

Seattle TGA HIV Planning Council

Monday, April 10, 2017 4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

2100 Building: 2100 24th Avenue South

AGENDA

Overall note: ensure consumer input throughout the meeting on each topic

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| I. | Welcome, Introductions and Announcements | 4:00 |
| II. | Agenda: | |
| | ➤ Action: Review and approve | |
| III. | Minutes: | <i>Attachment: minutes</i> |
| | ➤ Action: Review and approve | |
| IV. | Meeting Rules Reminder and Public Comment (Nicole and Teresia) | |
| V. | Grantee Report (Kate) | 4:10 |
| VI. | Ryan White Funding in a Changing World | 4:25 |
| | • ACA was not repealed, but what if it were? | |
| | • What is the Council's role and how quickly would it need to act? | |
| VII. | SNAC Committee (Brian) | <i>Attachments: standards</i> 4:40 |
| | ➤ Action: Review and approve Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services standards | |
| | ➤ Action: Review and approve Housing Services standards | |
| | ➤ Action: Review and approve Non-Medical Case Management standards | |
| VIII. | Annual Council Training | 5:00 |
| IX. | Break | 5:30 |
| X. | 90-90-90 Community Celebration | 5:40 |
| XI. | Adjourn | 6:30 |

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Minutes ☿ April 10, 2017

4:00pm - 6:30pm

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Council Members Present: *Tyler Adamson, Richard Aleshire, Michael Crowley, Janet Jones, Brian Knowles, Pat Migliore, Steve Milkis, Teresia Otieno, Kevin Patz, Stephanie Pietras, Nicole Price, German Rodriquez, Genie Seth, Solomon Tsegasselassie*

Persons Nominated by the Council, but not appointed by the King County Executive Present: *Mel LaBelle*

Council Members Absent: *Matt Golden, Jennifer Magnani, Kiasha Taylor, Dorian Davenport, Jason Jacobs*

Planning Council Staff Present: *Jesse Chipps, Leah Holland, Darron Lewis (Minutes)*

Grantee Staff Present: *Shonita Savage, Kate Briddell, Karen Hartfield, Linda Coomas, Marcee Kerr*

Visitors: *D. Mark Baker (Lifelong), Scott Bertani (Lifelong), Claudia Catastini (DOH), Beth Crutsinger-Perry (DOH), Kevin Hockley (AIDS Healthcare Foundation), Tony Radovich (community leader), Dennis Torres (Gilead), Patrick Washington (Council applicant, unaligned), Patty Hayes (Public Health), Dennis Worsham (Public Health), and many others.*

Italics denote Planning Council Membership.

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

II. Meeting Agenda

The co-chairs noted that there will be no Council training, due to time constraints, and the 90-90-90 celebration will begin at 5:00pm.

The agenda was approved as amended by acclamation.

III. Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *German moved to accept the minutes as written. Pat seconded.*

Discussion: *There was no further discussion*

The motion passed with the following vote:

- In favor – 10 - *Teresia, Nicole, Kevin, Richard, German, Janet, Tyler, Mike, Brian, Pat*
- Opposed - 0
- Abstaining – 2 - *Stephanie, Steve*

IV. Meeting Rules Reminder

Nicole went over the conflict of interest rules for the meeting. If you have a conflict of interest you must state it and only speak on that service category during public comment. This is true for visitors and members. During educational presentations everyone may ask questions but priority goes to members. Those with conflicts may respond to specific questions posed by Council members. When speaking in a category for which you have a conflict, hold up the “C” card.

V. Public Comment

Scott Bertani let the group know that he had recently attended AIDSWatch. There was discussion about the Ryan White Act and HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) funding. He noted that there is a steadfast commitment by the administration to ensure Ryan White is still going to be funded, although there is the possibility of an 18% cut to all programs. Many individuals were talking to healthcare committee members to promote NIH (National Institutes of Health), CDC (Center for Disease Control).

<Mel entered the meeting at 4:12 PM>

Mark Baker announced that Dining Out for life will take place two weeks from Thursday, if you haven't selected a restaurant please do. If you need recommendations I'd be happy to help with that. So far there are about 75 restaurants participating.

VI. Grantee Report

<Solomon entered the meeting at 4:17 PM>

Kate began her report by reminding Council members that the “S” for “Slow Down” card was created for her, so members should feel free to use it if she starts talking too fast.

Kate presented an update on the Request for Applications (RFA) re-bid. It was released on April 4th and will be due May 5th. The categories are:

- Minority AIDS initiative (MAI): Early Intervention Services
- Non-Medical Case Management Chemical Dependency Support

Kate was excited to report that these went out to a much broader group that they have not typically gotten to. The office of Equity and Social Justice put it in their newsletter which reaches 6,800 individual email accounts. A woman in public health with ties to the “Horn of Africa” communities agreed to send these out on her distribution list as well. There is a conference this Thursday at the 2100 building from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Our HRSA Project Officer Site Visit has been bumped to the week of August 14th to align with a Planning Council meeting.

Kate plugged the HIV Housing and Stakeholders group meeting on May 25th, 2017 at Kaiser Permanente Northwest.

