

Planning Council



Randall Furrow, Chair

Thursday, March 12, 2015
5:00 – 6:30 pm
Area Agency on Aging/Care Directions
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Meeting Minutes

Committee Members

Attended:

Dan Lindell	Cindy Alvarez	Cheri Tomlinson	Bruce Weiss
Cynthia Trottier	Edward Tisdale	Phil Seeger for Debby Elliott	David Aguirre
Gil Velez for Maclovia Morales	Randall Furrow	Jennifer Bullock	Lisa Fuentes
Ken Bethel	Penny Ellis	Eric Moore	

Excused:

Michael Slim	Lucio Amado	Jonathan Harris	Andrea Kamenca
John Sapero	Steven Gallardo	David Garcia	

Absent:

Abdul Hasan

Guests

Becky Gonzalez	Jeremy Hayden	Jimmy Borders
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Administrative Agent Staff

AT	Rose Conner	EX	Kenneth Leighton- Boster	EX	Carmen Batista	AT	Chantie Wingo
AT	Julie Rudnick	AT	Alaina Rinne	EX	Victoria Jaquez	AB	Jane Wixted
AT	Chavon Boston						

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. Everyone introduced him/herself and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Determination of quorum

Randall Furrow determined that quorum was established with 14 of 22 members at approximately 5:10 pm.

Review of the minutes and action items from the previous meeting

The committee silently reviewed the minutes from the previous Planning Council meeting. Cheri Tomlinson stated that there was a correction on the last page concerning her update: it should read NASW instead of NESW.

MOTION: Ken Bethel moved to approve the minutes. David Aguirre seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Chair update

Randall Furrow stated that there were no meetings for the Council or any committees in April.

Administrative Agent update

Rose Conner announced that Part A has a new Project Officer, Monique Richards. They have completed the RFP for Psychosocial services. She discussed changes in the Part A office with Ken Leighton-Boster retiring and Chantie Wingo leaving. They are working on reorganization.

Reallocations

Rose Conner discussed the following:

1. The 2014 grant year closeout is in process and they will return to HRSA 1.4 million in Part A funds and 78 thousand in MAI funds.
2. She discussed a chart of projected partial allocations from now through December 2015 that will use 80 percent of funds.
3. The Administrative Agent requests that the Planning Council authorize the Administrative Agent to waive the current Transportation Services eligibility requirements, as identified in the RWPA Planning Council Standards of Care, for RWPA clients that participate in a pilot project that will focus on improving access to care for the EMA's Native American consumers that receive medical care at Phoenix Indian Medical Center.
4. The Ryan White Part A Oral Health Pilot Project will be a collaborative project that will include one of the EMA's Medical providers and one of the EMA's Oral Health providers. Clients participating in this pilot project will have taxi services approved for oral health services without the need to meet the current transportation criteria. The client will be enrolled in the Pilot Project by their Medical Case Manager, and the Oral Health provider will contact the EMA's Transportation provider to arrange transportation for the scheduled dental appts. The Transportation provider will maintain documentation that the client was authorized for taxi services due to their participation in the Pilot project. This waiver authorization will be effective from April 1, 2015-Feb. 29, 2016.

Ken Bethel asked how many clients there would be and Rose responded that there are 30-40.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

MOTION: Jennifer Bullock moved to accept the waiver authorization. Cynthia Trottier seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Executive Committee special election

Randall Furrow stated that Ken Bethel had self-nominated as a Community Representative at last month's meeting for a special Executive Committee election. He stated that someone from the TEAM Committee would pass out the ballot. Later in the meeting, Randall announced that the representative position had been approved.

MOTION: Eric Moore moved to vote by secret ballot for the special election. Cindy Alvarez seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Membership approvals

Randall Furrow stated that there were two candidates for reappointment and two new candidates that needed to be voted on and David Aguirre passed out the ballots. Later in the meeting, Randall announced that all four appointments had been approved.

MOTION: Jennifer moved to vote by secret ballot for the appointments. Cynthia Trottier seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

ACA update

Cheri Tomlinson stated that Arizona had done an excellent job in enrolling clients. There are more than 205,000 new and re-enrolled clients, an increase of 70 percent from year 1 to year 2. Also, there is a special enrollment provision through April 30. There is a penalty but clients can still enroll late. Tax assistance is available through VITA sites across the county. For more information, contact MIHS or use covermeaz.org.

Standards Update

Eric Moore stated that the Standards Committee was working diligently based on the new HRSA Standards guidelines. The committee met on Tuesday and got through the Medical Transportation Standard pending a final review and started on the Mental Health Standard. The next meeting in May, Transportation will be finalized, and then Mental Health and Substance Abuse will be reviewed. Claire Tyrpak stated that Jeff Daniel will begin work on Food, Nutrition and the two Oral Health Standards and will organize work groups on these topics the day before the May committee meeting. Also, the committee will review Medical Case Management and Non-Medical Case Management, Outpatient Ambulatory Care and Early Intervention Services.

Comprehensive plan update

Claire Tyrpak provided an update on this year's review of the Comprehensive Plan. She, Randall and the Part A office staff met to review the final year of the three year plan. All items are fully completed minus two that are ongoing and so rated at 50 percent completed. HRSA has not yet released its guidance for the upcoming joint comprehensive plan with the state.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Rose Conner stated that they have been informed by HRSA that the new guidance will be released at the end of the spring, hopefully in June. Cheri Tomlinson stated that Parts C&D will work with the Planning Council to complete their plan.

Planning Council logo and website redesign

Claire Tyrpak apprised the Council of the status of the website redesign. It will be going into production shortly. She presented two logo redesign samples, which the Council discussed. She then asked for a show of hands as to Council members' choice of designs and the first of the two designs was chosen by the majority.

Update: Other Ryan White programs

Part B: Lisa Fuentes stated that they are working on their grant year closeout. The Statewide Advisory Group (SWAG) would hold its first meeting on March 17 from 10-2 at the Black Canyon Conference Center. She and John Sapero will be attending the Annual NASTAD meeting in Washington. They completed their RSR. They are also working on their website.

Part C & D: Eric Moore stated that they were preparing for their HRSA site visit the next week. They received a score of 99 percent on their grant application submitted last year and just completed this year's submission.

AHCCCS: Penny Ellis stated that they now have 321,065 members, up from 7,953 from February.

State Prevention Program: John Sapero was absent so no update was given.

Current Event Summaries

David Aguirre stated that Concilio de la Salud had a recent event with 3,000 attendees. They will include HIV testing next year for the event.

Call to the public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:56 pm.