

HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

Meeting Location: Via Teleconference. No in-person meeting.

Zoom Teleconference Info: 1-669-900-6833

Zoom Conference ID: 912 5123 7390

Zoom Passcode: 836671

Facilitator: Kristina Clark, Council Chair

Scribe: Emitai Bishop, County Staff and Paula Gammell, County Staff.

Council Member Attendees via Teleconference: Charles McDonald, Chelle Gossett, David Contreras, Dennis Poupart, Judy Vang, Kane Ortega, Kristina Kendricks-Clark, Linda Ryan, Melody Law, Michael Gagnon, Michael Wofford, Minerva Reid, Rick Myers, Ronnie Miranda, Susan Farrington, Tom Hannon, Zach Reau and Zachary Basler.

Members Excused: Kaye Pulupa, Michael Ungeheuer and Richard Benavidez

Members Absent: Beth Valentine, Derek Purol, Larry Dyer, Matias Castro, Robyn Learned, Steve Austin and Tracy Jenkins.

Guests: Rashida Green, Wanda Vasquez, Jake Bradley-Rowe, Becky Gonzales and Tracy Thomas.

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Welcome, Introductions and Announcements	<p>Welcome and introductions began at 10:05 a.m.</p> <p>Zach Reau with One Community Health announced that Ryan White clients will have preference for both Behavior Health and Mental Health services at their agency with no limitation on the number of visits. They have also added four new employees to the call center to reduce wait times and have hired a new “eligibility worker of the day”. Additionally, substance abuse detox services are available.</p>
Agenda and Minutes Review*	<p>Motion to approve Minutes and Agenda was made by Rick Myers with a second Kane Ortega.</p>
Presentation: Sunburst Projects by Jake Bradley-Rowe, Executive Director	<p>Sunburst Projects was founded in 1982 promotes health & wellness with many programs to help patients, including food and transportation vouchers, help with child care expenses and rent. They currently have 14 employees and a psychiatrist and are located in the Arden Area. Having recently expanded services, 40% of their clients are now men.</p> <p>Sunburst Projects programs assist patients that are Ryan White participants and/or receive services from Ryan White funded programs. Case managers are able to transport patients to and from appointments. Additionally, they have what is known as, Sunburst Projects Emergency Assistance Fund, to assist clients on a case by case basis. The Emergency Assistance Fund is not funded by Ryan White.</p> <p>Sunburst Projects offers Camp Sunburst. This is available to children/youth, ages 6-17, living with HIV or whose parents are HIV positive. This is offered the first week of July and you don’t have to be a client to participate. They offer quarterly functions with students and a backpack giveaway.</p> <p>Soon they will be providing mental health and psychiatric services. New patients will need an office visit(s) to evaluate them.</p>
Office of AIDS (OA) Update October 2020	<p>OA is thrilled to present the newly formed Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program Unit (PrEP-AP). The program itself has been in existence for a few years, as the program grew, there became an increasing need to create a new unit focused solely on leading the program efforts. It plays a vital role in OA’s mission by ensuring that clients have access to medications and services that prevent the transmission of HIV. This includes access to PrEP, Post-Exposure Prophylaxis, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) treatments and related health services.</p>

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	<p>This is a program that has and will continue to evolve. The program has adopted a number of enhancements that expanded access to minor clients and clients with confidentiality concerns. PrEP-AP continues to look for innovative ways to lift barriers. To care by identifying new modes of enrollment and access.</p> <p>OA is excited to have such a knowledgeable, talented and passionate team. Each one contributes skills, insights and professional experiences that are sure to bring the program to future it envisions. Joseph Lagrama is a Staff Services Manager I. He has a B.A. and M.A in Communication from CSU, Fresno. He is a former college instructor and has over 6 years of management experience with the state of California leading various process improvement, program implementation and training projects.</p>
<p><u>Fiscal Agent Reports</u> August 2020 Monthly Fiscal Report*</p> <p>FY20 2nd Quarter Fiscal Agent Report</p>	<p>A copy of the August 2020 Fiscal Report was presented for review and approval. Expenditures should be at 50% however the TGA is currently at 41.75%. Some categories are over-spending while others are under-spending. Motion to approve the August 2020Fiscal Report was made by Zach B with a second by Ronnie Miranda and approved by consensus.</p> <p>A copy of the FY20 2nd Quarter Fiscal Agent Report was presented for informational purposes. Dennis Poupart noted expenditures reductions in both ambulatory care and health insurance premium cost-sharing assistance in August compared to previous months. Expenditures variances can be a result of increased or decreased services provided in any given month, staffing changes, the number of pay periods in a month, etc.</p> <p>The Fiscal Agent provided an update on the HRSA Part A COVID Relief funding. The TGA received approximately \$208,000, which was contracted out to providers (less the Fiscal Agent administrative costs). Providers have been using the funding to pay for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) including masks, hand sanitizers, gloves, as well as, plexi-glass barriers and signage.</p>

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	<p>Needs Assessment Committee: Linda Ryan – NAC Chair The Needs Assessment Committee is interested in surveying the TGA’s youth living with HIV to determine the needs of 18 - 24 year olds. The Committee meets next in December 2020.</p> <p>Governance: Council Staff advised that Michael Ungeheuer, the Chair of the Governance Committee was unable to attend and extends his apologies.</p>
U.S. HIV/AIDS Conference Report Back	<p>Susan Farrington advised that she participated and that the plenary sessions were informative. There were many sessions on social awareness, trans health, and home testing.</p> <p>Ronnie Miranda participated and stated there were additional topics on COVID and outreach in trans communities.</p>
Binder Updates	Council Roster of 10.13.20: It should be noted that errors were identified and a new roster will be forthcoming.
Technical Assistance Needs	If you are in need of technical assistance, please contact Chelle Gossett or Paula Gammell
Public Comments	<p>Paula needs extra council members to help with the interview Friday (October 30, 2020) at 1 p.m. Chelle and Ricky volunteered to assist.</p> <p>Harm Reduction Services is providing Thanksgiving To-Go Meals on Wednesday, November 18th.</p> <p>One Community Health is hosting a virtual collaboration meeting to discuss possibilities of a World AIDS Day event.</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 11:20 AM Next meeting: December 9, 2020