

Seattle HIV/AIDS Planning Council

Monday, February 8, 2010-- 4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Douglass-Truth Library - 2300 East Yesler Way (NE corner of Yesler and 23rd)

AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome, Introductions and Announcements | 4:00 |
| II. | Meeting Agenda (2 min)
➤ Action: Review and approve | |
| III. | Minutes: (3 min)
➤ Action: Review and approve | 📁 Attachments: white |
| IV. | Grantee Report (Jeff) | 4:03 |
| V. | Consumer Caucus Report (Higinio, Robin) | 4:25 |
| VI. | Membership Report (Marcos, James) | 4:40 |
| VII. | Seattle Funding Compared to Other EMAs & TGAs (Jesse) 📁 Attachment: buff | 4:55 |
| VIII. | Break | 5:00 |
| IX. | Filling Out Annual Ethics Forms | 5:15 |
| X. | Care Allocation Issue
➤ Action: Determine whether to fund Insurance Co-Pays
➤ Action: If “yes” above, reallocate ADAP dollars to cover costs | 📁 Attachment: yellow
5:30 |
| XI. | Upcoming Council Co-Chair Elections
• Election at the March meeting
• Answer questions related to eligibility and requirements | 📁 Attachment: pink
5:55 |
| XII. | Care Prioritization
• Fill out availability for process over 4 – 4 hour meetings in May/early June | 6:10 |
| XIII. | State Budget Issues
• House budget, if available | 6:20 |
| XIV. | Adjourn | 6:30 |

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Minutes ☞ Monday, February 8, 2010
(Minutes not yet approved by the Planning Council)
4:00pm - 6:30pm

2100 24th Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144

Council Members Present: *Richard Aleshire, Amy Bennett, Sergio Cueva Flores, Philip Doles, Kate Elling, Brandie Flood, Matt Golden, Joseph Grant, Robin Langdale, Gerrie LaQuey, Darren Layman, David Lee, Marcos Martinez, Andrew Murphy, Kris Nryop, Arthur Padilla, Ron Padgett, Jodie Pezzi, Tony Radovich, Michael Raitt, James Redel, Germán Rodríguez, Erick Seelbach*

Persons Nominated by the Council, but not yet appointed by the King County Executive: Oscar Grey.

Council Members Absent: *Shireesha Dhanireddy, Joachim Hawn, Higinio Martinez, Ruth Njoroge, Christine Oyaro, Kevin Patz*

Planning Council Staff Present: Jesse Chipps, Diane Ferrero, Courtney Speigner (minutes)

Public Health Staff Present: Jeff Natter, Joanne Stekler

Guests: J. Wong

Italics denote Planning Council membership.

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Jesse announced the library rules.

The group did a round of introductions, and each person stated his/her conflict(s).

II. Meeting Agenda

Jesse noted she had moved the Care Allocation Issue to later on the agenda because Richard would be arriving late.

The agenda was approved as written by acclamation.

III. January Meeting Minutes

Page four, fifth paragraph, the first sentence should read, "For people relying on these funds...whether they *are* ready or not."

The January minutes were approved as amended by acclamation.

<Arthur entered at 4:05pm>

<Oscar entered at 4:05pm>

IV. Grantee Report

Jeff reported he had successfully submitted an application to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), outlining the area's ability to identify people who are HIV positive and refer them into care.

Jeff also announced that Becca Hutcheson had conducted the Consumer Quality Leadership Program as well as Quality Management (QM) trainings for new providers and an advanced training for other providers.

Jesse explained there was no new news for the Prevention report.

V. Consumer Caucus Report

Robin reported the Consumer Caucus had drafted a letter to legislators regarding the state budget. They will also be going to Olympia to meet with legislators on Wednesday February 10. Finally, the group is also just did an outreach meeting in Snohomish County on January 29th.

VI. Membership Report

James reported this would be the last meeting for Andrew Murphy, who has served three terms on the Council. The group thanked Andrew for his work.

