

# Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee



**Cheri Tomlinson, Vice Chair**

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Public Health

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## Meeting Minutes

### **In Attendance**

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

### **Part A Program Staff**

AT Rose Conner

### **Guests**

Chavon Boston      Kimberly Eggert      Robert Solis      Celina Sanchez      Dan Lindell  
Siman Qaasim      Lucio Amado      Boni Lowney      Erica TeKampe

**Support Staff:** John Sapero

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### **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.

Robert Solis declared his desire to join the committee.

**Determination of Quorum**

Cheri Tomlinson determined that quorum was established with four of six members in attendance at approximately 5:02 pm.

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**Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings**

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes for the February 1, 2012 meeting. No corrections were voiced.

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**Administrative Agent update**

Rose Conner discussed:

- By June 1, the Part A Program will have recommendations for reallocations, based on the first quarter's utilization
  - Ryan White funded Legal Services and Psychosocial Services ended on May 1, 2012
  - MAI funded Psychosocial Services will end on June 1, 2012
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**Chair update**

No comments were voiced.

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**Update: AHCCCS Eligibility Transitions, ADAP Assist**

***AHCCCS Eligibility Transitions***

John Sapero provided a summary of the HIV client transfer report provided by Penny Ellis from AHCCCS. Debby Elliott discussed that the number of clients being disenrolled had not tapered off, and related examples of challenges clients had experienced regarding disenrollment. Cheri Tomlinson related that perhaps a bigger concern was not being able to determine how many new HIV clients might have been enrolled in AHCCCS had the program been accepting new clients.

Penny Ellis provided additional background information about the AHCCCS program and answered questions.

## MEETING MINUTES *continued*

### ***ADAP/ADAP Assist***

John Sapero related that an ADAP representative was not able to attend. An update had been provided via email. The committee reviewed the document.

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### **Oral Health Services**

#### ***Dental Insurance Program***

No update was provided.

#### ***Direct Dental Services***

Rose Conner provided a draft letter that will be sent to all Part A clients, which clarifies the Oral Health services provided by the Direct Dental and Delta Dental programs. Rose related that clients were confused about the programs, and were attempting to switch between programs based on misleading information.

Rose discussed the providers of Oral Health services had met and determined that clients would be able to switch programs at the beginning of each grant year, but not during the grant year.

Boni Lowney discussed that the Ryan White Part D program can provide oral health services directly to eligible clients, and can also supplement services provided by Part A for eligible clients who need additional care that exceeded the Part A cost cap. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Rose Conner discussed that the Part B program will be moving to a \$2000 cap, with additional coverage based on medical need. The Part A program will monitor this change.

Additionally, the Part A program will meet with Delta Dental representatives to discuss how Part B contracts with the organization, to determine if it might benefit Part A to mirror this program.

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### **Transportation Services**

Rose Conner discussed that Valley Metro had revised its policies regarding offering discounted bus passes for disabled individuals. "Disabled" not was defined as functionally disabled (mobility impaired). This means that many Part A clients would no longer qualify for a discounted pass, unless the client has a VM disabled ID card.

The Part A program contacted Valley Metro to discuss obtaining an exemption, but VM declined. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has been informed. Other avenues are being explored to encourage further discussion.

## MEETING MINUTES *continued*

If an exemption cannot be obtained, the cost of providing Part A clients with bus cards will double – which will decrease the number of cards that can be provided. HRSA will also have to approve the cost increase.

Erica TeKampe provided examples of how clients have already been affected, and how future clients may be challenged. Debby Elliot related that clients currently receive bus passes based on lack of income, not disability.

Rose Conner discussed that if an exemption cannot be obtained, the Planning Council will have to review current and future allocations, and revise the eligibility criteria.

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### **Affordable Care Act: Emerging Issues and Transition Planning**

Cheri Tomlinson discussed that she, John Sapero and Rose Conner participate on the Health Care Reform Coalition. Cheri provided an overview of the Coalition's activities.

Cheri related the federal Ryan White program has hosted several webinars regarding health care reform. Planning Councils have been encouraged to begin transition planning.

The committee discussed the need to have training about health care reform issues. A consensus was reached to arrange for this to occur.

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### **Agenda items for the next meeting**

- Standard agenda items
- Oral Health Services
- Transportation Services
- Health Care Reform Transition Planning
- Data Needs for PSRA

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### **Current events summaries**

Cheri Tomlinson promoted the [www.getcoveredaz.org](http://www.getcoveredaz.org) website, and also a video on the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan: <http://youtu.be/rAjQYecQO6M>

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

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**Call to the public**

No comments were voiced.

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**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:18 pm.