

Dutchess County HIV Health Services Planning Council
DCHIVHSPC
Planning and Allocations Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Members in Attendance: Melvin Garrett; Mary Spriggs; Trina Hiemcke

Grantee Representatives: Jay Landolfi

Planning Council Staff: Christopher Lee

Guests: Joan Sherman

I. The Planning and Allocations (P&A) Committee meeting was called to order at 9:30am. Roll call was performed. There were three (3) members present at the meeting. Trina Hiemcke was proxy for Kathleen Murphy. A quorum was not established, therefore, the draft minutes from the August 13, 2008 and September 10, 2008 meetings were not reviewed. The draft minutes from those two meeting will be reviewed at the next P&A Committee meeting.

II. The committee worked on the process of updating the Comprehensive Services Plan (CSP). It was stated that the updated CSP will run from January 2008 through December 2010. Grantee representative, Jay Landolfi, discussed the need for updating the CSP and began reviewing the aspects of the plan that are required by HRSA. The committee reviewed the letter from HRSA containing the outline for the CSP and discussed how the committee will carryout the process of updating the document. It was stated that all the grammatical changes will be done by the Planning Council Support Staff, including changes such as changing EMA to TGA, Title I to Part A and CARE Act to Treatment Modernization Act. Also, it was stated that most of section I is being done outside of the committee, including the Needs Assessment.

The P&A Committee began reviewing section II of the document, titled continuum of care goals and objectives. The committee reviewed the rationale and discussed coordination of care for all services. The goals, objectives, and activities of the primary care, mental health, substance abuse, and dental care service categories were reviewed and discussed.

Regarding the primary care service category, there were no major changes to the goals, objectives or activities. The committee did discuss the goal of increasing HIV specific knowledge of primary care providers. A committee member stated that there are physicians who are not HIV/AIDS primary care physicians who do not know the effects of the HIV disease entirely, which could have a negative effect on the health care of an HIV/AIDS infected patient.

The committee also discussed the mental health service category. The fact that this service category was not allocated any Ryan White funding was discussed. The committee agreed this service is very important and that this section will be included in the updated version of the CSP regardless of whether or not our Planning Council chooses to allocate funding for it.

The committee discussed the substance abuse service category and its goals, objectives, and activities listed in the current CSP document. The committee discussed the fact that intravenous drug use (IDU) is still the major way of transmitting the disease in our area. It was stated that four out of ten Dutchess County residents who are infected claim that they are intravenous drug users. The committee discussed ideas of ways to lower the rates in our area and compared the harm reduction model versus the abstinence model of lowering the rates of HIV/AIDS infections.

The goals, objectives, and activities of the oral health care service category were also discussed. There were no changes made to this section. The committee discussed having a resource list available listing all available HIV/AIDS services available in Dutchess County, which would include those services not funded with the help of Ryan White dollars.

The committee discussed the effect of losing Ryan White awarded funding would have on the Planning Council. It was stated that if our TGA does not receive Ryan White funding after 2010 then there will not be a Planning Council. The committee agreed that there should still be a body that meets in place of the Planning Council if this occurs. It was stated that figuring out what this body will do and how it will be able to do so with the loss of funding will be a large part of the committees work in updating the CSP. It was stated that not only do service providers have to be prepared for a loss of funding, but so does the Planning Council and consumers in our area.

- III. The next Planning and Allocations Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 9:30am in the Planning Council office. At the next meeting, the committee will continue to work on updating the CSP. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.