James explained that the King County Executive has requested that each board and commission nominate two candidates for each position and explain why one is their first choice. The Executive would then have the final selection on whom to appoint. The Membership Committee had agreed that this process would not work for this Planning Council for a number of reasons and has written a letter to the Executive requesting an exemption from this rule. The Membership Co-Chairs will sign the letter and are asking that the Council Co-Chairs sign it as well.

<Sergio entered at 4:10pm>

Marcos Martinez, David Lee, and Michael Raitt have all agreed to serve second terms.

★ The next Membership committee meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2010, 1:30 to 3:30pm at the 2100 Building – 2100 24th Ave. S, Seattle 98144.

VII. Seattle Funding Compared to Other EMAs & TGAs

Jesse explained that she had been asked by Bob Wood to create a comparison of Ryan White Allocations across EMAs and TGAs. See buff colored summary attached. Jesse pointed out an error on page two, under the Outpatient/Ambulatory medical care section; it should read, "The average allocated to this service was 31.1%..." She noted that Medical case management and Outpatient/ambulatory medical care are the only service categories that are funded in every area. Service categories are funded differently in each area. Jeff added that all funding is based on local needs and the allocations from other areas should not influence the Councils Prioritization and Allocation process for this area.

VIII. Filling Out Annual Ethics Forms

Jesse explained the method of filling out the annual ethics form, and everyone present filled out his/her form and turned it in.

IX. Co-Chair Elections

Council

Jesse explained there are four Council Co-Chairs. One Co-Chair is a standing position not voted on by the Council – the Public Health Prevention Co-Chair seat, currently held by Matt Golden. The other three positions are voted on by the Council, and elections will be held at the next meeting. A Co-Chair may serve up to three one-year terms. A Council member must be officially appointed by the Executive to run for Co-Chair, and must have a term that runs through the entire term.

- *Community Prevention Co-Chair*: Erick Seelbach's term is ending, and he will be leaving the Council. Marcos Martinez indicated interest in running for this position.
- *Community Care Co-Chair* – Arthur Padilla indicated he would like to run again.
- *Person Living with HIV Care Co-Chair PLWH* – Kevin Patz had indicated he would not run again for this position. James Redel indicated interest in running for this seat.

Membership

Marcos and James are currently the Membership Co-Chairs. They would both resign as Membership Co-Chairs if elected Council Co-Chairs. Additionally, two members of the committee will be completing their final terms on the Council this year. The Membership Committee is therefore in need of Co-Chairs as well as new members. The current schedule for the committee is the first Tuesday of the month, from 1:30 – 3:30, although this could be changed to accommodate new members' schedules. Phil indicated interest in re-joining the committee.

State Planning Group (SPG)

There are three representatives from each region and one alternate (although it is not imperative to have each role filled):

- *Prevention Provider* – Erick Seelbach will no longer be able to serve in this role.
- *Community Member* – Kris Nyrop would like to continue serving as representative through the current planning process and have someone step in likely in September or October.
- *Health Department Representative* – Barb Gamble is the Public Health representative.
- *Alternate* – Kate Elling is willing to remain an alternate and may step in when Kris leaves.

Parity

Gerrie LaQuey and Michael Raitt are interested in continuing as representatives.

Early Intervention Program (EIP)

Tony Radovich indicated he would like to continue serving as an EIP representative, as he had only been appointed in January. Shireesha Dhanireddy is the other current representative (not present at the Council meeting).

X. Care Prioritization

Jesse explained that the Care Prioritization Steering Committee had decided to have the process begin with the May Council meeting, at which the Needs Assessment data will be presented. Following the Council meeting there will be four four-hour separate Prioritization Committee meetings in May and early June. The full Council will vote on the Prioritization Plan at the June Council meeting. During the Care Prioritization process, the Prioritization Committee will review new needs assessment data, prioritize service categories, set allocations for categories, and create caveats and

subpriorities. Each Council member filled out a sheet indicating whether s/he would like to participate in the Prioritization Committee, and, if so, marking his/her availability.

