

Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee



Cheri Tomlinson, Vice Chair

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5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Public Health
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Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

AT	Carol Williams	AT	Cheri Tomlinson	ALT	Debby Elliott	EX	Don Welsh
AT	Dan Lindell	AT	Randall Furrow				

Guests

Keith Thompson	Deanna Feintuch	Rose Conner	Johnny Garcia	Ken Leighton-Boster
Brian Williamson	Lucio Amado	Erica TeKampe	Judy White	Stephen Prouse

Support Staff: John Sapero

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

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

Determination of Quorum

Cheri Tomlinson determined that quorum was established with four of six members in attendance at approximately 5:05 pm.

Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes from the November 10, 2010 meeting. Erica TeKampe noted she was in attendance at the meeting but not listed as a guest.

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

All of the documents discussed may be requested from Planning Council Support.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Chair update

No update was provided.

Administrative Agent update

No update was provided.

Review of Oral Health Services

Cheri Tomlinson discussed that Oral Health Services was a highly needed service in the EMA, and if the service was going to meet the need exhibited by clients, possible changes in service delivery may need to occur. Rose Conner related that the EMA has finite funds to deliver services, and clients who need extensive dental work are not being served. With potential funding challenges and/or increased need in the community, the Part A program asked that the committee review the issue and begin considering possible alternatives.

Judy White provided an overview of the effect of recently implemented changes, and discussed the Part A program was completing a client survey. Additionally, the program was analyzing the level of benefits utilized by Part A clients. This information would be available to the committee shortly.

Stephen Prouse provided an presentation regarding the Part A direct dental program (see attached document). Stephen related that retention in care and the full utilization of benefits were facilitated by the use of a dental case manager to coordinate care for clients.

Rose Conner provided an overview of the direct dental program that was offered in previous grant years.

There was discussion regarding the types of services clients accessed, and how many utilized both the dental insurance program and the direct dental program. Additionally, there was discussion related to offering a greater range of services to fewer clients, or limited services (cleanings, etc.) for a larger number of people.

Cheri Tomlinson related that the availability of a dental case manager was a significant contribution to the number of clients who completed their dental treatment plans.

The committee discussed the need to establish what the desired outcomes of changing the Oral Health Services program (cost cutting, increased enrollment, greater benefits, etc.) Erica TeKampe volunteered to lead a work group to continue discussion on these issues.

Review of Emerging Issue: New AHCCCS Copay Policies

Rose Conner provided an overview of the AHCCCS co pay issue (certain clients must now pay \$4 to \$10 copays for pharmaceuticals. Rose related that she had met with Beth Henson, the Project Officer for the Phoenix EMA, to ask for guidance as to whether Part A could provide assistance to Part A eligible clients. Beth replied that offering assistance was possible, and requested detail about the clients needing assistance.

Rose related that 118 clients in the Part A program are affected by the new co pay requirements. Erica TeKampe discussed that more than 800 people in the Care Directions system have been initially identified as potentially being affected by the change. 350 of these people were MIHS clients.

Rose Conner discussed the Part A office is gathering additional information to get an accurate number of affected clients.

Other discussion points

- Sustainability Issues
- Case management providers are receiving a large number of calls regarding co pay assistance
- Is there potential to begin offering assistance to a small number of truly needing clients (0% income, HIV meds only)
- The number of pharmacies that clients could access would need to be limited
- Any future co pay assistance would need to be funded in the Health Insurance Premium/Cost Sharing Assistance service category
- To sustain any assistance program may require that only those who are at very low income levels may need to be served
- Clients will have to change prescriptions from one pharmacy to another
- MIHS pharmacies are only available to clients who receive care from MIHS
- Future AHCCCS plans to limit their enrollment may cause drastic increased need. It may be wise to limit assistance until the end of GY 2010 and then review what future actions AHCCCS may take before extending co pay assistance
- A long term strategy might be client education on the implementation and continuation of AHCCCS o pays, and the need for clients to budget for copays.

MOTION: Carol Williams moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to conclude business. Phil Seeger seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Agenda items for the next meeting

- Copay update
 - Oral Health survey results
 - Erica TeKampe will lead a work group to review the delivery of Oral Health Services
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Current events summaries

No comments were voiced.

Call to the public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:37 pm.