

Planning Council



Randall Furrow, Chair

Thursday, December 12, 2013
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Area Agency on Aging/Care Directions
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Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Committee Members *AT: Attended AB: Absent EX: Excused ALT: Alternate Present LOA: Leave of Absence*

AT	Abdul Hasan	AT	Andrea Norman	AT	Carla Chee	AT	Cheri Tomlinson
AT	Cynthia Trottier	EX	Dan Lindell	EX	David Aguirre	AT	Debby Elliott
ALT	Deborah Frusciano	AT	Eric Moore	AT	Jonathan Harris	AT	Jennifer Bullock
AB	Edward Tisdale	AT	Keith Thompson	EX	Ken Bethel	AB	Kimberly Yellow Robe
AT	Lucio Amado	EX	Maclovia Morales	EX	Mary Rose Wilcox	AB	Norman Wagner
AT	Penny Ellis	AT	Randall Furrow	EX	Rebecca Barnett	AT	Robert Solis

Guests

Scott Larson	Timothy Slim	Darwin Gunderson
Greg Scaggs	Michael McKnight	Melissa Geiser
Michael Slim	Chavon Boston	

Administrative Agent Staff

EX	Rose Conner	AT	Kenneth Leighton-Boster	AT	Carmen Batista	AB	Chantie Wingo
AT	Edd Welsh	AB	Georgina Lowe	AT	Victoria Jaquez		
AB	Jane Wixed						

Support Staff: Claire Tyrpak

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts of interest

Planning Council Chair Randall Furrow called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. All meeting participants introduced themselves and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Determination of quorum

Randall Furrow determined that quorum was established with 14 of 24 members at 5:15 pm.

Review of the minutes and action items from the previous meeting

The committee silently reviewed the minutes from the October 10th Planning Council meeting. No corrections were voiced.

MOTION: Cheri Tomlinson moved to approve the minutes. Jonathan Harris seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Chair update

Randall Furrow stated that there were be 2014 Needs Assessment Kick-off meeting on Monday from 10-12 led by Jeff Daniel. The meeting will be held at ADHS at 150 N 18th Ave if any Planning Council members may be interested in attending. Randall also stated that he would be attending CDC Leadership training in Fort Lauderdale on January 16. Several January meeting dates have been changed due to the holidays. Allocations and CHPS will be moved from January 1st until the 8th. Executive will be moved from January 2 until Tuesday, January 14th. Locations and times stay the same and all other meetings remain on their regular dates.

Administrative Agent update

Carmen Batista announced that there is a new staff member in the Administrative Agent's office. Chavon Boston will be taking the position of special population coordinator. Carmen also announced that the federal government had decided to extend PCIP through January 2014 rather than ending it at the end of December.

Carmen also did an update on ACA enrollment. She discussed a handout chart that showed 75 percent enrollment completion to date. She acknowledged the hard work that all providers and grantees were doing to ensure all clients are enrolled in a timely manner.

Reallocations

Carmen presented the December Allocations report. All Part A carryover funds will be allocated to Oral Health Services, and all MAI carryover will be allocated to Primary Medical Services.

1. The Health Insurance Premiums Financial Assistance Service Category will need additional funds to cover December premiums. The AA recommends decreasing Transportation Services by \$10,000 and reallocating these funds to FAP to cover December premiums. There should be no need to cut current transportation services if this reallocation is approved. The AA will bring additional recommendations related to Health Insurance Premiums payments to the January Planning Council meeting after analyzing the ACA enrollment data in December.

2. There will need to be reallocations of funds in January to cover higher than expected costs in Substance Abuse. Two of the providers will expend all allocated funds in December, and will continue to provide services until the Planning Council can identify additional funds for Substance Abuse in January, 2014. It is expected that Substance Abuse Services may need up to an additional \$30,000 to continue services until the end of the grant year. The AA will provide recommendations on reallocations to Substance Abuse following an analysis of ACA enrollment in January.
3. There will be a need to extend temporary employees for ACA enrollment, which will require reallocation of funds to Non-Medical Case Management. There will also need to be additional allocations for Non-Medical Case Management to provide benefit coordination for copays and deductibles in January and February if the Planning Council approves to accept the Part B funds for Copays and Deductibles. The AA will bring recommendations to the Planning Council in January for these reallocations.
4. Direct Dental and Dental Insurance enrollments are frozen until further review in January.
5. The Medical Nutrition Services provider is continuing to cut the amount of supplements that are available for clients in an effort to reach a balanced budget by the end of the grant year. At this time, there is a projected imbalance of approximately \$32,000. The provider has reported that clients are very concerned about the lack of supplement availability and are reporting that they are experiencing hunger and other negative effects due to the lack of supplements. The provider is pursuing alternative resources to provide supplements to clients who are in critical need of nutrition assistance.

