

Planning Council



Randall Furrow, Chair

Thursday, February 11, 2016
5:00 – 6:30 pm
Area Agency on Aging/Care Directions
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Meeting Minutes

Committee Members

Attended:

Bruce Weiss	Carmen Batista	Cheri Tomlinson	Cindy Alvarez
Cindy Quenneville	Cynthia Trottier	Dan Lindell	David Aguirre
David Garcia	Debby Elliott	Eric Moore	Ken Bethel
John Sapero	Julie Rosen for Gil Velez	Jonathan Harris	
Michael Slim	Randall Furrow		

Excused:

Edward Tisdale	Jennifer Bullock	Penny Ellis
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Absent:

Abdul Hasan	Felicia Starks	James Pennington	Timothy Jeralds
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Guests:

Annemarie Czenszak	Anthony Holscher	Becky Gonzales	Casey Johnson
David Garrett	Darwin Gunderson	Delores Young	Jimmy Borders

Administrative Agent Staff:

AT Rose Conner	EX Alaina Rinne	AT Chavon Boston	AT Kaila Johnson
EX Jeremy Hyvarinen	AT Victoria Jaquez	AT Evelyn Bester	AT Jane Wixted

Support Staff: EX 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. Everyone introduced him/herself and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Determination of quorum

Randall Furrow determined that quorum was established with 16 of 25 members at approximately 5:12 pm.

Review of the minutes and action items from the previous meeting

The committee silently reviewed the minutes from the previous Planning Council (PC) meeting. No comments were voiced.

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MOTION: Carmen Batista moved to approve the minutes. Ken Bethel seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Chair Update

Randall Furrow asked all Planning Council members to complete the code of conduct and conflict of interest declarations and to please leave on the table at the end of the meeting.

Randall Furrow wanted to send his gratitude for being the planning council chair for the last four years and thanked each one in the room and Arizona partners, Rose Conner and the RWPA staff, Carmen Batista and Part B, John Saperro and the HIV Prevention team, Penny Ellis and AHCCCS, Supervisor Gallardo and the Board of Supervisor and all Ryan White service providers, Jeff Daniels and Thomas Schucker from Collaborative Research, Monique Richards, Steve Young and Dr. Laurie Cheevers with HRSA.

Administrative Agent Update

Rose Conner talked about the partial Notice of Award (NOA) from HRSA included in the Planning Council packet. The NOA was received at the beginning of February. HRSA provided a partial award of \$4,844,179, which is equivalent to 50% of formula funding and 80% of MAI.

The AAs office has been working on task orders to get out to community on March 1st. They believe this partial award will cover at least the first three months and then they expect to get the full grant award of flat funding by June 1st. Last time we submitted a technical assistance request to HRSA regarding durable medical equipment (DME). HRSA has this request but we haven't received a response. Cheri and Rose will be giving a presentation on the Needs Assessment data later in the meeting.

Collaborative Research is currently conducting a dental survey identifying people who have not utilized their dental benefits who are covered through the Delta Dental insurance program. Part A identified 400 people who still had not accessed dental services and wanted to get information from them as to why they haven't accessed these services. Pose stated that this is important information for the PSRA in the summer. The goal is to get at least 60 responses.

An STD Update for Clinicians is being presented by Part F, the AETC from the U of A and partners from California. The update is on Friday, Feb. 19th that is primarily focused on providers, but will have representation from some case management agencies and other service providers.

Reallocations

Rose Conner said that we are not providing a Reallocation report tonight as they are getting ready to start going into the yearend close out. They have costs as of December 31st, and will bring more information as they get closer to getting all the final bills. She will not have a full report until the April or May meeting. Last month she reported that they had delayed billing and the providers have gotten in and it is having a significant impact on the amount of money that will be left at the end of the year. A carryover request of \$282,000 was issued, significantly less due to the tremendous amount of dental work offered to clients.

Membership Approvals

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David Aguirre, on behalf of the TEAM committee, recommended David Garrett for Planning Council membership.

David Garrett introduced himself. He works with 1n10 with the community and would be excited to be a part of the Planning Council.

MOTION: Michael Slim moved to vote by secret ballot for the appointments. Eric Moore seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Later in the meeting, Randall Furrow announced that this applicant was approved for submission to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for membership approval.

2015 Needs Assessment Update

Collaborative Research provided a PowerPoint presentation at the CHPS committee on Wednesday night. Collaborative research focused on two different aspects. For Part A and B, newly diagnosed clients, looking at the factors related to their new diagnosis and also a prevention assessment on high risk negatives. Cheri Tomlinson thanked the AA's office for sponsoring and having this needs assessment done, found it very helpful in moving forward and also thank Collaborative Research for their work.

