# HIV Health Services Planning Council Sacramento TGA

# **Policy and Procedure Manual**

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### HIV Health Services Planning Council Sacramento TGA

### HIV Health Services Planning Council Overview

#### HIV Health Services Planning Council (Council)

The HIV Health Services Planning Council is responsible for planning how Ryan White CARE Act funds will be used in the local Transitional Grant Area (TGA), which consists of Sacramento, El Dorado, and Placer Counties. To properly plan, the Council is responsible for assessing the needs of people living with HIV in the TGA, developing a comprehensive plan that defines short and long term goals for delivering HIV services, setting priorities for which service categories are most needed, allocating resources to prioritized services, coordinating service delivery with other programs and funders, assessing the effectiveness and efficiency in which CARE Act funds are being used, and evaluating how well funded services are meeting community needs. In order to accomplish all of these tasks, the Council has established several working committees that perform specific tasks.

#### **Executive Committee (Exec)**

The Executive Committee is the only standing committee specified in the by laws of the HIV Health Services Planning Council (Council). The purpose of the Executive Committee is to "act for the Council between meetings under parameters set by the Council and to provide guidance for the Council in fulfilling its responsibilities and reaching its goals." The chairs of all other standing committees are members of the Executive Committee. Other committee members are Council members appointed to represent specific required categories (such as Placer and El Dorado counties).

#### **Governance Committee (Gov)**

The Governance Committee is an ad-hoc committee formed by the Council to address issues of policy, procedure and bylaws modification. Originally formed to recommend a governance structure to the Council, it now addresses questions central to how the Council functions. Some examples include development of conflict of interest policies, committee operation policies and procedures, member absence policies, as well as changes to bylaws as they are needed. Governance Committee work is generally reviewed in various settings forwarded to the full Council for approval and implementation. Members include the Executive Committee and any council members with interest in the topic(s).

#### Affected Communities Committee (ACC)

The Affected Communities Committee is a standing committee that addresses issues facing the HIV/AIDS community and advises the Planning Council on the affairs of the community. The mission of the committee is to recruit, empower and involve people living with HIV/AIDS in the strategic planning and advocacy of HIV/AIDS care and services. These goals will be accomplished with the assistance of the Council support staff toward the fulfillment of its mission. The committee encourages an environment of trust and safety in achieving its mission.

### **Priorities and Allocations Committee (PAC)**

This standing committee performs some of the most vital work for the Council. The primary responsibilities of the PAC are to review information, data and the updated Needs Assessment, in order to establish funding priorities and service allocations for the upcoming fiscal year. The work of the committee, when accepted by the Council, serves as the directive for issuance of proposal requests and determination of contractors to provide services throughout the TGA, tasks that are competed by the Recipient. Membership on PAC must be balanced to represent consumers, providers, government agencies and other diversity factors specified within PAC and general committee policies.

#### Needs Assessment Committee (NAC)

This standing committee is charged with re-evaluating and updating Needs Assessment for the TGA. Seeking data, information and opinion from a variety of sources, NAC identifies the service categories that are most needed by people with HIV infection throughout the region. Recommendations are made to the Council and the PAC, which help to focus the development of priorities and allocations for the upcoming funding period. Members are recruited to reflect specific areas of expertise (such as technology and research), as well as consumers and key service category providers.

### Administrative Assessment Committee (AdAC)

The Administrative Assessment Committee is a standing committee established to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the administrative mechanisms for rapidly disbursing CARE Act funds to the areas of greatest need within the transitional grant area (TGA). The AdAC will conduct a bi-annual (twice yearly) assessment of the Fiscal/Administrative mechanisms with the intent of providing feedback and recommendations to the Council and to the Recipient to continually improve such administrative policies and procedures.

#### **Quality Advisory Committee (QAC)**

The Quality Advisory Committee is a standing committee that develops service standards to be utilized by providers when delivering services paid for through Ryan White funds. Such standards may include policies, procedures, guidelines, and other information pertinent to the effectiveness and efficiency in which consumers are treated and Ryan White funding is spent. To ensure that standards are appropriate for all stakeholders, members are drawn from providers and consumers of Ryan White services, as well as others interested in health and human services.

#### Prevention Committee

The Prevention Committee is a standing committee whose purpose is to promote community involvement in the prevention of HIV infection. The Committee provides guidance and direction for prevention strategies with HIV-infected and affected communities; and, to provide community input to Sacramento County HIV/STD Prevention Program to ensure allocations are judiciously and fairly reflective of the priorities set by the Prevention Committee.

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# RYAN WHITE **IV/AIDS PROGRAM** PART A PLANNING COUNC PRMER

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# Introduction

# Uniqueness and Value of Planning Councils

One of the important aspects of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) is its focus on community health planning for HIV care and treatment. Community health planning is a deliberate effort to involve diverse community members in "an open public process designed to improve the availability, accessibility, and quality of healthcare services in their community."<sup>1</sup> The process involves "identifying community needs, assessing capacity to meet those needs, allocating resources, and resolving conflicts." For RWHAP Part A, planning councils/planning bodies play that role.