BREAK 4:50 – 5:00pm

XI. Care Allocation Issue

Richard is asking the Council to fund the insurance category to cover co-pays (for medical visits, labs) for the Early Intervention Program (EIP) clients on insurance. The idea is that this will reduce barriers for EIP clients to get on insurance. The group discussed the following points:

- Jesse noted that under “What the Council is being asked to do,” the dollar amount in the second bullet should be \$246,472 (instead of \$293,486). The dollar amount has decreased because Madison Clinic has determined for how many visits they will not bill co-pays.
- These numbers are based on Richard’s best estimate for Parity.
- Richard explained that EIP has never paid co-pays for medical visits and labs, so these are estimates. They came up with a state figure based on information about premiums and co-pay increases and then applied the parity percentage.
- Jesse explained that for 2010, the Council had “paid ahead” and would likely not need to find additional funds for this. In 2011, Insurance would be prioritized, and the Council would allocate funds to the category.
- Jeff suggested deciding whether to allocate funds to Insurance and let the specific dollar amount be determined by parity.
- Andrew noted that for some consumers co-pays are insurmountable. Several members held up ditto cards.

☑ The group agreed by acclamation to fund Insurance.

MOTION: Gerry moved to:

- decrease AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) funds from \$200,000 to the dollar amount determined by parity (minus the amount “paid ahead” in 2009), the remaining to be allocated to Insurance.
- allocate carryover funds to Insurance
- reallocate Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funds (out of ADAP) into Insurance

Kate seconded. There was no further discussion.

☑ The motion passed with 23 in favor and Richard abstaining.

XII. Smoking issue

The Washington State High-risk Insurance Pool (WSHIP) has raised premiums for smokers. The premiums differ by age, and the maximum additional premium is \$300 per month for smokers. WSHIP premiums are paid by EIP, and the EIP Steering Committee is considering passing on some portion of this to the consumer. The group discussed the issue:

- Oscar asked whether WSHIP charges higher premiums for other substance use, and it was confirmed it is only tobacco.
- To qualify as a non-tobacco user, clients must be smoke-free for at least one year. Clients must sign an affidavit stating whether or not they smoke. Richard stated that the committee had wanted to give consumers warning this could be coming down the pike.
- Brandie noted that smoking is an addiction and that if consumers are expected to quit smoking they must be offered culturally competent cessation services. WSHIP and Public Health do cover smoking cessation; however, there is a question of whether these programs are effective for people living with HIV (PLWH). Jeff noted that Seattle Counseling Service is starting a smoking cessation program for PLWH. Also, some programs, while effective, are

not appropriate for everyone; for example Chantix is only appropriate for those in a stable mental state, due to its psychiatric effects.

- Richard explained that EIP has chosen to pay WSHIP premiums for clients because this is cheaper than paying for their medications by about \$350. With increased premiums, this may no longer be true.
- Matt expressed concern that some consumers will decide to continue smoking and stop getting their medications.
- Several members expressed concern that this would affect the most marginalized populations. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender population, PLWH, People of Color and low-income people are more likely to smoke. About 44-53% of PLWH in King County smoke. Additionally, many people in recovery from alcohol and/or substance use smoke.
- This policy instills fear around losing insurance. This can particularly impact consumers with chemical dependency and mental health issues.
- The group discussed submitting a letter stating its position on the policy. WSHIP has already made its decision, but the Council could let them know they disagree with it. They may also write a letter to EIP encouraging them not to pass any cost on to PLWH. Several members agreed.
- Richard stated his concern that a letter to WSHIP would call attention to the growing number of EIP on WSHIP, potentially causing WSHIP to reinstate the cap on EIP clients. He added that the EIP Steering Committee would look over and consider a letter from the Planning Council. However, if EIP were to pay these premiums, somehow that cost would have to be absorbed, potentially through a waiting list, more fund requests from the Council, etc. Andrew suggested the group then not write a letter to WSHIP, but only to EIP.

☑ The group agreed that the Executive Committee would discuss writing a letter to EIP.

XIII. State Budget Issues

There was no new news to report on the state budget.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 8, 2010 4:00 – 6:30 at the *Douglass-Truth Library – 2300 E. Yesler Way, Seattle 98122*

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm