

Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee



Cheri Tomlinson, Chair

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Public Health

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Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

AT	Andrea Kamenca	AT	Cheri Tomlinson	AB	Cynthia Trottier
AT	Lucio Amado	AT	Randall Furrow	AT	Robert Solis
AT	Debby Elliott	AB	Dan Lindell	AB	Edward Tisdale

Part A Program Staff

AT	Rose Conner	AT	Ken Leighton-Boster
AT	Georgina Lowe		

Guests

Mary Perez	Siman Qaasin	Bruce Weiss
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Support Staff: Claire Tyrpak

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Randall Furrow opened the meeting as chair for Cheri Tomlinson, who would arrive late. Randall called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/herself and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Determination of Quorum

Randall Furrow determined that quorum was established with 5 of 9 members at approximately 5:38 pm.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes for the previous meeting. Andrea Kamenca asked that her absence from the last meeting be marked as excused due to her job and affiliation change on the council during that time.

Oral Health Discussion

Rose began the discussion stating:

- Dental insurance will reopen on March 1. Rose then discussed a dental insurance handout clarification sheet, which covers how to deal with all clients getting dental services, including what clients can do for January and February.
- Clients in Delta Dental will continue services and have \$1500 benefit available. Other clients enrolled in Direct Dental Services will also have \$1500 benefit. Clients that are now enrolled in Meritus Health Plan for health insurance coverage now have a limited dental benefit. These clients will need to receive dental coverage for those limited benefits through Meritus, and will be provided an additional benefit for dental services through Direct Dental Services. These clients will not be eligible to enroll in RWPA Dental Insurance.
- Rose suggested that the CHPS committee recommends to the Planning Council on Delta and Direct Dental.

MOTION: Andrea Kamenca moved to accept the AA's recommendations. Randall Furrow seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Discussion of Increased Case Management Needs

Rose Conner opened the discussion stating that this discussion will help anticipate needs during the upcoming March PSRA session. Planning Council has approved FFM clients being supported in copays and beginning April 1 will also include Medicare and private insurance clients Ryan White Part A will need to fund 2 benefits coordinator positions to assist clients with this new benefit. .

Rose asked Debby Elliott to discuss upcoming case management needs that will require additional RWPA Medical Case Management support. HUD has changed the funding priorities for housing support, and funding has been decreased for Housing Case Management. Effective April 1, there will be 91 HIV positive clients that will need to transition to RWPA Medical Case Management due to the lack of HUD funding. Additional funding cuts are possible in the summer, which may result in additional clients being transitioned to RWPA Medical Case Management. The Planning Council will need to consider these increased Case Management needs in the upcoming PSRA.

Chair and Administrative Agent update

No updates were provided.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Discussion

Rose summarized the following:

- Now at 94% enrollment.

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- AHCCCS is currently validating applications for eligibility. Providers will continue to bill RWPA for services until AHCCCS eligibility is verified. It is expected that there will be several decreases in costs for medical care service categories once all the applications are verified.
- The AA will update the Planning Council on how all these changes impacted the 2013 budget in June when the final analysis of the changes has been completed.

Cheri continued the discussion about client retention and how to reduce churning. Debby Elliott and Bruce Weiss discussed efforts to help retention. Suggestions include: putting signs in facilities saying something such as “What’s your date?” Remind clients verbally of renewal dates of birthdays and half birthdays plus a written reminder. Andrea Kamenca suggested having a card with AHCCCS on one side in one color and Part A renewal and another color on the other side. These will possibly be tested with consumers before using.

Rose reported on the ADAP Retention Workgroup meetings that were convened to address ADAP Retention. The group identified several barriers to ADAP retention, and reviewed activities that are currently in process to address the barriers. These include the joint application workgroup and the change to birthday/half birthday renewals. The workgroup recommended that the impact of these changes be analyzed before implementing additional strategies, and the workgroup will reconvene later this year after the impact of these changes has been determined.

Determination of agenda items for the next meeting

It was discussed that the next meeting will be on:

- Joint application (tentative)
- Mental Health Coordination
- Updates on ACA
- Oral health

For April meeting

- Review Comprehensive Plan Evaluation for Years 1 and 2 in April
- Health literacy

Current events summaries

None were voiced.

Call to the public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m.