWPA clients have been scheduled for services. It is likely that many of these new clients have been recently dropped from AHCCCS, or are newly diagnosed and unable to qualify for AHCCCS. The Part A Program is monitoring the monthly increases in clients entering the system and will keep the Planning Council updated on potential need for reallocation of funds to cover increased Primary Medical Care expenditures.
- There have been some delays in Primary Medical Care billing from one provider that will result in additional charges being posted in June. These costs will be monitored to determine if additional funds need to be reallocated to Primary Medical Care.
- Legal Services and Psychosocial Services contracts have been closed and no further expenditures will be approved in these service categories for this grant year.
- Ryan White Part B (RWPB) reports that there are approximately 320 Part A clients enrolled in PCIP as of June 1, with 35 additional clients awaiting offers of coverage and an additional 65 clients being screened for eligibility. New procedures for enrollment have slowed the process of enrollment, and it is anticipated that there may be significant delays in getting approval for PCIP

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enrollments in the next few months. However, RWPB continues to submit applications for PCIP as soon as an ADAP client is eligible to apply. Ryan White Parts A, B and C are meeting monthly to analyze the impact of PCIP enrollment numbers. The grantees are awaiting the Supreme Court decisions on the Affordable Care Act, anticipated to be released before the end of June, and will be working together to quickly assess the impact of the decision on RW services in the Phoenix EMA and the State ADAP program.

- HRSA has released the 2012 Part A grant scores. Grant awards are based on a formula award and a competitive supplemental award. This year, the Phoenix EMA's score was 82/100, a ninepoint decrease from the previous grant year. The HRSA analysis of our grant application has been included in the meeting folders.
- In April, Valley Metro changed the eligibility requirements for reduced fare bus passes. The original proposal for these changes would have eliminated the ability of many Part A clients to receive low-fare passes. The Part A Program approached Valley Metro with a request to modify the new requirements, but Valley Metro declined to consider this request. Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox and Councilman Tom Simplot became involved in the issue, and were able to persuade Valley Metro to continue to allow individuals living with HIV to receive reduced fares
- The opt-out HIV testing pilot program being conducted in the Maricopa County Jail System has tested 7,500 individuals and has identified 12 new positive cases

Jen Hawkins provided an overview of the upcoming Ryan White Request for Proposals (RFPs) that will be released later in the year.

Phil Seeger asked what percentage of inmates processed through the jail were tested. Rose Conner replied that she would need to get that information. Rose noted that about 90% of inmates who were offered testing have agreed to be tested.

Robert Solis asked about the testing process. Rose Conner provided an overview.

Chair update

Randall Furrow provided an overview of the GY 2013 Priority Setting and Resource Allocations sessions. The Data Session is scheduled for Thursday July 12, 2012, and the Resource Allocations Session is scheduled for Saturday, August 4, 2012.

Membership Approvals

Ron Hill presented Jennifer Bullock, Andrea Norman and Brin Scott as candidates for appointment to the Planning Council. Ron and Jonathan Harris provided an overview of Brin Scott and Jennifer Bullock. Andrea Norman was in attendance and provided brief comments.

MOTION: Debby Elliott moved to vote on the approval of all the membership candidates. Ken Bethel seconded.

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DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Later in the meeting, Robert Solis announced that all of the candidates on the ballot had been approved to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final appointment.

Reimbursement Policies revisions

This agenda item was tabled.

