

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness**  
**99 Jesse Hill Jr, Drive**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**August 16, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Voting Members Present**

Trevalle Ambrose	Larry Lehman
Dwight Curry Anderson	Ruby Lewis – Hardy
Robert Anderson	Katherine Lovell
Antoinette Barnes	Robert MacLean
Walter Bradley	Harvinder Makkar
Jessica Cole	Michael DeMayo
Teresa Connell	Jacque Muther
Robert Di Vito	Trevor Pearson
Reggie Dunbar, III	David Reznik
Gene Farber	Nicole Roebuck
Sharron Fickling	Sanjay Sharma
Chris Fields	Moneta Sinclair
Dolph Ward Goldenburg	Carolyn Stephens
Jeff Graham	Willie Lee Thomas
Tracie Graham	Sean Williams
James Lark	Hermeyone Wilson

**Voting Members Not Present**

Deb Bauer	Jeffery Mitchell
Larry Cook, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Darryl Mitchell
Dazon Dixon - Diallo	Jeanette Nu'Man
Terri Gardner	Brain Palmer
Marvin Ghourm	Necaela Penn
Carolyn Hodge - Armstrong	Laura Siesko
Patrick Kelly	Bruce Stagner
Stephanie Laster	Daniele Thorpe
Phyllis Malone	Del'Rosa Winston
Marisol Lopez	

The Planning Council meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Robert MacLean.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the August 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Council Agenda.**

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the July 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Council minutes.**

**Consumer Caucus:** Tony Redmon - The Consumer Caucus met Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Robert Di Vito from the Priorities Committee, Jeanette Nu'Man from the Assessment Committee and Kandace Carty and Sandra Vincent from the Grantee's office were present. Mr. Di Vito provided a breakdown for FY 2013 funding allocation. Ms. Nu'Man discussed the proposed peer guide/ peer navigator program that was presented to the Priorities Committee. The Consumer Caucus made a special mention that they are opposed to the plan as currently presented. The Caucus stated that they would like to have consumers serve as a "Navigator." The proposed Plan is still in the developmental stage. A SHARE project recruiter was present and provided information about how to link clients to care. The Caucus was informed that the FY2012 - 2013 membership applications are due Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Grantee Update:** Kandace Carty – The carryover request was submitted to HRSA in the amount of \$237,981.95. If approved, the additional dollars will be split 50/50 between Primary Care and Oral Health. Primary Care will have an additional \$118,990.98 that will serve 95 clients and Oral Health will have an additional \$118,990.98 that will serve 227 clients. Patrick Daly, the new Ryan White Assistant Director started Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and he is looking forward to working with everyone.

**Priorities Committee:** Robert Di Vito – **Action Item** – Priorities Committee Chair, Robert Di Vito commended the Priorities Committee members participation in the recent priority-setting process. Eleven members were present at all meetings and 7 to 8 of the members are Consumers. There was great Consumer involvement in the 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

It was brought to the Council's attention that Housing, EIS, Home Health and Hospice are listed as priority rankings within the service priority categories. It was noted that the Priorities Committee should review annually the HRSA Funding Categories to determine whether or not the local Service Priority Categories should be modified.

**Action Item I - A motion was made, seconded and passed to maintain the current FY 2012 Priority Category rankings for FY 2013. Yes: 28 No: 0**

**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), 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: 29 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 except 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: 29 No: 0**

**FY2013 Local Directives**

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: 29 No: 0**

**Committee Updates**

**Assessment Committee:** Steven Bales - The Committee met on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to review the data 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 next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at Grady IDP, room 354.

**Evaluation Committee:** Ruby Lewis Hardy - The Evaluation Committee expressed their thanks to all the agencies and everyone who made the evaluation process easy.

**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.

**Council Procedure Committee:** Larry Lehman - The Committee is working with a pro bono attorney to revise bylaws and grievance procedures. The Committee will meet after the new Planning Council year starts.

**Membership Committee:** Hermeyone Wilson - The Committee will have a mini re-fresher course following today's Planning Council meeting. All membership applications are due today, 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 members and Committee chairs.

**Quality Management Committee:** Nicole Roebuck - The Committee is currently working on the newsletter and Statewide Customer Satisfaction Survey, and is revising the screening tool. The Committee will meet on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Grady IDP. The Planning Council was informed that the Georgia Community Planning Group will meet Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta.

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**Public Policy Committee:** Jeff Graham - The Georgia Department of Public Health has been awarded \$8.4 million dollars in ADAP Emergency Relief Funds and it is estimated that 300- 400 people will be taken off of the ADAP waiting list. Mr. Graham encouraged everyone to get out and vote Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> in the General Primary Runoff/Non-Partisan Runoff/Special Election Runoff.

**Public Forum:**

Dr. David Reznik: Dr. Lisa Roland was introduced as the new Administrative Director for Grady's Infectious Disease Program.

Michael Robinson: Mr. Robinson expressed concerns regarding the availability of Emergency Assistance within the Ryan White Program.

Willie Lee Thomas: All positive HIV/AIDS individuals are encouraged to attend Consumer Caucus. The Caucus meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 12:00 p.m. at SisterLove.

Dwight Anderson: The support group "Together for Life" meets every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.