



METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

Zoom
Virtual Meeting
August 18, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Planning Council Meeting

Minutes

Zoom Meeting
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Attendees:

Alecia Head	Chanda Graves	Darie L.K. Wolfson	Melissa Beaupierre	Reggie Dunbar II	Chanel Scott-Dixon
Bruce Garner Chair	Kenny Clement	Sandra Vincent	Mark Anthony	Jenetter Richburg	Gwen Davies
Jeanette Nu'man	Dana Bevan	Reginald Goddard	Joey Helton	Alan Bailey	Andrea Steward
Masonia Traylor 2 nd Vice-Chair	Sharmin Anwer	Ritanza Abron	Justin Smith	Katrina Barnes	Dorian Giles
Morris Singletary	Gene Farber	Shaquita Campbell	Summer Lewinson	Darby Ford	Nathan Townsend
Eric Thompson	Adewale Adesanmi	Bobbi Curry	Ashley Brown	Courtney Brooks	Jane Mosley
David Reznik	Hermeyone Bell	Jonathan Harris	Brandon Pruitt	Katherine Barbera	A'Lexius Culpepper
Deborah Bauer	Tarai Kemp-Brown	Jay-Paul Kirk	Carol Chateau	Nelma Brown	Melanie Thompson
Zina Age	Frederick Carter	Jeff Cheek	Katherine Lovell	Moya Van Rossum	Ronnie Bass
Larry Lehman	Aleta McLean	Asha Dickerson	Laura Carter	Harvinder Kaur Makkar	Barry Sermons
Pamela Phillips	Bridget Harris	Sharron Fickling	W Adolphus Liburd	Jennifer Gilbert	Cortney Smith
Tim Young	Stacey Coachman	Leroy Braxton	Karen Cross	Nicole Roebuck	

Call to Order/ Opening Remarks- Bruce Garner, Chair

The Planning Council meeting of the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council was called to by Bruce Garner, Chair, at 9:04 am.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by voting. The motion carries changes; item 9 moved to item 7 on the agenda.

Approval of July 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Jonathan Harris and Deborah Bauer.

Planning Council Update- Sandra Vincent, Project Officer

Sandra Vincent advised that the refresher training starts today (August 18th, 2022) and it has information on various committee Chairs and their Committees, also there will be an update on some of the training materials. The Planning Council is mandated by HRSA and must report to HRSA that they have done a refresher which is a video overview of the Planning Council. Ms. Vincent advised that there is a flyer attached to this packet with joint meetings with the GPac listening session that will help inform the writing team with information about developing the integrated plan for the next 5 years. The work plan is due to HRSA end of 2022 and the Planning Council hopes to submit the plan to HRSA in October or November 2022.

Furthermore, Ms. Vincent reminded the Committee that there is an action item on the agenda today and only voting members will vote on the action item.

Monkey Pox Update- Dr. Melanie Thompson

Dr. Thompson gave a Monkeypox update on what's new for vaccines, treatments, and advocacy points. Dr. Thompson advised that the State of Georgia has 1000 cases of monkeypox and 13, 517 cases in the US and the State of Georgia is 5th among states. Georgia Department of Public Health has updated its Monkeypox page <http://dph.georgia.gov/monkeypox> and they have provided data with statewide demographics for cases and vaccinations.

Dr. Thompson discussed the vax-to-need ratio, she analyzed the percentage of vaccines that went to different populations and the percentage of cases that those populations comprise. Then she estimated whether these were proportionate if people are getting vaccinated in the proportion that is indicated by the cases.

Dr. Thompson also discussed that if you had a vaccine ratio of one that would mean that the vaccination is proportionate to the cases. The data provide per the slide indicated that the vax-to-need ratio for whites is 3.6, meaning that the group in some cases is over-vaccinated. The vax to need for blacks is .65 meaning that group is under-vaccinated.

