

Planning Council



Randall Furrow, Chair

Thursday, February 13, 2014
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*

Attended:

Andrea Kamenca	Carla Chee	Cheri Tomlinson	Cynthia Trottier
Dan Lindell	David Aguirre	Debby Elliott	Eric Moore
Jonathan Harris	Ken Bethel	Lucio Amado	Mary Rose Wilcox
Penny Ellis	Randall Furrow	Robert Solis	

Excused:

Deborah Frusciano	Jennifer Bullock	Keith Thompson	Maclovia Morales
Rebecca Barnett			

Absent:

Abdul Hasan	Edward Tisdale	Kimberly Yellow Robe	Leonard Stewart
Norman Wagner			

Guests

Phoenix Gunner	Scott Larson	Mary Perez	Darwin Gunderson
Aaron Roth	Chavon Boston	Christopher Bradley	John Sapero
Bruce Weiss	Lisa Fuentes	Benjamin Pierson	Calicia White
Michael Slim			

Administrative Agent Staff

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

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.

Determination of quorum

Randall Furrow determined that quorum was established with 15 of 25 members at 5:15 p.m.

Updates from Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox

Supervisor Wilcox discussed an upcoming health fair to be held on March 8, 2014. The Heart and Sol Wellness Festival is an event that has a target population of Latinos, young adults, families and children, and asked the Planning Council to consider participating in this event to provide RWPA information and ACA enrollment assistance. Supervisor Wilcox is working with Department of Health and Human Services to plan several ACA enrollment events over the next 2 months, and Ryan White will be provided space at all events that are scheduled to assist in our efforts to get all RWPA clients enrolled in the ACA.

Discussion of Funding for ACA Education and Enrollment Activities for 2014

The Planning Council will conduct a PSRA on March 13. PSRA is designed to allocate direct services funding, but does not allocate Planning Council funds. The Administrative Agent is recommending that the Council approve \$5,000 be allocated from the 2014 Planning Council budget for educational activities and materials related to the Affordable Care Act. \$1,000 of this amount would be allocated to the Heart and Sol event to provide educational materials and ACA enrollment information, and the remainder of these funds will be used to continue ACA education and enrollment activities throughout the new grant year.

MOTION: Debby Elliott moved to approve the recommended funds for education. Robert Solis seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Review of the minutes and action items from the previous meeting

The committee silently reviewed the minutes from the January 9 Planning Council meeting. No corrections were voiced.

MOTION: Robert Solis moved to approve the minutes. Cheri Tomlinson seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Chair update

Randall Furrow stated that the midyear PSRA will be held at the next regularly scheduled Planning Council meeting on Thursday, March 13 from 5 until 8 pm. This meeting will also include the data session. Randall also stated that Jennifer Bullock has been approved for the NQC Consumer Advisory Committee. Also, a survey will be sent out on training needs for Council members.

Completion of Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms

Robert Solis distributed the forms for all members to complete.

Administrative Agent update

Rose Conner gave a brief ACA enrollment update, stating that 94 percent of clients have been screened and enrolled and that 35 percent of these have been verified thus far. Enrollment efforts are continuing, and the goal is to have all eligible clients enrolled by the end of March.

Reallocations

Rose stated that as of March 1, there will be no contracts with Phx Shanti and JFCS. Both agencies report that the majority of their clients have enrolled in AHCCCS, and they will not need RWPA funds to continue to provide services to PLWHA in 2014. She then discussed the February allocations report.

