

HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL – Priorities and Allocation Committee (PAC)

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Primary Care Center

4600 Broadway, Conference Room 2020

Sacramento, CA 95820

Facilitator: Mark Underwood - Chair

Scribe: Paula Gammell, Council Staff

Committee Member Attendees:

Mark Underwood - Chair, Adrienne Rogers (Ex-Officio), Chelle Gossett, Tracy Jenkins, Susan Farrington, Tami Emslie

Members Excused: N/A

Members Absent: Kane Ortega

Guests: N/A

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| Welcome, Introductions and Announcements | <p>A Welcome</p> <p>B Announcements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Staff advised that the Fiscal Agent has coordinated a Provider Training on Disability Income in California. 2. Council Staff also advised that there are several upcoming educational/informational luncheons and one evening event. |
| Agenda and Minutes | <p>A Mark Underwood presented the Agenda for review noting the addition of the PAC Training to the agenda. Motion to approve the Agenda with the added training was made by Chelle Gossett with a second by Tracy Jenkins and unanimously approved.</p> <p>B Motion to approve the Minutes of April 2017 was made by Susan Farrington with a second by Tracy Jenkins. Motion was approved unanimously.</p> |
| PAC Training | <p>Council Staff provided training on the responsibilities and tasks of the Priorities and Allocations Committee. Committee members declared their perceived conflicts of interest after the training.</p> |
| FY17 Service Priorities* | <p>Council Staff advised that the Priorities and Allocations Committee had previously approved the FY17 Service Priorities; however HRSA now considers Pediatric Treatment Adherence to be a service of Medical Case Management. Due to changes in funding, the Housing Service category should be separated out from Emergency Financial Assistance and have its own priority ranking. Therefore the Committee needs to re-address the services and their respective priority ranking.</p> <p>Mark Underwood suggested leaving the existing service priorities 1 -7 as is and reassigning Housing to priority 8, Medical Transportation to priority 9, and outpatient substance abuse treatment to 10. The remaining services 11 – 17 remain the same in their respective rankings.</p> <p>Housing is a tremendous barrier in the Sacramento region with the third highest rise in rent in the nation within the past six months and the shortage of housing units available. The topic of homelessness is of significant concern for both the City and County of Sacramento. Discussion noted that while homelessness is a significant issue in the TGA, the TGA’s funds are very limited and unable to fully address the housing needs of PLWHA in the TGA.</p> <p>60% of the Ryan White clients surveyed during the last needs assessment reported having used illegal</p> |

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| | <p>substances, but did not indicate a significant need for Substance Abuse services. This may reflect that they do not see their substance use as a problem, or that they are not ready to ask for help. In any case, it demonstrates the significant unmet need for substance abuse services in the TGA overall. The TGA has very limited capacity as well as funding for residential as well as outpatient substance abuse services and the Ryan White system of care must be responsible to this service category to meet the needs of our clients.</p> <p>Further discussion recommended leaving the existing rankings for priorities 1 – 7 and 11 – 17 with Medical Transportation being set as Priority 8, outpatient substance abuse as priority 9 and Housing as Priority 10. Motion to approve this ranking was made by Mark Underwood with a second by Tracy Jenkins and unanimously approved.</p> |
| FY18 Service Priorities* | As the FY17 Service Priorities were just discussed, Tracy Jenkins motioned to approve the FY18 Service Priorities based on the final FY17 Service Priorities. Motion was seconded by Chelle Gossett and unanimously approved. |
| Point of Order | Council Staff noted that the FY18 Grant Application Request was intended to be on the agenda not the FY17 General Directives. Motion to amend the Agenda was made by Mark Underwood with a second by Tami Emslie and approved unanimously to change the wording from FY17 General Directives to FY18 Grant Application funding request. |
| FY18 Grant Application Request* | <p>The Fiscal Agent recommends requesting additional funds to offset the funding cuts from Part B in Ambulatory Care, Medical Case Management, Outreach, MAI Outreach, Nutrition, Health Education and Risk Reduction and Oral Health Care. The TGA sustained a significant reduction in food vouchers and nutritional supplies with the funding reduction. This reduction was a result of carryover funds from Part B no longer being available to the Local Health Jurisdictions as it is now being funneled into the ADAP program to cover the new Health Insurance Premium Payment Program to cover the cost of medical co-payments and deductibles. The Fiscal Agent also recommends a 5% cost of living adjustment to cover rising rents, salary increases, and cost-of-living increases to the service categories based on the FY16 final allocations with adjustments made to increase each of the above categories by the amount of the Part B funding reduction.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Fiscal Agent recommendations was made by Mark Underwood with a second by Tracy Jenkins and unanimously approved.</p> |
| Technical Assistance | Mark Underwood advised members that if they are in need of technical assistance that members can reach out to the Chair, Fiscal Agent or Council Staff for assistance. |

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| Public Comments | None noted. |
| Adjournment | |