Rose Conner went over a few highlights listed below from the handout:

p. 2 – 46 men, 30% were Hispanic (significant finding), 67% had knowledge of prevention messages before testing positive, 63% did not know anyone who had HIV before testing positive (average age 32) where they first tested positive

p.3 – women demographics/details (68% had received prevention messages before testing positive), 26% through emergency room testing, 0% of these women have knowledge of PREP, 79% of women were undetectable

p. 4 – age of respondents, in depth look (pie chart, view percentages by ages)

p. 8 – racial and ethnicity details, 32% Hispanic

p. 10 – Jeff pointed out that we are a little different than other EMAs – in our in depth look at our African American population, 74% are undetectable, this is a very significant indicator of the excellent work that our providers are doing with the AA population

p. 11 – in depth look at Native American (7 newly diagnosed, substantial size for the population in the community), 0 knew about PReP, 100% were referred, 71% are taking meds, 51% are undetectable

p. 12 – white respondents, 28 individuals, 29% had never tested before, 18% knew about PReP

p. 20-21 – overview of what the population looks like related to viral load, broken out by race, or (undetectable), identifying the percentage of knowledge of PREP prior to testing positive, # of respondents who receive an HIV test prior to testing positive,

In the final report there is a section on the types of information the individuals provided to the interviewers regarding their feelings after they were diagnosed, their sense of abandonment, many folks felt very sad, disenfranchised. From the CHPS Committee standpoint, the highlight was how evident stigma still resides in the community, and about the prevention messaging towards PReP.

Cheri Tomlinson added that it was interesting to see that females tended to have more positive results and how we could learn from this group. Rose Conner stated that they plan to use all of the information in the needs assessment to help identify action steps for the integrated plan, in the packet there is a template that the leadership academy participants developed for the goals and objectives for the

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integrated planning process. One example, page 4 of 6 (objective 8, reduce homelessness by 10% by the end of 2017,) the group developed the activities statements.

2nd Annual HIV Symposium is to be held March 1-2 and all of the grantees are working together. All of you are invited; all providers are mandated to have 1 individual participating.

MOTION: Michael Slim moved to accept the 2015 Needs Assessment. Bruce Weiss seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Discussion of Guiding Principles

Cheri Tomlinson thanked everyone for attending the CHPS meeting. They didn't have quorum so no official recommendation was made. The discussion was around updating the list of categories that were included in core which included Medical Transportation which had been voted on by the Council previously.

Cheri Tomlinson mentioned that updating the guiding principles is something you do when you're not in a crisis. The Council agreed that they should maintain the Guiding Principles as they are and this will influence decision making for the next PSRA.

The recommendation with no vote is that the Guiding Principles are maintained as is for the next coming year. When the final award is received in June, the AA's office will have the allocations and cuts would come from the bottom up in keeping with the Guiding Principles.

Dan Lindell asked how this would change the current process. Rose Conner said that it would not change anything. She talked about historically how they have only had to cut two times since she has been here.

MOTION: Debby Elliott moved to approve the Guiding Principles with the revisions. John Sapero seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Executive Committee Elections

Randall Furrow said that they will elect a new Chair, Vice Chair, Positive Community Representative, Special Populations Representative tonight. He asked if the nominees would like to say anything.

John Sapero discussed how he had been living with HIV for 26+ years now, having entered medical care as a Ryan White client, predating Dr. Post. He was the former chair of the Council, served as secretary and is currently the Office Chief for HIV Prevention, a member of the Council and the statewide advisory group (SWAG).

David Aguirre provided no comment. Randall Furrow said that he appreciated the person that nominated him and looks forward to working closely with the new chair. Jennifer Bullock and Abdul Hasan were not present.

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Ken Bethel said he is looking forward to sitting on the executive committee to learn from others and to continue the great work that the Planning Council is doing. Cynthia Trottier is looking forward to continuing the great work for Council.

MOTION: Cindy Alvarez moved to vote by secret ballot for the appointments. Julie Rosen seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Later in the meeting, Randall Furrow congratulated John Sapero as the new Planning Council Chair, Randall Furrow as the Vice Chair, Jennifer Bullock and Abdul Hasan as Positive Community Representatives and Ken Bethel and Cynthia Trottier as Special Populations Representatives.

Update: Other Ryan White programs

Part B: Carmen Batista reported that she is very excited that ACA enrollment 3 is closed and thanked all of the providers and grantees for their help in another successful year. There are currently 1250 clients in ADAP, 90% are virally suppressed. Part B is currently working on building an online application, conducting different focus groups through the different phases and will be getting community input. Part B is also hosting a medical case management training at the end of February. Currently 83 registered.

Part C: Eric Moore discussed that Part C received a partial grant award. They also had their final patients served number for last year. McDowell Health Care serviced 3,503 people, 20% women and 60% were racial and ethnic minorities.

Part D: Cheri Tomlinson working with partners on application. She was happy to report that their testing program produced 3 publications with a 4th in March. Their viral load suppression is running at 87 percent.

Prevention: John Sapero discussed PReP and that they received preliminary approval for a carryover request to nearly double the budget for PReP initiatives. He stated that the HIV Symposium is on March 1 and 2 and is free.

AHCCCS: No representative but Rose Conner mentioned that there are 1.8 million currently enrolled in AHCCCS and we thank Penny and our AHCCCS partners for their hard work.

Current Event Summaries

Cheri Tomlinson gave a shout out to Arizona who came second in the county for having the highest insured percentage.

Eric Moore discussed that the Joshua Tree feeding program will be hosting their Dodge Hunger dodge ball tournament event either the 1st or 2nd weekend of March.

Call to the Public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:21 pm.