

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness**  
**99 Jesse Hill Jr., Drive**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**July 19, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Voting Members Present**

Dwight Curry Anderson	Katherine Lovell
Deb Bauer	Robert MacLean
Jessica Cole	Nicole Roebuck
Teresa Connell	Harvinder Makkar
Robert Di Vito	Phyllis Malone
Reggie Dunbar	Michael DeMayo
Gene Farber	Trevor Pearson
Dolph Ward Goldenburg	Nicole Roebuck
Jeff Graham	Moneta Sincliar
Tracie Graham	Willie Lee Thomas
James Lark	Sean Williams
Larry Lehman	Heremeyone Wilson
Ruby Lewis - Hardy	Del'Rosa Winston Harris

**Voting Members Not Present**

Trevalle Ambrose	Marisol Lopez
Robert Anderson	Jeffrey Mitchell
Antoinette Barnes	Darryl Mitchell
Walter Bradley	Jacque Muther
Larry Cook, 2nd Vice Chair	Jeanette Nu'Man
Cheryl Courtney - Evans	Brain Palmer
Dazon Dixon - Diallo, Chair	David Reznik
Sharron Flicking	Sanjay Sharma
Chris Fields	Laura Siesko
Terry Gardner	Bruce Stagner
Marvin Ghourm	Carloyn Stephens
Patrick Kelly	Daniele Thrope
Stephanie Laster	Zimmer Dorthory

The Planning Council meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Robert MacLean.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the modified July 19, 2012 Planning Council agenda by adding the AAOI update.**

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the May 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Council minutes.**

**Public Policy:** Jeff Graham, Public Policy Chair- The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Affordable Care Act. The Medicaid Expansion is optional for each state. At 10:00 a.m. today there will be a meeting at the capitol to discuss Medicaid expansion. If the State of Georgia approves Medicaid there will be no cost to taxpayers for the first three years. The Committee also drafted a letter to HRSA regarding the Reauthorization Act on behalf of the Planning Council. It was also mentioned that citizens can participate in early voting with some counties offering Saturday voting. The Primary Election is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Consumer Caucus:** Tony Redmon, Vice-Chair - The Consumer Caucus met on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and discussed their proposed recommendations for the Priorities Committee. The Caucus will recommend the adoption of Peer Navigation for the 2013 funding year.

**Grantee Update:** Kandace Carty, Ryan White Director -

- Fulton County's Internal Audit Department completed the audit of the FY 2011 Ryan White Program and there were no findings.
- Grantee Staff has completed a preliminary finance closeout for FY 2011. It is estimated there was \$616,368.30 unexpended in the following categories: Formula - \$237,981.95 and Supplemental - \$378,386.35. There were no unexpended MAI or Carryover funds. Staff will make a carryover request for the \$237,981.95 in Formula funds, as allowed.
- Staff held a Providers Meeting on Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> with the Programmatic, Fiscal, and Data designees from currently funded agencies. The purpose of the meeting was to review contractual, fiscal, programmatic, and data requirements and to address any questions or issues the agency representatives may have had. Staff clarified procedures for the accurate completion of forms, provided information on the different programs that can be run in CAREWare for agencies to get the information they need and addressed other concerns, as well.
- The Georgia State Andrew Young School of Public Policy has begun work on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) study. The group presented preliminary findings to the Priorities Committee on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Many other States have prepared for the Affordable Care Act or have not addressed how the ACA might affect them. Houston however, has begun preliminary planning to determine how the Affordable Care Act might affect them.

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- The Grantee has received notice of the FY2013 HRSA application and it is due September 21, 2012.

**AAOI Update:** Hermeyone Wilson, AAOI Chair - The theme for this year's AAOI is "Our Community Our Responsibility". AAOI will have their first meeting on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Absolute Care from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to start the planning process for the 2013 Initiative. The AAOI planning group is targeting Women, Homeless individuals, Asian, Transgender, Youth and Hispanics. AAOI has submitted an abstract to the All Grantee Meeting in November that is held in Washington, D.C. It was recommended to the Council that agencies look at purchasing the AAOI resource books to distribute to their clients.

**Evaluation Committee:** Ruby Lewis-Hardy, Interim Chair - The Evaluation Committee met on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> (via conference call) to review results of the 2011 Providers Survey. There were sixteen agencies surveyed and fifteen responded. Response from one agency was not received because it is no longer in operation. The responses from agencies were reviewed by the designated members of the Evaluation Committee and kept in strict confidence pursuant to the guidelines of the evaluation process. The results were compiled in the aggregate, reviewed, and submitted to the Grantee for comment. The overall outcome of the survey exceeded the evaluation scores from the FY2009 and FY2010 evaluation years. In an effort to provide opportunities for improvement the Committee submitted the below recommendations to the Grantee:

1. Survey Statement: "The Grantee announced the Request for Proposal (RFP) in a timely manner to apply for Ryan White Part A funds."