Dr. Thompson advises that we need to have an equity approach to our vaccines and now that statewide data is available this is now a statewide issue and the county data is not available currently.

The Jynneos vaccine is currently available, and it takes 2 doses over 28 days and 2 weeks after to have maximum immunity after the last dose.

The vaccine can be given before exposure for prevention or very early after exposure, ideally within one to 4 days before symptoms start.

The Department of Public Health uploaded a portal for a statewide vaccine schedule at <https://gta-vras.powerappsportals.us/en-US/> click on find a vaccine, to register.

Budget Revision-Action Item

Jeff Cheek, DHE

The Motion carried with one opposition for the Budget Revision, Action Item.

Motion to reprioritize \$134,599 from OAHS-MAI to OAHS Non-Medical Case Management and \$56,811 from OAHS-MAI to OAHS Medical Case Management - MAI the purpose of which is to align positions with the correct priority service category.

Recipient Update- Jeff Cheek, DHE Director

Recipient Jeff Cheek gave an overview of the reprioritization of funds that was authorized last January by the Planning Council that gave the Recipient approval to make changes when required with prior approval. This allows the Recipient to expend funds by the end of each year and then gives the Planning Council accounting of what happened during that process. The Recipient further explains that the Committee just took action to move funds within MAI to other categories and that is a change of priority category that the Planning Council must approve. In January the Recipient usually asks the Planning Council to give them the authority to move funds and the approval was given and there was a directive that the Recipient revisits the Planning Council after the end of the year to give an account of what happened during the process. The Recipient Jeff Cheeks provided a slide presentation indicating a breakdown of all the accounting for the reprioritization of funds.

The Recipient advised that they are entering month 6 of the fiscal year and they are currently reviewing budget revisions, moving funds, and making sure that the funds are expended.

Jeff Cheeks also mentioned that the Recipient received their site visit back from HRSA with great feedback and suggested changes but overall great feedback.

Committee Chair Report and Work Plan Update- Daniel Driffin, 1st Vice-Chair

Assessment Committee- Rhiannon Laramie, Vice-Chair

The Chair and the entire Committee congratulated Chair, Jeanette Nu'Man for all the hard work that she has done over many years, he advised that she has been a wonderful public servant to the Ryan White Committee. Ms. Nu'Man will continue to mentor the new leadership until they are able to lead the Committee on their own. The Chair previously presented at the Priorities Committee a breakdown of some of the populations that were too small to see, the data focused on Housing and how that impacts care, Demographic profiles, and other characteristics.

Consumer Caucus- Sandra Vincent, Project Officer

The Consumer Caucus had an open forum meeting on August 17th and the discussion was about monkeypox and access to vaccinations.

Council Procedures Committee- Larry Lehman

Chair Larry Lehman thanked Jeanette Nu'Man for all her hard work with the Assessment Committee and for mentoring his staff.

Evaluations Committee- Barry Sermons, Chair

The Evaluation Committee Chair, Barry Sermons made mentioned of the Vice-Chair, Anthony Merritt, and a core of dedicated members.

They meet virtually and the next meeting will be on August 22nd at 12:00 p.m., they are currently preparing a presentation and sending out the surveys and reporting the findings at the next Planning Council meeting.

Housing Committee- Eric Thompson, Chair

Member Reggie Dunbar II advised that there is a Housing Committee meeting on Friday, August 19th at 11:00 a.m. Larry Lehman gave an update on the City Council meeting about Housing and the providers gave a brief update on the Housing program.

They also discussed using city funds to cover the interest cost of the agencies while they are awaiting reimbursement and the city council advises that 21 contracts have not been sent out or executed and are still in process.

Membership Committee- Sandra Vincent, Planning Council Project Officer

The Membership Committee met on July 22nd and they created a work plan for the 2022 year including addressing issues on how to attract more members.

The next Membership Committee will be on September 23rd at 12 p.m.

