Community Health
Planning & Strategies Committee

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Wednesday, February 1, 2012
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Public Health
4041 North Central Avenue, Phoenix
14th Floor, Training Room

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

AT	Cheri Tomlinson	ALT	Debby Elliott	AT	Randall Furrow
ALT	Mary Rose Wilcox	EX	Marge Samson		

Part A Program Staff

AT	Rose Conner	AT	Jared Vega	AT	Georgina Lowe

Guests

Chavon Boston	Rebecca Schaffer	Kimberly Eggert	Celina Sanchez	Lucio Amado
Maclovia Morales	Robert Solis			

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/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Lucio Amado declared his desire to join the committee.

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.

Determination of Quorum

Boni Lowney, alternate for Cheri Tomlinson, determined that quorum was established with five of five members in attendance at approximately 5:30 pm.

Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes for the January 4, 2012 meeting. No corrections were voiced.

Administrative Agent update

No comments were voiced, as a report had been provided during the Allocations Committee portion of the joint meeting.

Chair update

No comments were voiced.

Update: Oral Health Services, AHCCCS Eligibility, and ADAP Assist

Dental Insurance Program

Chavon Boston discussed:

- 1,412 clients are enrolled in the insurance program. Sixty slots are available. For January, about 75% of clients who have a January renewal date have done so – a large improvement over recent months.

Direct Dental Services

Boni Lowney related there are about 200 clients enrolled in Direct Dental Services, and the average cost of the treatment plans for these clients was approximately $1,400.

AHCCCS Eligibility

Rose Conner related that Penny Ellis had provided a report regarding the number of clients transitioned off of AHCCCS, and/or being qualified for Social Security Disability as a payer source for their care. Rose reviewed the report with the committee.

Phil Seeger related that many clients did not wish to apply for Social Security Disability, as they did not want to be classified as disabled, or did not feel they were disabled and did not want to go through the application process.

Cheri Tomlinson discussed efforts to educate the public about the availability of PCIP health coverage.

ADAP Assist

Rose Conner discussed that approximately 400 clients are transitioned to the Pre-existing Condition Insurance program. There are 2,000 individuals enrolled in PCIP statewide (both Ryan White and non-Ryan White individuals).

Oral Health Services

Rose Conner discussed that the Oral Health program had started providing Direct Dental Services, and had also increased the benefit cap from $1,500 to $1,800.

Providers of oral health services had contacted the Administrative Agent to discuss the possibility of raising the benefit cap further, as the Part B program had a 'soft' cap of $1,800, but additional benefit based on medical need.

Rose added that there may be a need to provide copay assistance for oral health services. This will be researched further and brought to the Planning Council for consideration to add this service to the current service priorities/allocations.

Finally, providers are requesting that the committee consider approving dental case management services, to ensure clients have the opportunity to enroll in oral health care, and have coordination of their oral health care. This service would be provided as non-medical case management services.

Q: How does Part B pay for services above the cap?
A: This is not known at this time.

Q: How many dental case managers are needed?
A: This is being researched now. Boni Lowney related these individuals could remind clients of appointments, attend client visits, contact clients to explain the program and enroll them for services, provide health literacy programming, etc.

Lucio Amado discussed his experiences utilizing the insurance program, and related challenges he had after he had utilized all of his benefits.

The committee discussed how the dental needs of clients may exceed the benefits of the services, and that dental coordination can improve clients' knowledge of what services are available.

Chavon Boston provided an overview of how the insurance program was coordinating care for clients, and promoting good oral health.

Maclovia Morales supported allocating funds for oral health care coordination, and also developing communication between oral health coordinators and current case managers.

Rose Conner and Phil Seeger provided an overview of the eligibility determination/renewal process.

Phil Seeger related he wanted the oral health benefit cap increased from $1,800 to $3,000, with the ability to increase benefits based on need. Rose Conner discussed that to do this for insurance program clients, the current $1,500 cap would need to remain in place, with the additional benefit provided by Direct Dental Services, as the current $300 additional benefit is.

Rebecca Schaffer recommended contacting HRSA to provide technical assistance regarding oral health case management. Additionally, Rebecca offered to provide oral health education to clients.

The committee reached a consensus to reconvene the Oral Health Work Group to further research oral health coordination, oral health financial assistance, and other issues.

MOTION: Randall Furrow moved to reconvene the Oral Health Work Group. Mark Kezios seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

2012-2015 Comprehensive Plan

John Sapero discussed that the goals and activities had been released for public review. Randall Furrow discussed that the activity related to the incorporation of the Black AIDS Task Force as a Council committee needed to be deleted, as the Executive Committee met with the group and determined not to move forward with this activity.

MOTION: Mark Kezios moved to approve the amended goals and activities. Phil Seeger seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Agenda items for the next meeting

- Standard agenda items
- Comprehensive plan development
- Oral health work group update

Current events summaries

Marge Samson promoted the annual Savor Life event.

Boni Lowney discussed that the Part D grant application had been released. Boni provided an overview of changes to Part D service delivery detailed in the application.

Cheri Tomlinson promoted National Women and Girl s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

Call to the public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 pm.