

Minnesota HIV Services Planning Council Meeting
July 8, 2014
9:00am – 12:00pm
Health Services Building, Room L15
525 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis
Minutes

Council Members Present:	
Andy Ansell	Bielca Guevara
Scott Bilodeau	Mary Gulley
Sokun Bobson	Michael Graham
Michele Boyer	Jonatan Guidiño
Loyal Brooks	Michael Hargrave
Winston Cavert, M.D.	Keith Henry, M.D.
Jared Erdmann	Hank Jensen (Council Co-Chair)
Al Fredrickson	Dennis London
Debbie Gazett (Council Co-Chair)	Valentine Momo
Krissie Guerard	Lesla Nelson
	Monica Yugu
Council Members Absent:	
Michael Behl	Joe Larson
Jonah Bridger	Lucie Makena
Michael Brooks	Asneth Omare
	Craig Schmidt
Guests/Consultants:	
Kareem Murphy	Angela Jensen
Terral Ewing	
G-HAT:	
Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County	Dave Rompa, DHS
Sheila Murphy, Hennepin County	
Planning Council Staff:	
Amy Dusek	Carissa Weisdorf (minutes)

Quorum Present? **Yes**

- I. Call to Order**
Hank Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

- II. Lighting of the Candle**
None

- III. Welcome and Introductions**
Introductions were made.

- IV. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Agenda**
Michael motioned to approve the agenda and the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

- V. Review and Approval of June 10, 2014 Minutes**
Amy Dusek made a correction to the end of page 2: it should read "the voting for core medical services will be completed on June 20". Lesa motioned to approve the minutes with the correction and Andy seconded; the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

- VI. Co-Chair Update**
 - Hank reviewed the standards of membership with the Council.
 - There is a card going around for Mary Grandy whose mother recently passed away.
 - Hank thanked all in attendance at the coordinator candidates' presentations.
 - Hank provided a hardcopy of the Commissioner's response to the Planning Council Co-Chair's letter.
 - Next month's Planning Council meeting will include a one hour presentation about rebate money and how the money is used. The purpose is to better inform the Council about the rebate money.

VII. Part A Report

Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County

- Part A MOU is complete and is signed by the co-chairs; this MOU will take us through FY 2016. It is likely Ryan White will be reauthorized in 2016 so changes will most likely be made after that time.
- The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) plan is due July 18.
- The FY13 report is due July 30 and the federal financial report is due.
- We spent 99% of funds and about 70% of the remaining funds can be carried over.
- The Part A application guidance for Year 20 was just received and there were significant changes to the application this year.
- The June CARE coalition in DC went really well; they are working on appropriations bills. Steve Young, director of medical programs at HRSA discussed that they are looking at the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on Ryan White.
 - Antigone discussed the data collection to determine the need in each jurisdiction. One challenge of Part A is it is very difficult to establish this need. In 2006 a severity of need index was required. They are looking at this again with the impact of ACA.
- Capitol Hill visits went well; Jonathan introduced Kareem Murphy and said Kareem had advice about who to visit in DC.
 - In Raleigh, NC there was a proposal to reauthorize the bill with a perspective from the south. There is a healthcare savings piece in Elmer's bill which is a tax exempt account used to pay for health care. This has not worked well for people with low income in the past and Hennepin County does not support the bill.
 - Jonathan expressed the importance of the Planning Council's impact on reauthorizing the bill and said MA has effectively used Ryan White funds leading to a significant decline in the disease.
- Jonathan provided a hiring update. There were two final candidates who presented to Executive Committee and any other Planning Council members who chose to attend.
- Jonathan announced that Sheila Murphy, Ryan White's Quality Improvement Coordinator, has accepted another position within Hennepin County and we will be looking for a replacement soon.
- The Latino Gay/Bi/MSM Health Summit on HIV is coming up July 16 and registrations can be sent to Carissa.

VIII. Part B Report

Dave Rompa, DHS

- Dave provided a Part B update in written form.
- DHS had their HRSA site visit and received a positive report by the reviewers and will receive a final report within 30 days; the final report will be made available to the public.
- Bobby Long joined the DHS staff; he previously worked at MAP.
- The CAREWare position is still vacant.
- The first Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need/Rebate Planning Meeting is scheduled for July 24 from 1-4 pm at the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center in West St. Paul. Dave provided a flyer to the Planning Council and asked that the Planning Council Co-Chairs review the meeting schedule and identify any conflicting meetings.
 - Hank asked the Council to look out for emails from Planning Council staff/co-chairs because we want to ensure community stakeholders will be able to attend the meetings. A flyer will be sent to all stakeholders this Friday or early next week.
- There are a number of upcoming events: Part B state funded MCM retreat is coming up as well as Benefit Boot Camp and Contract Supervisors Retreat for Part B and state funded vendors.
- Dave will attend a NASDAD sponsored annual meeting to discuss the ACA and changes to ADAP.

IX. Prevention Update

Krissie Guerard, MDH

- MDH sent a letter to Governor Dayton around July 3 from MAP requesting more HIV/STD funding for prevention. It was requested that MDH send a proposal so they are working on putting a proposition to legislation for \$1 million for each which will be submitted by Friday. They are looking to reduce new incidences of HIV in MN and more staff will be needed. This is the first part of a long process and Krissie will keep the Council informed.