Recommendation: The Grantee should advertise the announcement of the RFP at least 90 days prior to due date.

2. Survey Statement: "The Grantee provided timely technical assistance to our agency for day-to-day completion of invoices, client-level data collection (CAREWare) quarterly reports, and other reporting requirements as requested."

Recommendation: The Grantee maintained accurate records of agency's service utilization data and respond to problems to CAREWare issues; however, staff should arrange for additional CAREWare training and technical assistance within the next 90 days.

**A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the FY2011 Providers Survey Report**

**Priorities Committee:** Robert Di Vito, Chair - *Action Item* - The Priorities Committee discussed the carryover request of \$237,981.95 in FY2011 dollars in order for the Grantee to meet the carryover deadline request by July 31<sup>th</sup>. The unexpended dollars are Formula dollars that remained from various line items in the Administrative and Planning Council budgets including, vacant positions, equipment, and hospitality. If HRSA gives the approval to carryover funds, the Grantee would be notified in October and funds would have to be obligated by February 28, 2013. The Priorities Committee had a lengthy discussion around Oral Health and the HRSA standard that 50% of all primary care patients should receive a dental exam. Currently, 40% of clients in the EMA received a dental exam which is below the standard. Also, Oral Health continues to be the #1 ranked service needed by Consumers and not provided according to the Consumer Survey. The Grantee's office did a quick survey of all agencies that provide Primary Care and it was noted that agencies have first appointments ranging from a 5 day wait to a multi-week or multi-month delay. Regarding the specific use of funds, the Grantee is urging agencies not to hire new staff with the additional funds. It is recommended that the additional dollars are used for items such as dentures, dental supplies and to increase the effort of time for positions and services. If HRSA approves the carryover request, the Grantee will do contract amendments to currently funded agencies.

**A motion was made, seconded and passed, to allocate carryover funds in the amount of \$237,981.95 to Primary Care and Oral Health in a 50/50 distribution. Yes: 25 No: 0**

**Membership Committee:** Hermeyone Wilson, Chair - The Membership Committee met Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 137 Peachtree Street from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Committee discussed the upcoming 2012-2013 Membership drive and updated the Membership application. The membership drive will began Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and end Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. The next Committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> following the 1<sup>st</sup> Planning Council meeting for 2012- 2013

Terry Stidom provided a review of the 2012-2013 Membership Application. (See attached).

**Committee Updates:**

**Assessment Committee:** Steven Bales, Co-Chair – The Assessment Committee did not meet in July. The Committee is currently working on a prototype of the Case Manager Worker model to present to the Priorities Committee.

**Comprehensive Planning Committee:** Katherine Lovell, Chair - The Comprehensive Planning Committee met Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Grady IDP and discussed the possible effects that

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the Affordable Care Act could have on the Ryan White Program and the expansion of Medicaid. The next Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Council Procedures Committee:** Larry Lehman, Chair – A Grievance was filed against the Planning Council which resulted in the Council Procedures Committee, in conjunction with the Grantee’s Office, participating in a Mediation Hearing on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. At the conclusion of the meeting it was determined that the grievance did not have merit

**HOPWA Committee:** Dolph Goldenburg, Chair - The HOPWA Committee met Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Grace United Methodist Church and provided feedback to the City of Atlanta on HOPWA applications. The next meeting will be on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at AID Gwinnett. The Committee will present to the Priorities Committee the need for funding in the Emergency Assistance priority category. The Committee will meet following today’s Planning Council to discuss the presentation that will be presented at Priorities on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Quality Management Committee:** Nicole Roebuck, Chair - The Committee met in May and held a Quality Management Training 101. On Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at Grady IDP from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. the Committee met to review and update the EMA standards, develop the satisfaction survey, and revise the screening tool.

### **Public Forum:**

Hermeyone Wilson: Absolute Care will host a Transgender Health Focus Group Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Those interested in attending should R.S.V.P. with Tawanna Wesley at 404.231.4431.

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

Willie Lee Thomas: The AIDS Conference webinar is taking place this week and is encouraging clients to view online.

Michael Robinson: Mr. Robinson expressed concerns regarding the availability of MARTA tokens and his involvement in HIV/AIDS activates over the years.

Dr. Moore with Alpha & Omega HIV/AIDS Foundation: He is in the process of developing a project for transgender individuals who are having issues getting care. Dr. Moore announced that there will be a coalition meeting today at Absolute Care starting at 1:30 p.m. for those who would like to be involved in the study.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.