

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**137 Peachtree St, S.W.**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**August 9, 2012**

**8:45 a.m.**

**Committee Members Present**

Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair	Hermeyone Wilson
Larry Cook, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Katherine Lovell
Jeanette Nu'Man	Robert McLean, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
Robert Di Vito	Larry Lehman
Nicole Roebuck	Dolph Ward Goldenburg

**Committee Members Not Present**

Jeff Graham	Ruby Lewis - Hardy
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The Executive Committee was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by chair, Dazon Dixon Diallo.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the agenda.**

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the July 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Minutes and the July 18<sup>th</sup> Special Called minutes.**

**Grantee Update:** Kandace Carty - The Carryover request was submitted to HRSA in the amount of \$237,981.95. The additional dollars will be split 50/50 with Primary Care and Oral Health. Primary Care will have an additional \$118,990.98 that will serve 95 clients. Oral Health will have an additional \$118,990.98 that will serve 227 clients. HRSA Regional Office will host an Oral Health Summit Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in Macon to address the oral health services in Georgia. Many of the oral health providers and agency representatives will be in attendance. Patrick Daly, the new Assistant Director will start Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Executive Committee had a lengthy discussion about the lack of oral health services available to consumers and the challenges providers are having. Many of the agencies are having issues with patients not showing up for their appointments. It was noted that some agencies double book appointments because of clients not showing up for their appointment. It was recommended to look at making a directive for Oral Health services to ensure all consumers have access to services. The Grantee will discuss the issues with providers at the Oral Health Summit.

**Priorities Committee- Action Item** - Mr. Robert Di Vito commended the Priorities Committee member's participation in the recent priority- setting process. Eleven members were present at all meetings with 7 to 8 of the members being consumers. There was great Consumer involvement in process.

The Priorities Committee met in June, July and August and heard presentations from the Department of Public Health, SEATEC, Assessment Committee and other Planning Council Committees. The overall message that was brought to the Committee's attention from SEATEC and the Department of Public Health is that both younger and older patients are presenting with HIV/AIDS and are seeking care during the advanced stages of the disease.

After reviewing the information, the Committee recommended to continue to use the FY 2012 ranking because information presented by SEATEC, the Department of Public Health, agencies and individuals provided no sufficient reason to change the category rankings for FY 2013.

**FY2013 Service Priority Category Ranking**

Based on the Committee's recommendation, the proposed rankings for FY 2013 are as follows:

1. Primary Care
2. Oral Health
3. AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (APA)
4. Case Management
5. Mental Health
6. Substance Abuse
7. Support Services
  - a. Food
  - b. Emergency Assistance
  - c. Psychosocial Support
  - d. Medical Transportation
  - e. Legal Services
  - f. Linguistic Services
  - g. Child Care
8. Quality Management
9. Housing
10. Early Intervention Services (EIS)
11. Home Health
12. Hospice
13. Council Support

The Executive Committee asked why Housing, EIS, Home Health and Hospice are listed as priority rankings within the service priority categories. It was noted that the Committee recognizes Housing is a critical need and is important to the EMA and is Home Health and Hospice are funded by other resources. The Executive Committee recommended examining all service categories that are provided by HRSA but are being funded from other outside sources for consistency.

The Committee determined that it would in the best interest of Consumers if the Planning Council Chair, Priorities Committee Chair and the Assessment Committee Chair attend the Consumer Caucus meeting on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming action items that will be presented to them by Priorities at the August 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Council meeting .

**Action Item I - A motion was made, seconded and passed to maintain the current FY 2012 Priority Category rankings for FY 2013. Yes: 8 No: 1**

### **FY2013 Funding Amount**

The Chair summarized several options that were considered by the Priorities Committee:

- To implement a new program or endeavor for Peer Navigators as recommended by the Consumer Caucus
- To take into consideration the State's receipt of \$8.4 million in Emergency Relief Funds for ADAP and their request not be considered for funding in FY2013 but to have the option to make such a request in the future if the need arises.
- The need for Primary Care continues to rise, even though the category has been kept flat in the \$10 million range; the Atlanta EMA nets 500 new patients each year.
- The request was made to keep Mental Health and Substance Abuse at flat-funding
- Oral Health services one of leading gaps in services.
- Childcare did not rate high in the Consumer Survey.
- Address the increase need in Emergency Assistance.

The Committee chose not to fund the State ADAP and further decided to take a conservative flat funding approach for FY2013. This decision was based in part on the presentation of the Public Policy Committee Chair, Jeff Graham.

The Chair and Committee members held lengthy discussions on all categories and the information and data that had been brought forward. After much deliberation, the Priorities Committee decided to take the \$300,000 from State ADAP and \$236,204 from AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (APA)s, combine the amount, divide evenly, and allocate to both Primary Care and Oral Health. From that point the priority service category funding allocations range process will be followed. Additionally, in the event of a decrease in funding, categories should be reduced proportionately.

**Action Item 2 - A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to use the FY 2012 total funding award in the amount of \$20,983,920 as the FY 2013 base funding allocation. Yes: 9 No: 0**

**FY 2013 Funding Ranges:**

The Committee discussed the issues of ranges and whether revised ranges are needed in the event of decreased or increased funding. The Committee recommendations are:

\*If there is a decrease in the award greater than \$250,000, the Priorities Committee will meet to discuss the impact of decreased funding and whether new funding allocations are needed.

\*If there is a decrease in the award between \$1.00 and \$250,000, the funding decrease will be divided based on funding allocation across all categories.

\*If there is an increase in the award between \$1.00 and \$500,000, funds will be split 50/50 between Primary Care and Oral Health.

\*If there is an increase in the award greater than \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, funds will proportionately allocated to all categories expect Quality Management and Council Support.

\*If there is an increase in the award greater than \$1,000,000, the Priorities Committee will reconvene to consider the funding in excess of \$1,000,000.

**Action Item 3 - A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the Service Priority Category funding allocations and ranges for FY 2013. Yes: 9 No: 0**

**FY2013 Local Directives (to be set):**

The Committee reviewed the FY 2012 Local Directives and determined to retain the current the FY2012 directives for FY2013 (See Attachment)

**Action Item 4 - A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to maintain the FY 2012 Directives as the FY 2013 Directives. Yes: 9 No: 0**

**A motion was made, seconded and carried to extend the meeting until 10:30 a.m.**

**Committee Updates:**

**Assessment Committee:** Jeanette Nu'Man – The Committee reviewed the data information regarding health disparities from SEATEC and identified local areas where the average cases are higher than what the EMA serves.

**Comprehensive Planning Committee:** Katherine Lovell - The Committee met Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the current Comprehensive Plan and identified updates.

**Council Procedures Committee:** Larry Lehman – The Committee is working with an attorney to work pro bono the bylaws and grievance procedures.

**HOPWA Committee:** Dolph Ward Goldenburg - The Committee was featured in HUD's Consumer Report on Barriers, Needs and Gaps in Atlanta 2020. The article highlighted the 20 best practices in addressing housing needs.

**Membership Committee:** Hermeyone Wilson – The Committee will have a mini- re-fresher course on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> following the Planning Council meeting. All membership applications are due Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The next Committee meeting will be held Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to review applications, to set the roster for 2012-2013 Planning Council Year and to examine the terms for voting member's and Committee chairs.

**Public Policy Committee:** No Report

**Quality Management Committee:** Nicole Roebuck - The Committee is currently working on the newsletter and Statewide Customer Satisfaction survey and is revising the screening tool.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the modified Planning Council agenda by adding AAOI update.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.