



HIV Health Services Planning Council
GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Department of Public Health
25 Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 330B
3:30-5:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Margot Antonetty, Liz Gatewood, Matt Geltmaker, Steve Manley, Paul Margolis, Stacia Scherich, George Simmons, Don Soto, Channing Wayne

Committee Members Absent: Cicily Emerson, Jesus Guillen [E], Mary Lawrence Hicks

Others Present: Lara Tannenbaum

Support Staff Present: William Ching, T.J. Lee

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm by Co-Chair Geltmaker. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve Agenda – VOTE

The agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve August 10th DRAFT Minutes and September 14th DRAFT Notes – VOTE

The minutes and notes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- Co-Chair Soto reminded the Committee that co-chair nominations will take place next month
- CM Tannenbaum announced Larkin Street Youth is hiring a peer advocate for their HIV program
- CM Manley will be attending an HIV and Aging meeting at the White House October 26
- CM Simmons announced that 62% of housing subsidy recipients at his organization are over 52 years of age
- CM Geltmaker reminded the committee members to read the Part A memo; National Latino AIDS Day is on October 16th but there will be events commemorating the day this week; New committee assignments will take effect 11/2010

5. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

6. Cultural Inclusiveness Update

CS Lee updated the Committee on Veronica Neal will be attending committee meetings for two months, where she will also be interviewing Council Members.

7. Committee Presentation – VOTE

The Committee tabled this agenda item until the next meeting.

Noting: Will need last year's work plan, the three year grid and this year's presentation plan

8. Prioritization and Allocation Summit Recap – VOTE

CM Geltmaker opened the floor to solicit feedback from Committee members. There were no further comments.

9. Discussion for Opening up Service Categories for 2011

In order to start the conversation, CM Simmons suggested that GPA and CMA send a letter to all council members with a current priority list to see how council members would reprioritize service categories. Council members would then submit or mail the form back to council support. CM Geltmaker suggested taking a step back and to ask whether or not council members understood the service categories. CM Manley stated that all the definitions are already located in the binder.

Others have pointed out difficulties facing council members, namely how HRSA, HIV Health Services and General Funds use complex and different definitions that make it harder for Council Members to discern the differences. CM Wayne pointed out that members may have different methods of learning.

A summary of suggestions:

- A mail in or in meeting survey to gauge Council Members' understanding of service categories
- Condensed presentations reviewing service categories, either by providers or council support
- (More) training sessions
- A stronger mentoring program to give Council Members more opportunities to discuss Council business
- Cheat sheet listing quick and dirty definitions of service categories, helpful not only for existing but also new Council Members

CM Soto suggested perhaps having CS conduct trainings, as opposed to providers themselves.

CS Lee suggested creating a quiz to help council members gauge their knowledge of service categories and to see how and where the council can improve. Some council members have come up to CS Lee to voice their concerns regarding not understanding a certain service category.

CM Antonetty suggested that a stronger mentoring program may help, group presentations to increase overall feelings of inclusion. CM Margolis suggested incorporating more HAPN feedback

CM Geltmaker summed up the discussion: there is a need for more education and a way to present information in an easier, more intuitive way. One possible scenario: presenting short presentations on service categories, followed by cheat sheet and ending with a quiz

10. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Government and Provider Affairs Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th 2010 at 25 Van Ness, Room 330B from 3:30-5:30 pm.

Parking Lot:

- Materials needed:
 - Three year plan
 - Work plan
 - Presentation plan

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm by Co-Chair Geltmaker.