Administrative Agent recommended that the Council decrease Transportation Services by \$10,000 and increase Health Insurance Premiums Financial Assistance Program by \$10,000.

MOTION: Keith ~~Tomlinson-Thompson~~ moved to adopt the AA's recommendations. Robert Solis seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Carmen then went on to request Rapid Reallocation Authority for up to 10% of any service category's funds to cover funding needs for the remainder of the grant year. The AA will only reallocate core funds to core services under this rapid reallocation authority, and will bring any requests for core to support fund reallocations.

MOTION: Eric Moore moved to accept the AA's request for Rapid Reallocation Authority. Debby Elliott seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

ACA Marketplace Cost Sharing Workgroup recommendations

Carmen Batista discussed that the workgroup had a third meeting to discuss copays and deductibles in order to make final recommendations to the Planning Council. She summarized the workgroup's discussions. The workgroup made the following recommendations to the full Planning Council as follows:

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1. January and February: Part A will accept the \$1.8 million from Part B for copays and deductibles starting January 1 for FFM, Medicare or private insurance. COBRA clients will be evaluated for other coverage. Part A will identify a mechanism for administering this and will evaluate the January payments and report to the Planning Council. The caveat will be that the process will stop when the money is gone unless there are other funds identified.
 2. March 1:
 - Part A moves forward with parity with Part B for copays, deductibles, and out of pocket expenses up to a maximum of \$3000 for FFM, Medicare and private insurance clients below 300% FPL.
 - Allocations will be increased for case management to be able to cover the costs of copay programs.
 - Part A will identify a process to administer the copay and deductible payment process.
 - Since this will be a new program with many variables and unknowns, the AA will monitor the actual costs expended each month.
 - The policy to pay copays and deductibles may be subject to change if the allocated funds are expended before the end of the grant year, unless other funds are identified as available for reallocation by the Planning Council.
 - A PSRA session will be scheduled in March after the notice of the 2014 grant award is announced to identify allocations for copays and deductibles and increased case management funds to administer this program.
 - Integrate into the March PSRA a discussion of the menu of services and the options for copay.

Debby Elliott voiced concern over the new direction that Part A was going in as it is very different than in the past. Cheri Tomlinson said that due to the ACA changes were coming and in the future it will look different. Carla Chee stated that Part B feels that even with the changes, funding the 1.8 million won't be a problem.

MOTION: Keith Thompson moved to adopt the workgroup's recommendations and to reflect tonight's input. Robert Solis seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Membership approvals

Jennifer Bullock stated that Len Stewart is being nominated as a Council member since Andrea Norman resigned from the Southwest Center and asked for a new vote.

MOTION: Eric Moore moved to vote by secret ballot for the appointment. Debby Elliott seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Later in the meeting, Randall announced that the candidate was approved and would be forwarded to the Maricopa Board of Supervisors for final appointment.

Update: Other Ryan White programs

Part B: Carla Chee and Lisa Fuentes provided an update on ACA activities. They stated that 459 clients are enrolled in AHCCCS and 171 in the marketplace. They then went on to discuss how some clients weren't eligible for the Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC) and they changed their policy to include them.

Part C: Eric Moore stated that HRSA had concluded their 8 year investigation and there were no findings for part C. He will be doing a presentation with Dr. Carin on Test AZ program in Boston in March.

Part D: Cheri discussed that a federal report on 36 states showed that Arizona was 13th highest for ACA enrollment. AHCCCS and the federal government have also extended KidsCare through January.

Penny Ellis stated that AHCCCS will post approvals every Monday on their website.

Committee/Work Group reports

None were voiced.

Current events summaries

Andrea stated that: 1. Bruce Weiss has returned to the Southwest Center and is her replacement for her old position; 2. Jon Martin is leaving the Southwest Center; and 3. Nutrition is getting donations and is doing fundraising. Lisa Fuentes stated that they have a new staff member.

Call to the public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately at 6:00 pm.