

**Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services
Executive Committee Meeting
137 Peachtree Street
1st Floor Conference Room
May 12, 2011
8:45 a.m.**

REVISED

Committee Members Present

Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair
Larry Cook, 1st Vice Chair
Jeff Graham
Katherine Lovell

Jeanette Nu'Man
Hermeyone Wilson
Robert Di Vito (*via Telephone*)
Larry Lehman

Committee Members Not Present

Linda Felix
Ernest Hopkins, 2nd Vice Chair

Jacque Muther
Dolph Goldenburg

Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the modified agenda, adding the AAOI Evaluation update to the Committee/ Task Force updates.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the March 10th Executive Committee minutes.

Grantee Update - Kandace Carty: The Grantee's Office hired a new staff person Michelle Fleetwood, to serve as a Project Officer. Phases I and II of the Outside Review Committee process are complete with sixteen (16) agencies receiving funding and three (3) agencies not considered for funding. Contracts and letters were sent to all agencies stating that the EMA has only received a partial award amount from HRSA and is waiting for notification on the remaining funds. It is hopeful that the Grantee will be notified of the full award prior to the execution of contracts. If so, agencies will receive a purchase order for the full amount of their award. However, if unforeseen circumstances occur and the notification of the full award from HRSA is delayed, the agency will receive a purchase order to cover four months of funding instead of the full amount; this will insure that there is no interruption in services.

Yukiko Tani has been assigned as the Atlanta EMA's HRSA Project Officer. Ms. Tani and five HRSA staff and consultants will conduct a site visit from May 17th through May 19th. As part of the site visit, they will tour Saint Joseph's Mercy Care, Emory University Hospital Midtown Infectious Disease, and Grady IDP, on Wednesday, May 18th and Thursday, May 19th.

Committee Updates:

Assessment Committee: Jeanette Nu'Man - The Committee met on Wednesday, May 4th and worked on the workplan. The Committee is working with AID Atlanta to develop strategies on how to get individuals in care and case management quicker using the Virtual Case Management model.

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The Committee is looking at the feasibility of a Patient Navigator System which uses the assistance of peer navigators. The Committee will bring recommendations to the Grantee and the Executive Committee to see if there can be a separate fund source in having the Patient Navigation program. If the Executive Committee approves the recommendations, standards and indicators will need to be updated.

The Assessment Committee's disparities study did not provide the contracted deliverables. Therefore, much of the data, which would have been presented this year by the Assessment Committee in time for the priority - setting process, will not be available.

Comprehensive Planning Committee: Katherine Lovell - The Comprehensive Planning Committee met Wednesday, May 11th. Meetings will be suspended until the month of August, unless there is a need to meet. Guidance from HRSA on the mandates for the 2012 Comprehensive Plan has not been received. Ms. Nu'Man, the former chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee stated that the guidance does not vary much and it was recommended that the Committee begin the Comprehensive Plan for 2012. The Executive Committee suggested that the Comprehensive Planning Committee re-draft the Letter of Agreement where both parties agree to work together to get individuals into care. It was also suggested that the CPG is somehow involved in the upcoming Georgia Ryan White All Grantees meeting in November.

Council Procedures Committee: Larry Lehman - No Report

Evaluation Committee: Kathy Whyte - The Evaluation Committee will meet today at Grady IDP, Room 354 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the Administrative Assessment of the Grantee.

HOPWA Committee: Sandra Vincent - The HOPWA Committee met Thursday, April 14th at Grady IDP. The Committee discussed the data from the Consumer Caucus focus group and compiled the information in a format to submit to the Assessment Committee. The information will be forwarded to the Priorities and Executive Committees.

Membership Committee: Hermeyone Wilson - The Membership Committee is on track with its 2011 schedule and workplan and the workplan has been submitted to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Public Policy Committee: Jeff Graham - The townhall meeting originally scheduled for July will be held in August. Mr. Jeff Graham and Dazon Dixon will work together to draft a letter to Dr. Anil Mangla, Director of Infectious Disease and Immunization. The Public Policy Committee along with Dazon will draft a letter to the members of congress expressing the unmet need in the EMA.

The Executive Committee was also informed that the Federal budget was finalized with no cuts to Part A. However, there is a mandatory .2% across the board cut to all domestic discretionary programs. The State cut the ADAP program by \$100,000.00. There are 1,478 individuals enrolled on the ADAP waiting list. There is a national effort requesting the Secretary of Health & Human Services (HHS) to release greater guidance on ADAP funds to pay the out of pocket costs for pre-existing condition insurance pools and to get the secretary to declare HIV and/or AIDS, and or chronic medical conditions with a doctor's certification. Individuals will not need to apply for this but will need to show that they have been without insurance for six (6) months.

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On July 1st the Division of Public Health will become a stand alone agency in State government. The Public Policy Committee will request a meeting with Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald to address the growing concerns, such as filing the Part B Treatment and Care Manager Position and the ADAP waiting list. As of note, the state has cut funding to the state lab for HIV testing.

Priorities Committee: Robert Di Vito- The Priorities Committee will meet at Piedmont Hospital on the following dates:

- **Thursday, June 23rd from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for data presentations**
- **Thursday, July 14th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for presentations from Committees and Task Forces.**
- **Wednesday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to set allocations and ranking.**

Quality Management Committee: Kathy Whyte - The Quality Management Committee met Thursday, May 5th with Nicole Roebuck as the new co-chair for the Quality Management Committee. The Committee is working its 2012 work plan, updating some of the current indicators to reflect HRSA's indicators, and drafting Legal standards and indicators.

AAOI Evaluation Update: Jeanette Nu'Man- 231 individuals completed event evaluation plans, representing a 75% response rate. 65% of the participants were male, 32% female, and 4% transgender representing an increase in female participation. The average length of time since diagnosis was 12.9 years. Sixty-three percent of respondents have been living with HIV for 10 years or more and 49% were attending AAOI for the first time.

There were 180 individuals reported that saw a medical provider regularly for HIV. Reasons for not seeing a medical provider included no insurance, unaware of services, and lack of childcare. Though the average time of diagnosis was 12.9 years, the average length of time in HIV care was 9.5 years.

Approximately 130 individuals were accessed through the outreach team and 25 were enrolled in care prior to AAOI weekend.

Overall and workshop ratings were higher than 2010 numbers. Respondents gave highest ratings to useful information, motivation to seek or follow treatment, and plan to access services. Regarding usefulness of the initiative, respondents indicated that the workshops and exhibits were the most useful. This represents a change in previous years wherein networking and breakout sessions were rated higher

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the May 19th Planning Council agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.