

Dutchess County HIV Health Services Planning Council
DCHIVHSPC
Planning and Allocations Committee
Minutes
Monday, May 14, 2008

Members in Attendance: Kathleen Murphy, Chair; Melvin Garrett; Peggy Patterson-Dennis; Trina Hiemcke

Grantee Representatives: Jay Landolfi; Lisa Cardinale

Planning Council Staff: Christopher Lee

- I. The Planning and Allocations (P&A) Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Kathleen Murphy. Roll call was performed. There were four (4) members present. A quorum was not established. The Committee will review the minutes from April 9, 2008 at the next meeting.

- II. The Planning and Allocations Committee reviewed and discussed the service utilization data presented by Grantee representative, Jay Landolfi. The data presented showed each funded service category and the outcomes from the 2007 fiscal year. – see Ryan White Part A Program Report
The Committee discussed having a representative from the Home Delivered Meals service provider attend the next P&A Committee meeting. The Committee would like to discuss client eligibility requirements for the Home Delivered Meals service. Requirements have become stricter has led to the loss of many clients. The Committee discussed spending the funds on better, more appetizing and nutritious meals. It was stated that the meals do meet Department of Health requirements. The Committee agreed that a representative from this program should be invited to our next P&A Committee meeting to discuss any issues regarding their program. Chris Lee will contact the Home Delivered Meals service provider to invite a representative from that program to the June 11th meeting.

- III. At 10:00am, the P&A Committee moved the meeting into the Family Partnership Center Library. A representative from the Veterans Hospital (VA), Anthony Galfano, came to discuss the services offered by the VA Hospital, specifically for veterans with HIV. He stated that the VA Hospital is the largest health care system for veterans and that most patients are over 50 years of age.
Mr. Galfano discussed eligibility requirements. He stated that the use of the hospitals have nothing to do with where a patient lives, an eligible veteran can receive treatment at any VA Hospital. He stated that eligibility requirements can be a problem for some veterans. As of 2003, in order to be eligible for treatment at the VA Hospital a

person must have received their injuries during service or be in financial need. The VA Hospitals had to limit care to those who meet these requirements because too many veterans were coming into the hospitals. Eligibility forms are available on the 4th floor of the county office building on 22 Market Street in Poughkeepsie. He stated that many people do not know if they are eligible for treatment at the VA Hospital.

For transportation, there is a voluntary service that will transport veterans to and from the hospitals. The number for voluntary services is 845-831-2000. He stated that a loop bus to and from the hospitals will be available soon.

Mr. Galfano stated that veterans with HIV are treated at either the Montrose or Castle Point locations. He claimed that there has been a slight decline of HIV patients at the VA Hospitals. Mr. Galfano handed out pamphlets and flyers with information regarding various programs offered at the Veterans Hospitals.

IV. The next Planning and Allocations Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 9:30am in the Planning Council office. At the meeting, the P&A Committee meet with a representative from the Home Delivered Meals program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.