Revisions to the guidelines for Medical Transportation Services

Erica TeKampe, from Care Directions discussed that Valley Metro had changed its rules for who could receive a reduced fare bus pass, eliminating the ability of many Part A clients to qualify solely based on their HIV status. Additionally, the cost for bus passes had increased. While the rule change has since been revised, there were additional expenditures incurred to provide Part A clients with full-fare bus passes, as well as expenditures to provide clients with reduced fare ID cards. Erica related that these costs, and the increased fare costs, required the need for one of the following responses:

- Increased funding for the service, to maintain the current service delivery for all clients
- Decrease the number of clients who could obtain the service
- Revisions to the delivery of the service

Erica discussed that utilization was assessed to provide data to develop program revisions. Based on this data, the Community Health Planning & Strategies developed the following recommendations:

- The Medical Transportation Services provider will assist clients in obtaining reduced fare disability ID cards, to enable them to buy bus passes at reduced fares
- Part A will pay the \$5.00 fee for the reduced fare disability ID cards
- Each client will receive a packet of ten 1-day transit passes to use for medical transportation needs
- Each client must demonstrate that he/she has attended at least one medically-related appointment, and has at least one appointment scheduled in the next month to receive a packet of passes
- A phased implementation will occur, with the transition completed by October 1, 2012

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Robert Solis and Ben Bethel asked if any exceptions would be allowed. Erica replied that this was discussed by the committee, but the process to implement an exceptions process and the documentation required from the clients would be burdensome to manage.

Debby Elliott noted that clients would be able to purchase additional one-day bus passes from Valley Metro at a reduced cost (\$1.75) if they obtained a reduced fare ID.

Keith Thompson discussed challenges that may arise for clients in substance abuse services, or those who are new-to-care or transitioning to care from correctional facilities. Keith also discussed challenges clients may face if transportation to other services was limited.

Maclovia Morales and Debby Elliott commented on the need to be fiscally responsible, and still serve the greatest number of clients possible.

Annie Czenszak discussed that she felt that the proposed revisions were too drastic.

MOTION: Maclovia Morales moved to accept the recommendations of the Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee, as presented. Robert Solis seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Ryan White legislation reauthorization

Rose Conner discussed that the Ryan White legislation is up for reauthorization in 2013. Rose had participated in several webinars related to the reauthorization, and the impact of health care reform on the Ryan White Program. Rose discussed:

- The current legislation does not include a “sunset” clause (new legislation is not required for the program to continue)
- HRSA has several options: 1) Submit new legislation to Congress, 2) Ask for a new allocation to the current legislation, or 3) HRSA could take no action and allow Congress to pass a new appropriation
- Numerous advocacy groups and other organizations are gathering community-based input
- HRSA is most likely waiting until the Supreme Court makes a decision regarding the Affordable Care Act.
- If the Affordable Care Act is not implemented, there will be great impact on Ryan White programs
- The State will lead the development of the protocols for the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Arizona. AHCCCS will facilitate the development of Arizona’s benefit package

Cheri Tomlinson noted that the public will need to be educated regarding eligibility and enrollment in any Affordable Care Act program is developed, if any.

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John Sapero discussed that HRSA was requesting feedback from its grantees for consideration to include in the reauthorization. The Planning Council had scheduled a public forum for Thursday, June 21, at 5:00 pm, at Public Health, 4041 North Central Avenue, Phoenix.

Review of GY 2013 Priority Setting and Resource Allocations (PSRA) dates and procedures

John Sapero provided an overview of the activities that take place during the Data and Resource Allocations sessions.

Committee/Work Group Reports

This agenda item was tabled.

Update: Other Ryan White Programs

Part B:

Carla Chee discussed that ADAP enrollment was 1,574 clients - a 50% growth over the same time last year. PCIP enrollments were at approximately 410 clients.

Part C

Cheri Tomlinson discussed that the program received funding to provide a part-time pharmacist at the McDowell Clinic.

Part D

Boni Lowney discussed that Part D is awaiting verification of its grant award.

Current Event Summaries

Bruce Weiss announced he would be moving to California, and would no longer be a member of the Council.

Call to the public

John Sapero related that MiAsia Pasha had emailed a flyer for an event that would be presented on June 27th – National HIV Testing Day. John also discussed that Randall Furrow had been accepted as a participant in an upcoming National Quality Center consumer training on quality improvement.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28 pm.