

Minnesota HIV Services Planning Council Meeting
November 13, 2012
9:00am – 12:00noon
Health Services Building, Room L15
525 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis
Minutes

Council Members Present:

Mary Gulley	Bashir Hers
Winston Cavert	Adam Fairbanks
Peter Carr	Joan Cachedi
Hank Jensen (Council Co-Chair)	Makeda Norris-via phone (Council Co-Chair)
Kris Hammes	Debbie Gazett
Darin Rowles	Craig Schmidt
Shelia Mills	Loyal Brooks
David Neller	Monica Yugu
Tom Bichanga	Jonatan Gudino
Ami Lazo	Keith Henry
Skye Davis	

Council Members Absent:

Shanasha Whitson	Andy Ansell
Al Fredrickson	Rob Pioli
Karin Sabey	

Guests/Consultants:

G-HAT:

Dave Rompa – DHS	Sheila Murphy - Hennepin County
John Suhr – Hennepin County	Jonathan Hanft - Hennepin County
Nick Metcalf – DHS	Redwan Hamza - DHS
Kathryn Hansen - Hennepin County	

Planning Council Staff:

Tim Sullivan	Wendi Johnson (minutes)
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Quorum Present? **Yes**

I. Call to Order

Hank presided.

II. Lighting of the Candle – Shelia Mills

Shelia lit the candle for Elliot Ramos who passed away some time ago. The candle was also lit for Helen Doris Reed, who was an advocate for the African American community, and passed away in April.

III. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Review and Approval of October 9, 2012 Minutes

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

V. Part A, Jonathan Hanft

Jonathan distributed three documents titled **Part A Update, November 13, 2012; Figure 2: Pathways to Coverage for People with HIV:ACA Transition Period (2010-2013)** and **AIDS Budget and Appropriations Coalition**.

- A. The Part A application was submitted on October 19th
- B. Carryover contracts have been fully executed
- C. 2013 Ryan White appropriations
- D. Ryan White Reauthorization. The impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) could be three paths:
 - Ryan White funding goes away
 - A transitional reauthorization depending on what happens with ACA
 - A major reauthorization of Ryan White
- E. ACA path to insurance for PLWHA. Questions/Comments:
 - Joan asked if the Ryan White eligibility guidelines will stay the same. Jonathan said there has not been discussion of changing the requirements but it can be looked at if there is an identified gap of clients.
 - Jonatan asked what happens if the high risk insurance goes away. Jonathan isn't sure yet.

- Hank asked if the pot of money available for Part A TGAs goes up or down depending on how many territories are eligible. Jonathan said no, the amount of money stays the same.

VI. Part B, *Redwan Hamza*

- A. DHS is currently looking at everyone on Program HH and all the healthcare programs available to them to make sure everyone is on the best program.
- B. An ACA expert from NASTAD and Project Inform staff were in MN last week for two presentations at the All Provider meeting via a webcast and a consumer dinner. Contact Mary Grandy if you have questions about this.
- C. The 2013 application is due in early January.

VII. Prevention Update, *Peter Carr*

- A. The HIV prevention funding awards that will start January 1, 2013 were released last week. This is the first time funds have been shifted to address treatment as prevention and prevention with positives. They are also able to fund syringe exchange and how they support media messages.
- B. World AIDS Day is December 1st. The MDH website has a calendar of events. Two major events are the Sarah Simmons event on November 30th and African World AIDS Day on December 8th.
- C. This is Peter's last meeting with the Planning Council before he retires at the end of the month. He thinks his position will be filled by mid-January and Peter will be suggesting that whoever that is apply for a seat on the Council.