X. Staff Update

- Amy told members about a new video added to the website about what is a planning council. The video can be viewed on the prospective members page.
- We have received 27 out of 28 of the Core Medical Services Paired Comparisons and Amy thanked the Council for completing the worksheet.
- The next step is to compare Support Services and Amy will email that worksheet to the Council tomorrow; it will need to be returned by July 18. Please let Amy know if you have any difficulties completing the worksheet.
- The next Planning Council meeting is August 12 and will be a longer retreat. We will meet from 9 am – 1 pm in room 110 at the Health Services Building.
- The next Community Voice Meeting is scheduled for August 19.

- We completed the first Consumer Satisfaction Survey Ambassador training and 5 people attended.

XI. Consumer Survey & Ambassador Presentation

- The service area timeline was provided as a handout at the meeting.
- Amy informed the Council of the purpose of the survey. We are trying to collect data to determine the satisfaction level for services delivered. This data will be provided to the Council and shared with the agencies so they can see how their agencies compare.
- The survey is completely anonymous.
- The survey will be available in Spanish in August, 2014.
- Dave asked if African language interpretation will be available and we will look into possible phone interpretation; this could be added. There is one ambassador who is African born who could possibly assist with this.
- Loyal Brooks expressed interest in becoming an ambassador.
- Amy asked the Council to help spread the word and passed around a sign in sheet so the Council can list their affiliations. Amy and Jonathan stressed the importance of the need for their involvement. All Consumers are requested to take the survey for the services they receive.
- Colleen Bjerke wants an ambassador to come to MAP.

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XII. Needs Assessment & Evaluation Presentation

- Dr. Henry prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the Council to inform them how to use the Support Services SARS to make data driven decisions during the support services paired comparison exercise.
- Loyal asked why food vouchers appear in two service areas and Jonathan explained that HRSA changed the service definitions for some of the support SARS.
- Hank explained that at the bottom of the paired comparison worksheet it displays your ranking for each service area so one can double check their rankings. Council members will receive a copy of the group's ranking and personal rankings.
- Kip Alms presented the CAREWare data so Council members could see details about how services were used in the past year. This data was also provided as a handout to the Council. If there are any questions about the data, please contact Kip.
 - Jared asked if members should use this information when completing their paired comparisons and Kip said yes, this is the purpose.
- Jared asked the Council to use their medical transportation services and outreach services pages of the SARS. The group was split up into two groups and asked to take 10 minutes to discuss why they would prioritize the services they were given. After the discussion each group presented why they would prioritize their respective services. Members of NA&E and the gallery will hold up signs labeled 'Data' and 'Opinion' so Council members can begin to understand the difference between opinion and data driven decisions.
- The two sides presented their reasons for ranking each service higher than the other. Data/Opinion signs were held up during the discussion.
- Jared asked each Council member to complete the NA&E evaluation and the Council took time to complete it.
- Terral Ewing asked that we try to get more consumers to attend future meetings where services are voted on because 17 out of 1000s of consumers is a very small amount.

XIII. Committee Reports- **Provided in a written format with no discussion**

- Community Voice
- Executive
- Needs Assessment & Evaluation
- Operations: There is a vacancy on the Council that needs to be filled; this should be filled by an unaligned African-American male.
- Planning & Priorities

XIV. Open Forum

- Dr. Henry informed the group that he made a request to HCMC for the amount of money that was unpaid to the hospital for HIV services. He was given a 10,000 page Excel report that reported between \$3.1-3.9 million was lost because of an inability for the patients to pay and they do not turn anybody away. Dr. Henry provided this bill to the Commissioners because HCMC is technically the 'payer of last resort'. He wanted to make sure we are aware of the amount that HCMC spends because this is not a sustainable model. Dr. Henry's did not receive a reply to the letter he sent to the state.
 - Jonatan stated that additional funds were allocated to Safe Harbors which is an anti-sex trafficking law.
 - Michele said that the Senators made a quick decision based on the thinking that this is was extra money and the HIV/AIDS community was not using it.
 - Dr. Henry expressed the need for the Council to be proactive in the future in case this happens again.

XV. Recognition/Announcements from the Floor

- Terral Ewing said there are some Minnkota Health Project members who are unable to pay co-pays in greater MN and were turned away because of an inability to pay or lack of a credit card. He said some of these consumers need to be mailed their meds due to the great distance they need to travel to the pharmacy.
 - Debbie said there are other ways these consumers can receive help.
 - Andy said they should call HH for assistance.
- Andy reminded the group that the 12th annual Red Ribbon Ride is next week; it is Thursday-Sunday and benefits 8 statewide service providers.
- Jonathan reminded the Council about the Latino summit; please attend and spread the word.
- Hank recognized Sheila for all of her efforts over the years; she was presented with a cake and a card.

XVI. Adjourn

Michael Hargrave motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lesa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.

Meeting Summary

- **The Consumer Satisfaction Survey has launched and Council members are asked to spread the word.**
- **The Needs Assessment & Evaluation Committee presented the Support Services SARS and the Planning Council will need to prioritize these services.**

Documents Distributed before the Meeting

- Agenda
- Minutes from June 10, 2014 meeting
- Support Services SARS

Documents Distributed/Available at the Meeting

- Part A update
- Part B update
- Committee Reports
- Response from the Commissioners
- Timeline for consumer satisfaction survey by service
- CAREWare data
- Latino Summit flyer
- NA&E survey about 2 presentations
- DHS flyer for Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need review and rebate revenue planning discussion

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