

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**99 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**

**May 15, 2014**

**Voting Members Present**

Hermeyone Bell	Albert Mitchell
Jerona Bell	Jacqueline Muther
Sonya Chapman	Jeanette Nu'Man
Michael DeMayo	David Reznik
Dazon Dixon- Diallo	Nicole Roebuck
Gene Farber	Lisa Roland
Jeff Graham	Sharma Sanjay
Mikki Hollinger	Moneta Sinclair
Priti Kohle	Terry Stidom
James Lark	Peter Thibodeaux
Ken Lazarus	Willie Lee Thomas
Larry Lehman	Timothy Webb
Katherine Lovell	Norris Williams
Makkar Harvinder	Sean Williams
Phyllis Malone	Timothy Young

**Voting Members Not Present**

Jim Bacon	Charles Fuller
Deb Bauer	Patrick Kelly
Walter Bradley	Stephanie Laster
Teresa Connell	Ruby Lewis – Hardy
Cheryl – Courtney Evans	John Eaton
Justin Daniels	Shirley Love
Robert Di Vito	Trevor Pearson
Reggie Dunbar	Tony Redmon
Sharron Fickling	Andrea Thrasher
Chris Fields	Masonia Traylor
William Francis	Del'Rosa Winston

The Planning Council meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair Dazon Dixon Diallo.

**A motion was made and seconded and carried to accept the May15<sup>th</sup> Planning Council agenda.**



## **Planning Council Minutes**

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**A motion was made and seconded and carried to accept the March 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Council minutes.**

**Consumer Caucus:** Timothy Webb – The Consumer Caucus met on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at AID Atlanta. The Caucus will not meet next Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Caucus thanked the Grantee for listening to the concerns and is please for moving forward in the process of trying to resolve the concerns. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at AID Atlanta from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**AAOI:** Hermeyone Bell - The Atlanta Area Outreach Initiative (AAOI) will have its 1<sup>st</sup> Planning meeting for the 2015 event on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Absolute Care from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The 2014 AAOI evaluation report will be presented at the next Planning Council meeting in July.

**Grantee Update:** Patrick Daly –

2014 Award: The Grantee is waiting on FY2014 full award amount. HRSA informed the Grantee's Office that they would receive notification by mid-May. The Grantee does not anticipate a reduction in funding. Agency contracts have been mailed out and agencies are aware that they will only receive 2 months of funding until the full award amount has been given. The 2014 contracts are going to be for 10 months this re-aligns our (EMA) with the Ryan White Part A federal budget year. This was a directive we received last year, requiring us to re-align our contracts and goals with federal budget year. The Ryan White Office is undergoing an internal audit that will last until July.

The Program is currently undergoing an internal audit that will conclude at the end of June.

Health Insurance Program: The State and Part A and Part B issued guidance on what assistance is available. The program will expand in January 2015 to cover out-of-pocket expenses for clients and copayments co-insurance payments. The cap on out-of-pocket expenses, including premiums, is \$9,496 per year, per client. The Premium assistance program will pay up to \$1,100 per month for clients who have enrolled in a marketplace plan. The Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP) will continue to pay for premiums for clients who are enrolled in COBRA, Medicare Part D, or a non-marketplace plan. Part A will contract with Part B as soon as the Grantee receives the full award amount. The Part B program is still working with their independent vendor, and they're beginning to pilot premium payments. The Part A program will supplement the program with Part A funds after the full FY2014 award amount is received.

The Grantee was informed that the State is removing many of the Ryan White clients off of ADAP. The Grantee informed the Planning Council that they have contacted the State to address the ADAP concerns. The Planning Council was informed they would need to contact the State ADAP coordinator.

**Fulton County Commissioner John Eaves:** Thanked the Planning Council for inviting him to attend the Planning Council meeting. Commissioner Evans ensured that the County is determined to continue to support individuals living with AIDS/HIV.

The Consumer Caucus: Sandra Vincent – The Planning Council, Grantee, and other members have been meeting to identify and address the Consumer concerns which prompted the “stand out”.

The Council Procedures committee met to discuss the concerns as well as the issues associated with governance. A resolution report is being prepared which identifies concerns and resolutions. A great number of the concerns are central to the desire for greater Consumer leadership. The Council Procedures Committee will make its By-Law revision recommendations at the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The Priorities Committee: The Committee will convene on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Piedmont Hospital address the final 2014 award amount, carryover dollars and remaining dollars from ORC.

**AIDS Watch Presentation:** Jeff Graham -

**CDC Presentation:** James Sacco -

#### **Committee Updates:**

**Assessment Committee:** Jeanette Nu'Man - The Assessment Committee is currently working with SEATEC on the upcoming Consumer Survey and adjusting some of the language The Assessment Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Positive Impact.

**Comprehensive Planning Committee:** Katherine Lovell – The Comprehensive Planning Committee next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19 at Grady IDP at 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Council Procedures Committee:** Larry Lehman – The Council Procedures Committee has completed the final review of the Planning Council by-laws and will be ready to present at the August 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Council. The Procedures Committee also worked with the Consumer Caucus around governance concerns and other ideas that will balance the structure of the Planning Council.



**HOPWA Committee:** James Lark - The next HOPWA Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 p.m. at the Mechanicsville Library located at 400 Formwalt Street.

**Membership Committee:** Trevor Pearson - The Membership Committee will meet either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in June. More information is forth coming.

**Public Policy Committee:** Jeff Graham – The Public Policy Committee will be meeting soon. Action Alerts where sent out on yesterday about cuts to HOPWA program. On Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Loudermilk from 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. a townhall meeting will be held. Douglas Brooks the Director of Office National AIDS Policy will conduct the meeting. Jeff reminded all to vote Fulton, DeKalb polling stations are open and will be open late to vote.

**Quality Management:** Nicole Roebuck - The Quality Management Committee has sent out the QM newsletter and is available on the Ryan White website. The EMA screening tool and the standards have been revised and will be available to all funded agencies in mid –May early June. The next Quality Management Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Grady IDP room 354 at 10:00 a.m.

**Public Forum:**

Dwight Anderson announced “Together for Life” Support group meets every Monday from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Fulton County Health Department.

Willie Lee Thomas encouraged all consumers to enroll in ACA.

Trevor Person announced Leadership Training will be held on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Grantee’s Office from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



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**Meeting Date: May 15, 2014**

**Minutes Approval Date: July 17, 2014**

**Attested By:**



**Dazon Dixon-Diallo, Chair MAHHSPC**



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