VIII. Staff Update

- A. The 2013 Council meeting calendar is available. Community Voice committee meetings are not on the calendar yet.
- B. Winter meetings: please pay close attention to email for meetings during the winter.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Community Voice –
 - a. Next meeting will be in tandem with DHS community advisory committee.
- B. Executive –
 - a. Action Item: Reallocations Proposal – Every year the grantees present a reallocations proposal half way through the year if funds don't look like they will be spent. Jonathan distributed a document titled **Reallocations Proposal** and walked the Council through the proposal. Questions/Comments:
 - Adam asked for clarification that this is a one-time reallocation. Jonathan said yes, it is so the grantees can make sure that the funds are spent.
 - Darin asked about Home and Community Based Health Services. He asked if they have indicated that they can sustain the service for the rest of the year if this money is reallocated. Jonathan said yes.
 - Hank asked why so much is being reallocated from Medical Case Management. Jonathan said there is a new provider that is having trouble spending their funds this year, which is typical of newly funded programs as they get up and running.
 - **MOTION:** Kris made a motion to approve the reallocation proposal as presented. A second is assumed and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 18-0 (Yes – Mary, Tom, Kris, Winston, Bashir, Peter, Adam, Joan, Debbie, Darin, Craig, Jonatan, Monica, Sheilia, Amy, Loyal, David, Makeda).
- C. Needs Assessment & Evaluation – no meeting
- D. Operations –
 - a. Recruitment for 2013 – The committee is looking at the current membership list and how to recruit open slots for the annual election in February. Unaligned consumers, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, and other people of color are the most needed positions. Anyone is welcome to apply even if they don't fill one of these categories and can become community members of a committee prior to full membership.
 - b. Leadership – Makeda will be rotating off the Council at the end of February leaving a co-chair vacancy.
 - c. Attendance Policy Change – the committee is looking at revamping the attendance policy. They are thinking about being less subjective with members not meeting their attendance requirements. Questions/Comments:
 - Tim said there is no formal proposal on the new attendance policy so if you have ideas please send them to Council staff or members of the Operations committee.
 - Kris asked about different absence requirements for consumers and non-consumers. Tim said no other Council in the country has different requirements for consumers and non-consumers. If someone isn't at the table then the community isn't being represented. Tim thinks the committee will ultimately propose a policy that is across the board.
 - Joan asked if the Council has been exploring other technology, like Skype. Tim said yes.
 - Darin hopes the new policy will be in place for March 1st so that everyone can start with a clean slate and understanding of the policy. There won't be much focus on current attendance.
 - Tim clarified that if someone is removed from the Council due to non-attendance there is nothing that would exclude them from reapplying at a later date when circumstances have changed.
 - Craig said other groups have "shared" positions and could be worth discussion.
 - Monica asked about proxy voting. Tim said we do have a proxy but if any vote or recommendation is

changed/amended then the member can't proxy vote. The proxy also does not count toward attendance and counts as an absence.

E. Planning & Priorities – no meeting

X. Open Forum

A. Jonathan invited Mesfin to attend the meeting today to discuss a new program. Jonathan and Peter have worked with him while he lived in Ethiopia and he now lives in MN.

XI. Unfinished Business

None.

XII. Announcements From the Floor

A. Recognition of Peter's contributions to the Council.

B. African World AIDS Day on December 8th.

C. Flyer for HCMC Positive Care Center Open House on December 13th is available on the back table.

D. MAP's Women and HIV fundraiser took place a few weeks ago. Joan is working on creating a mission statement. Anyone is welcome to attend these events.

E. Aliveness Project has a matching grant for their new building. Donations include a name engraving based on the donation amount.

F. Aliveness Project needs volunteers to help put the holiday baskets together.

G. HCMC has a PrEP clinic available. HCMC is also going to be a study clinic for the new quad pill.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Meeting Summary:

- The Council approved the reallocation proposal as presented. This proposal will help ensure that Ryan White funds are fully spent by the end of the fiscal year.
- The annual election for Council membership is coming up in February. If you know someone who is interested in serving on the Council please get them an application or get them in touch with Council staff.

Documents Distributed Before the Meeting:

- Agenda
- Reallocations Proposal

Documents Distributed/Available At the Meeting:

- Minutes from October 9, 2012
- Part A Update, November 13, 2012
- Figure 2: Pathways to Coverage for People with HIV:ACA Transition Period (2010-2013)
- AIDS Budget and Appropriations Coalition

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