

# Planning Council



## Randall Furrow, Chair

Thursday, October 10, 2013  
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*

AB	Abdul Hasan	AT	Andrea Norman	AT	Brian Arey	AT	Carla Chee
AT	Cheri Tomlinson	AT	Cynthia Trottier	AB	Dan Lindell	AT	David Aguirre
AT	Debby Elliott	AT	Deborah Frusciano	AT	Eric Moore	AT	Jonathan Harris
AT	Jennifer Bullock	AT	Edward Tisdale	AT	Keith Thompson	AT	Ken Bethel
AB	Kimberly Yellow Robe	AT	Lucio Amado	EX	Maclovia Morales	EX	Mary Rose Wilcox
AB	Norman Wagner	AB	Penny Ellis	AT	Randall Furrow		
AT	Rebecca Barnett	AT	Robert Solis				

### Guests

Darwin Gunderson	Melissa Geiser	Jimmy Borders	Lisa Fuentes
Foster Easley	Gregory Scaggs	Chavon Boston	

### Administrative Agent Staff

AT	Rose Conner	AT	Kenneth Leighton-Boster	EX	Carmen Batista	AT	Chantie Wingo
AT	Edd Welsh	AT	Georgina Lowe	AT	Victoria Jaquez		
AT	Jane Wixted						

**Support Staff:** Claire Tyrpak

### **Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts of interest**

Planning Council Chair Randall Furrow called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. All meeting participants introduced themselves and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

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### **Determination of quorum**

Randall Furrow determined that quorum was established with 18 of 25 members at 5:05 pm.

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### **Review of the minutes and action items from the previous meeting**

The committee silently reviewed the minutes from the August 8 and September 12 Planning Council meetings. No corrections were voiced.

**MOTION:** David Aguirre moved to approve the minutes. Robert Solis seconded.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**OUTCOME:** The motion passed.

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### **Chair update**

There was no update provided.

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### **Administrative agent update**

1. Parts A and B provided updates concerning the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Lisa Fuentes of Part B stated that they have been reviewing insurance plans. Rose Conner discussed a handout on ACA updates. The following steps would be required for RWPA to consider cost sharing for Marketplace clients:
  - The Planning Council currently has Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance (HIPCSA) as a prioritized core medical services that is funded exclusively for COBRA assistance. The Planning Council would need to identify the services that could be paid for through the HIPCSA category, and fund this service category in 2013 to cover costs that will be incurred in January and February 2014. Services may include copays, deductibles and co-insurance. The AA is recommending that a workgroup be created to review the Planning Council's decision options to return recommendations to the PC at the November PC meeting.
  - The Planning Council will need to schedule a new PSRA in March, 2014 to determine new allocations that may include decreased Outpatient Primary Medical Care funds, increased HIPCSA funds, and other changes to the 2014 PSRA based on enrollment data.

**MOTION:** Keith Thompson moved to have the workgroup rolled out the last week of October as discussed. Eric Moore seconded.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**OUTCOME:** The motion passed.

Cheri Tomlinson discussed a handout draft list of ACA insurance plans and provided some updates to it.

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### **Reallocations**

Rose Conner discussed the October allocations report.

- The EMA continues to experience an average of 40-50 new clients into Primary Medical Care each month, which is expected to continue through Dec. 2013.
- The EMA is beginning enrollment of all eligible clients into the ACA. Enrollment started on October 1, but delays in both AHCCCS and FFM processes may cause some delays in enrollment.
- The EMA has seen a marked increase in requests for Health Insurance Premium Assistance since March, 2013 and this service category is projected to need an additional \$50,000 to cover expenses until Jan. 2014.
- The EMA's Nutrition Provider is projected to be \$40,000 over the current allocated funds. The Provider has been seeking alternate sources for nutrition supplement funding, and these efforts are expected to bring the expenditures into alignment with the budget by year end.

Requested action: The AA is recommending: 1. The Planning Council direct the AA to close enrollment for Dental Insurance and Direct Dental programs for the remainder of the grant year, with the exception of emergency dental services; 2. The Planning Council decrease Transportation Services by \$55,000, and increase Medical Case Management Services by \$55,000; 3. That enrollment in HIP FAP be closed as of October 1, 2013.

A discussion continued on the topic.

**MOTION:** David Aguirre moved to accept the recommended three parts. Cheri Tomlinson seconded.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**OUTCOME:** The motion passed.

#### **Expense reimbursements**

This item was tabled.

#### **Rules Committee update**

Keith Thompson provided an update on the committee's activities. The committee met again with the county attorney to discuss the affiliation issue. Discussion followed about the issue.

The committee also reviewed a section of the bylaws dealing with federally mandated representation and developed some recommended changes. The Council reviewed the recommended changes. This item will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

#### **Membership approvals**

David Aguirre stated that Greg Scaggs is being nominated as an alternate for Eric Moore to the Council.

**MOTION:** Eric Moore moved to vote by secret ballot for the appointment. Robert Solis seconded.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**OUTCOME:** The motion passed.

Later in the meeting, Randall announced that the candidate was approved and would be forwarded to the Maricopa Board of Supervisors for final appointment.

#### **Update: Other Ryan White programs**

Part B: Jimmy Borders stated that 3 employees left but will be replaced.

Part C: Eric Moore stated that they have applied for a capacity building grant.

Part D: Cheri stated that they are working with other grantees on ACA and have a consumer advisory board and people will be volunteering to assist in the effort. They are also tracking everyone in Part D to make sure they are enrolled in Medicaid or the marketplace.

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**Committee/Work Group reports**

None were voiced.

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**Current events summaries**

Andrea stated that the Southwest Center's Grand Opening will be November 1 at 3 pm. The next day will be their community health fair. Jennifer Bullock mentioned the Aids Walk on October 20. Rose Conner stated that Part A has a team and a table for the walk. Debby Elliott said that Care Directions also has a team. They also have staff certified as ACA assistors and they received a grant for the assistor program and have a coordinator who is recruiting 25 volunteers. Cheri Tomlinson mentioned the Red Brunch on November 30. Deborah Frusciano stated that Phoenix Children's Hospital also has a team for the Aids Walk.

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**Call to the public**

No comments were voiced.

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**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately at 6:15 pm.