VII. Executive/Membership Committee Report

Nicole announced a test trial with Skype starting at May's Planning Council meeting. We will be running trials for Skype in May, June, and July.

Nicole reported the Executive committee wanted to have another discussion with the Council about the possibility of not having meeting every month, but instead moving them to every other month. This is to be discussed in May's meeting. She would like Council members to think about that possibility and what frequency would work for them to meet effectively.

VIII. Ryan White in a Changing World: What would Ryan White look like if the ACA were to be "repealed - and - replaced", and funding was to be cut?

Scott noted that the administration was still interested in funding Ryan White, but they are also discussing an 18% across the board cut. He noted that the legislative aids they spoke with are on the side of renewing Ryan White. Knowing that there has been flat funding for years it is actually more like a 40% cut. The concern will be the majority caucus (Republicans). Scott noted they haven't been able to meet some of those aides yet. What is important is that the community of HIV constituents begin to mobilize and show people in Washington DC that Ryan White has worked.

Kate noted that April is around the time when congress is supposed to pass the budget for next year, but they have not even passed the current year's budget. There is a chance they may pass the 2017 budget as is. Her hope is that they will turn their sights to the 2018 budget and leave 2017 as is.

In response to a question about whether ACA would be repealed, Richard noted that in the Republican proposals, Medicaid Expansion could happen at the State level. However, it is very unclear whether there would be enough federal funding for it.

Kate noted that not all versions of expanded Medicaid are the same, and in some states that received permission to do different things, what is offered is not necessarily helpful for lower income people with HIV. She noted that under a repeal and replace scenario, these models might be what Medicaid Expansion looks like. About 800 HIV+ people in the TGA moved from insurance to Medicaid in the TGA due to Medicaid Expansion.

Teresia stressed the importance of getting the community engaged. This is something that is causing a lot of stress particularly to people who are not citizens. One of the biggest uncertainties are not being sure of if people are still going to get access to care. She wanted to know what the state and what the council will do to ensure our clients won't be at risk of losing access to vital services.

The group began discussing insurance options in Washington, specifically. While the Washington State High-Risk Insurance Pool (WSHIP) was originally going to sunset due to ACA, Richard reported that it appears to be stable for now, and is being kept for a variety of reasons.

Mark noted the other date we all need to be watching is June 21st when insurance providers have to provide the information on the plans they intend to offer for next year. All of the plans have to be turned into the Insurance Commissioner's Office so he can determine if they meet ACA requirements. He noted it will be interesting to see what plans the carriers will offer in our state. WSHIP is the last option when there are no other insurance carriers. Scott noted that HB 1523 passed, and requires that insurance plans continue to provide all of the things required under the current federal ACA legislation.

To outline what kind of work the Council would need to do if the current year's federal budget were passed with an 18% cut, Jesse noted that the PSRA committee would need to make cuts, and those cuts would need to be deep because spending has already started at the full funding levels. Richard wondered whether one thing that could happen would be to pull the RFA, but it was noted that much of that funding is MAI, so that wouldn't work.

In response to a question about what would happen in the event of a government shutdown, Kate cautiously reported that the Seattle TGA has received 70% of our funds, but not of our MAI dollars. As a result, contracts can go into place for the basic funds, but she does not know whether contracts for MAI dollars could be cut.

Returning to the topic of insurance coverage in the state, Dennis wanted to know whether insurers were intending to keep offering plans. Mark noted that the number of plans in Washington has actually increased. We have over 300 new plans. What concerns him is that the deadline is coming quickly and there is uncertainty on the federal level.

Jesse concluded the conversation by noting that there is not a simple answer about what the Council will need to do, and when it will need to do it. Therefore we will be attentive to approaching deadlines and legislation and respond as quickly as possible when/if there is a change.

IX. SNAC Committee (Brian)

Brian reported that the SNAC committee has been working on the Housing and Non-Medical Case Management standards for several meetings. He noted that sub-recipients have been participating in those meetings and that has been really great. Those two standards have been completed, the committee hopes they can be approved tonight.

MOTION: Steve makes a motion to accept the approval of Housing Standards and Non-Medical Case Management Standards from SNAC, Seconded by Kevin.

Discussion: There was no further discussion

☑ The motion passed with the following vote:

- In favor – 11 – *Teresia, Kevin, Richard, German, Steve, Tyler, Mike, Solomon, Mel, Genie, Pat*
- Opposed - 0
- Abstaining – 4 - *Stephanie, Brian, Janet, Nicole*

X. 90-90-90 Celebration

Many more community members, including people from sub-recipient agencies, prevention providers, DOH staff, former Council members, and former staff from various agencies arrived throughout the beginning part of the meeting. This agenda item began with remarks from Dennis Worsham, Prevention Division Director for Public Health-Seattle & King County, and a former Council member, and Patty Hayes, Director of Public Health-Seattle & King County. Dennis and Patty noted the importance of taking some time to acknowledge the significance of the 90-90-90 achievement, the key roles that so many played in making this happen, and the work we have to do going forward to ensure adequate funding for the work we do to protect the Public's health.

At this point, everyone ate cake.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting and celebration ended at 7pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 8, 2017, 4 PM at the **2100 Building, 2100 24th Avenue S., Seattle 98144.**