

**Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Conference Call  
March 10, 2011  
8:45 a.m.**

**Committee Members Participating**

Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair	Jeff Graham
Larry Cook, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Robert Di Vito
Katherine Lovell	Larry Lehman
Jeanette Nu'Man	Hermeyone Wilson
Dolph Goldenburg	

**Committee Members Not Participating**

Linda Felix	Jacque Muther
Ernest Hopkins, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	

Ms. Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair called the conference call to order at 8:45 a.m.

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

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the January 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee minutes.**

**Grantee Update** - Kandace Carty: The Request for Proposal (RFP) deadline was Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at noon; staff received twenty (20) applications for review. Phase I & II of the Outside Review Committee is scheduled to meet April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> at the Loudermilk Center. The Atlanta EMA received a Notice of Grant Award on February 15, 2011 for grant funds in the amount of \$7,522,661.00, which represents one-half of the Formula award (\$6,686,350.00) and one-half of the MAI award (\$836,311.00). The federal government is still operating under a continuing resolution (CR) that expires on March 4. The CR extends beyond the funding date for Part A awards, and any indication of a final approved appropriation for FY 2011 has not yet been received.

Public Policy Chair, Jeff Graham provided additional information. One reason the budget is only one-half of the award is due to the fact that there is no federal budget. The Federal Fiscal year, which started October 1st, is still being funded through the passing of continuous resolutions. These resolutions are insuring that Departments and Programs continue to operate at the same level as the previous year. There is a proposed increase for Part A. When the budget passes there will be a possible increase for Part A, but not guaranteed.

The HRSA Project Officer visit was canceled until further notice. The Ryan White Office will be hosting a Statewide All Parts Conference on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## Committee Updates:

**Public Policy Committee:** Jeff Graham - As of February 2011 there are currently over a 1,000 individuals on the ADAP waiting list, (the number was 1,009 at the end of February). There have been no State cuts to the budget for ADAP. The midyear budget could have an increase of \$3.5 million assuming the State can enroll all that are on the waiting list as Medicare Part B clients and use ADAP to cover out of pocket expenses. This would save the State about \$1.8 million.

The Public Policy Committee is requesting approval from the Executive Committee for Jeff Graham to work with Dazon Dixon Diallo in drafting a letter to the State requesting a meeting with Dr. Anil Mangla, Director of Infectious Disease and Immunization and address growing concerns, such as filling the, Part B Treatment and Care Manager Position and the ADAP waiting list.

- **A motion was made, seconded, and passed for Jeff Graham to work along with Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair, to write a letter to the State requesting a meeting with Dr. Mangla in reference to the ADAP waiting list, Part B Treatment and Care Manager Position and other concerns.**

The Public Policy Committee is seeking support from the Executive Committee and the Planning Council to endorse an ADAP Town Hall meeting that will increase public education and awareness about the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, the Welvista program, and other health care concerns. Mr. William Francis of "Act Now" will explain how the programs work.

- **A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Executive Committee & the Planning Council to endorse the ADAP Town Hall meeting to increase awareness and consumer education.**

The Public Policy Committee is also requesting approval to draft a second letter from the Planning Council to the US congress to express the unmet needs in the EMA. This letter will be sent if a federal budget has been finalized before the next CAEAR Coalition meeting in early April.

- **A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Public Policy Chair to work along side the Planning Council Chair, Dazon Dixon to write a letter from the Planning Council to the US Congress expressing the unmet need in the Atlanta EMA.**

The Executive Committee was also informed that the Public Policy Committee hosted a Healthcare Reform Webinar in February in conjunction with the Primary Care and the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Task Forces.

## Committee Updates:

**Assessment Committee:** Jeanette Nu'Man - The Committee met on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to develop strategies to identify communities with disparate health outcomes and develop and implement strategies to decrease gaps in service locations. The Committee is contracting with a consultant to obtain this data that will be available at the end of March. In addition, the Committee is working with AID Atlanta to develop a Virtual Case Management model. The Committee will not meet in April due to the Outside Review Committee.

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**Comprehensive Planning Committee:** Katherine Lovell - All Committee and Task Force work plans must be submitted to Sandra Vincent at the Grantee's Office. The next Committee meeting will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Procedures Committee:** Larry Lehman - An agency has expressed an interest in filing a grievance against the Grantee. Their concern is that they were not contacted personally regarding the issuance of the Ryan White RFP for the FY2011. It was noted that communications were sent to existing agencies via email as well as and public notice being registered with the official organs throughout the EMA.

**Evaluation Committee:** No Report

**HOPWA Committee:** Dolph Goldenburg - The HOPWA Committee met on January 25<sup>th</sup> to plan a focus group to discuss the barriers and trends. The Committee will meet with the Consumer Caucus on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to conduct a focus group survey. The Committee is also developing a survey to distribute to clients of existing HOPWA agencies and others to assess housing needs. The next meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> to review the results of the focus group survey and to discuss plans for the survey regarding the housing need. The final report will be submitted to the Assessment Committee as a contribution to the EMA disparities report.

**Membership Committee:** Hermeyone Wilson - The Membership Committee met and reviewed the attendance roster and identified eight (8) voting members that have not attended the previous Planning Council meetings. Letters were sent, informing them that if they do not attend the upcoming Planning Council their voting rights will be revoked and their slots will be replaced with At- Large members.

**Priorities Committee:** Robert Di Vito - No Report

**Quality Management:** No Report

**Primary Care Task Force concerns:** Dazon Dixon Diallo - The Primary Care Task Force has not sun downed because of on going and unresolved issues. It was also mentioned that the Task Force might be turned into a working group.

**CDC HIV Testing & Counseling:** Dazon Dixon Diallo - It was brought to her attention there is speculation in the community that Ryan White agencies deny services to homeless persons and those with ,mental & substance abuse issues. It was noted that there is not a policy that enforces this notion. Kandace Carty informed the Committee that Grantee's office will discuss this issue with all currently funded agencies.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the modified Planning Council agenda by adding Community Planning Group Update.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.