Public Policy Committee- Jeff Graham

Dr. David Reznik advise that Dr. Thompson presented on the monkeypox issue at the Consumer Caucus meeting.

Priorities Committee- Daniel D. Driffin, Vice-Chair

Jeff Cheek advised that they need to meet again with Priorities before the September Executive Committee meeting to cover additional Priorities that HRSA needs the Recipient to include in their process.

Quality Management Committee- Nicole Roebuck

The Chair discussed the QM Work Plan and the 6 goals and objectives that they work towards and the annual QM plan that has been signed and should be on the website. The reviews for the standards of care have also been completed and some minor changes have been made and those will become effective March 2023.

Standards review will be in November and they will be monitoring the compliance with those standards and that is the Recipient's responsibility.

The Committee is developing their goal 3 performance measures which are the benchmark that the HIV Aids Bureau put out in terms of outcomes that QM wants to uphold. The Committee discusses the Quality Improvement Initiative, agencies continue to work on their QA initiatives and the Chair has been doing highlights with different agencies and their updates in terms of their QA initiatives and working challenges.

Quality Management and Improvement initiatives engaging other HIV programs, Part A, Part B and Part D that constantly work together and the Chair is hoping to get more collaboration from the state and Fulton County. The Chair

discussed the Consumer Involvement and input to engage consumers in the QM and QI activities across the EMA and the DHE office to update the consumer practice.

The next QM Committee meeting will be on September 1st, 2022.

Vulnerable Populations Task Force- Barry Sermons

The mission statement of the Vulnerable Populations Task Force is to utilize the results of the needs assessment, viral load suppression and other data points through the lens of vulnerable populations in an effort to make recommendations for improvement. The Task Force is currently seeking a new vice-chair for the Task Force and their work product will be a report of the findings and recommendations. The Chair also discussed increasing membership for the Vulnerable Population aged 22-44 years old. The next Vulnerable Population Meeting will be on August 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

Oral Health Task Force- Dr. David Reznik

Dr. Reznik advised that the Oral Health Task Force did not meet this month and their projects are still moving forward, and part of the unspent Oral Health funds were used for hiring dental hygienists. The Chair shared that it's almost impossible to hire in this environment and they have lost 8% of the workforce nationwide of general hygiene. Dr. Reznik explained that they are fully staffed and getting ready to provide care and increase capacity. The oral health center is not at full capacity currently, the center has 12 chairs but not all chairs are in use. The Task Force is currently negotiating with Fulton County to move things forward to assist with helping take care of their patients. The Chair advised that the Positive Impact Health Center program will be open soon and Dr. Reznik is looking for other programs in the EMA.

Grant-At-A-Glance- Frederick Carter, DHE Accountant

See tables below.

Data Report- Darby Ford, DHE

Darby Ford did a presentation on the Performance Measures & Service Utilization for FY22 quarter one data from March 1st, 2022 to May 31st, 2022. She reviewed the Service Utilization Data, *Performance Measure Data (FY22 Q1)*, Viral Load Suppression, Prescription of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) and GAP in HIV Medical Care. Darby Ford will email the slides to the committee for further viewing.

Public Forum- Masonia Traylor, 2nd Vice-Chair

- Harvinder Kaur Makkar asked if a survey can be conducted with patients who are seeking service to find out the reasons for those who are not compliant and the motivating factors for those that are compliant.
- Jay-Paul Kirk announced that September 24th is the Aids walk.
- Morris Singletary and Jeff Cheek will present on injectable treatment for people living with HIV today at 12:00 pm, details are in the chat.
- Masonia Traylor announced that today is National Southern Aids Awareness Day and she also advise of the upcoming SOS and to be safe and enjoy the Symposium this weekend here in Atlanta, Georgia.

Adjournment



NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:

September 15, 2022

NEXT MEETING LOCATION:

Via Zoom

Attested by:

Minutes Approval Date: 09/15/2022

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