

Dutchess County HIV Health Services Planning Council
DCHIVHSPC
Planning and Allocations Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 2009

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

Grantee Representatives: Lisa Cardinale

Planning Council Staff: Christopher Lee

- I. The Planning and Allocations (P&A) Committee meeting was called to order at 9:30am. Roll call was performed. There were four (4) members present at the meeting. Ben Barile was proxy for Kathleen Murphy. A quorum was not established. Due to lack of quorum, the draft minutes from the November 12, 2008, November 19, 2008, and December 10, 2008 were not reviewed. The draft minutes from those Planning and Allocation Committee meetings will be reviewed at the next meeting.

- II. The committee discussed the FY2009 MAI allocations. The FY09 MAI Application is due on March 6, 2009. The 2009 MAI fiscal year begins on August 1, 2009 and concludes on July 31, 2010. The grantee informed the committee that it is continued funding and that our TGA is guaranteed funding for this fiscal year. The exact amount that we will receive is still unknown, but the grantee does not anticipate that there will be a cut in funding from last year.

The committee discussed the three service categories that received MAI funding last year and reviewed the FY08 allocations. The Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Care and Early Intervention Services categories received \$46,661 in MAI funding in 2008 and ADAP received \$2,248. The committee agreed to allocate the same amount of funds towards these three categories for the 2009 fiscal year. If there is a dramatic difference in funding this year compared to last, the committee will review the allocations again. It was agreed that any unspent funds will be re-allocated to ADAP to ensure spend down.

The committee discussed the 2009 Part A funding, as well. The Part A 2009 grant year begins on March 1, 2009 and concludes on February 28, 2010. The grantee informed the committee that approximately 54% of the 2009 formula award will be received at the beginning of March. The remaining percentage of the formula award and the entire supplemental award will be received at a later date. The fact that the Part A award is being received after the fiscal year begins, makes it difficult for the grantee to contract with the service provider agencies. Smaller agencies could have problems continuing the normal work load in FY09, while not knowing if they are going to receive any Ryan White funding. It was

stated that layoffs and staff cuts are possible; some services might have to be eliminated. The committee discussed the idea of agencies collaborating to help save money and cut costs.

The 2006 Treatment Modernization Act was discussed. As the law stands, our TGA will no longer be eligible to receive Ryan White Part A funding after the 2010 fiscal year. The law has to be reauthorized prior to October 2009 by the federal government, in order for us to receive any Ryan White Part A funding after FY2010. The committee discussed the future of our area with the possible loss of funding and alternate services that clients will have to use.

- III. The next Planning and Allocations Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 9:30am in the Planning Council office. At the next meeting, the committee will discuss the FY09 Part A awarded funding and further discuss the FY09 MAI funds, if necessary. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.