1. The Health Insurance Premiums Financial Assistance Service Category will need additional funds to cover expenditures through Feb. 28. The provider estimates a need of approximately \$35,000 to cover expenditures during the remaining months of the 2013 grant year.
2. The Mental Health Services Category is expected to need an additional \$20,000 to cover services through Feb. 28, dependent on the number of clients that are verified as AHCCCS or FFM eligible by the end of the grant year.
3. The Substance Abuse Treatment Services Category is expected to need an additional \$15,000 to cover services through Feb. 28, dependent on the number of clients that are verified as AHCCCS or FFM eligible by the end of the grant year.
4. The amount of billing received in December for Outpatient Ambulatory Care was less than projected, and the monthly billing amounts are expected to decrease in January and February due to enrollments in AHCCCS and FFM. The providers in this service category are estimating that there may be up to \$200,000 remaining in this service category at the end of the year due to the transition on clients into AHCCCS and FFM.
5. The amount of billings received for Dental Insurance has decreased in both November and December, resulting in revised projections for yearend expenditures. **The AA recommends that the Planning Council re-open Direct Dental Services for clients that are awaiting oral health services.** It is expected that the Direct Dental providers would be able to provide an additional \$50,000 in services to clients that are on the current wait list. The Dental Insurance Program is also contacting clients on their wait list and assisting those clients in enrolling in Dental Insurance effective March 1.
6. The Medical Nutrition Services provider is continuing to cut the amount of supplements that are available for clients in an effort to reach a balanced budget by the end of the grant year. At this time, there is a projected imbalance of approximately \$15,000.

Requested action: The AA recommends that the Planning Council approve a decrease of \$70,000 in Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care, and increase allocations to the following service categories:

- Health Insurance Premiums Financial Assistance \$35,000
- Mental Health Services \$20,000
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services \$15,000

MOTION: Andrea Kamenca moved to accept the AA's recommendations. Ken Bethel seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

EIHA presentation

Carmen Batista and Chavon Boston presented on the progress of the EIHA program and its future plans and goals.

CHPS Committee update

Cheri Tomlinson opened the discussion on efforts being made on retention of client enrollment. A subgroup of the committee met to devise ways to keep clients enrolled. Debby Elliott discussed the ideas the group came up with: signs in offices, suggested phrases concerning birth date and half birthday, verbal and written reminders: cards that will be tested in offices, and also medical providers aiding in retention by printing out page 5 of the ADAP application so that clients don't become disenrolled due to this common issue.

Executive Committee elections

Candidates are as follows:

Planning Council Chair: Randall Furrow.

Vice Chair: David Aguirre.

Positive Community Representatives: Jennifer Bullock and Cynthia Trottier.

Community Representative: Lucio Amado and Robert Solis for Special Populations, Hispanic Representative.

MOTION: Eric Moore moved to vote by secret ballot for the appointments. Debby Elliott seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Jonathan Harris distributed the secret ballots. Later in the meeting, Randall Furrow announced that all had been approved.

Membership approvals

David Aguirre stated that six candidates, including alternates and reappointments needed to be voted on and passed out the ballots. Later in the meeting, Randall Furrow announced that all had been approved.

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

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Training needs

This item was tabled. See chair update.

Committee/Work Group reports

This item was tabled.

Update: Other Ryan White programs

Part B: Carla Chee stated that certification training for Part A and B case managers is March 10 and 11, their HRSA site visit is March 25-27. Lisa Fuentes stated the following: there are 1,104 clients enrolled in ADAP, 175 are in marketplace, 347 in Part B, 69 in PCIP, 102 in private insurance, 411 do not have any insurance, which is 33 percent and should be down to 24 percent. 423 were dis-enrolled due to AHCCCS eligibility. Discussion continued the need for clients to file tax forms and the prevention of access to care this can cause.

Part C: Eric Moore stated that they received a partial award for 2014, 50 percent of the total and it included the 5 percent sequestration cut. They are tracking 1300 people for the ACA and they have so far verified plans for 20 percent.

Part D: Cheri stated that they had 75 percent application submission.

MOTION: Debby Elliott moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Eric Moore seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Current events summaries

David Aguirre stated that there is a Get Up/Get Moving health fair, a national event, also on March 8 at Davis School in South Phoenix. Cynthia Trottier announced that she on the ballot for Tolleson School Board .

Call to the public

Aaron Roth of Maricopa County stated that there is training available through the county and he will be doing a presentation in April on available services. John Sapero stated that the state is doing Linkage to Care study in Maricopa and Pima Counties. Phoenix Gunner of Bristol-Myers Squibb encouraged members to advocate for migration community access to care. She has materials available for this.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately at 6:40 pm.