RWHAP planning councils are unique. No other federal health or human services program has a legislatively required planning body that is the decision maker about how funds will be used, has such defined membership composition, and requires such a high level of consumer participation (at least 33 percent). When more than 100 recipients, planning council leaders, and planning council support staff were asked in a recent national assessment<sup>2</sup> about the greatest value of planning councils, they most often identified the following benefits:

- Community involvement in decision making about HIV services
- A consumer voice in decisions about services
- Collaboration among diverse stakeholders, including consumers and other people living with HIV, providers, the local health department, researchers, and other community members, with everyone sitting at the same table and working together to make the best decisions for the community
- Positive impact on the service system, including improvements in access to and quality of care, and contributions to positive client outcomes including viral suppression.

Individuals who serve as RWHAP planning council members make a vital contribution to their communities by helping to strengthen and improve the service system for people living with HIV.

<sup>1</sup> Stern J. Community Planning, American Health Planning Association, 2008. available at http://www.ahpanet.org/files/community\_health\_planning\_09.pdf

<sup>2</sup> McKay E., et al. Engaging RWHAP Consumers in Planning and Needs Assessment, 2016 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment. available at https://careacttarget.org/sites/default/files/supporting-files/6746McKay.pdf

# **Purpose of the Primer**

This Primer is designed to help Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A planning council members better understand the roles and functioning of planning councils.

The Primer explains what RWHAP does, and describes what planning councils do in helping make decisions about what RWHAP services to fund and deliver in their geographic areas. The Primer is intended to be a basic reference to help prepare planning council members to actively engage in planning council activities, and effectively carry out their legislatively defined community health planning duties.

While most RWHAP Part A jurisdictions have planning councils, a few smaller areas have planning bodies, which serve the same purpose but are not subject to the same legislative requirements as planning councils. This Primer describes the expectations for planning councils; there are no specific requirements for other types of planning bodies. However, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) encourages such planning bodies to be as similar as possible to planning councils in their membership, and to carry out the same activities as planning councils<sup>3</sup>, as outlined in the legislation. Therefore this Primer should be useful to planning bodies as well as planning councils.

<sup>3</sup> HRSA/HAB Letter to RWHAP Part A Grantees, 2013. Available at https://hab.hrsa. gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/transitionalgrantareasplanningcouncilsmovingforward.pdf

# The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides a comprehensive system of care that includes primary medical care and essential support services for people living with HIV who are uninsured or underinsured. The Program works with cities, states, and local community-based organizations to provide HIV care and treatment services to more than half a million people each year. The Program reaches over half of all people diagnosed with HIV in the United States.

The majority of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program funds support primary medical care and essential support services. A smaller but equally critical portion is used to fund technical assistance, clinical training and the development of innovative models of care. The Program serves as an important source of ongoing access to HIV medications that can enable people living with HIV to live close to normal lifespans.

The RWHAP legislation is known as the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, and is also Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act. The legislation was first passed in 1990 as the Ryan White CARE (Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency) Act. The 2009 law is the fourth reauthorization of RWHAP by Congress. The program helps people living with HIV get into care early, stay in care, and remain healthy.

Most RWHAP funds are used for grants to local and state areas to address the needs of people living with HIV. Many decisions about how to use the money are made by local planning councils/planning bodies and state planning groups, which work as partners with their governments.

RWHAP is administered by the HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care by strengthening the healthcare workforce, building healthy communities and achieving health equity.

The RWHAP legislation supports grants under the five sections of the Act: Parts A, B, C, D, and F. Below is a short description of each. The majority of the funding that goes to RWHAP Part A and Part B is awarded under a formula based on the number of living HIV and AIDS cases in these areas.

### RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM FUNDING

- **RWHAP Part A:** Grants to metropolitan areas hardest hit by the epidemic for HIV medical care and support services
- **RWHAP Part B:** Grants to states and territories for HIV medical care and support services, including HIVrelated medications through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- **RWHAP Part C:** Communitybased early intervention services grants for HIV medical care and support services
- **RWHAP Part D:** Communitybased grants for familycentered primary and specialty medical care and support services for infants, children, youth, and women living with HIV
- RWHAP Part F: Support for five programs—Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS), AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs), HIV Dental Programs, and the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

# RWHAP Part A: Grants to Eligible Metropolitan and Transitional Areas

RWHAP Part A funds go to local areas that have been hit hardest by the HIV epidemic. The goal of RWHAP Part A is to provide optimal HIV care and treatment for low-income and uninsured people living with HIV to improve their health outcomes.

Almost three quarters of people living with HIV in the U.S. live in RWHAP Part A-funded areas. These areas are called eligible metropolitan areas (EMAs) or transitional grant areas (TGAs):

- EMAs are metropolitan areas with at least 2,000 new cases of AIDS reported in the past five years and at least 3,000 cumulative living cases of AIDS as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the most recent calendar year for which data are available. As of early 2018, there were 24 EMAs.
- TGAs are metropolitan areas with between 1,000 and 1,999 new cases of AIDS reported in the past five years and at least 1,500 cumulative living cases of AIDS as reported by the CDC in the most recent calendar year for which data are available. As of early 2018, there were 28 TGAs.

RWHAP Part A funds go to the *chief elected official (CEO)* of the major city or county government in the EMA or TGA. The CEO is usually the mayor; however sometimes the CEO is the county executive, chair of the board of supervisors, or county judge. The CEO is legally the recipient of the grant, but usually chooses a lead agency such as a department of health or other entity to manage the grant. That entity is also called the *recipient*. The recipient manages the grant by making sure RWHAP funds are used according to the RWHAP legislation, program policy guidance, and grants policy. The recipient works with the *RWHAP Part A planning council/planning body*, which is responsible for making decisions about service priorities and resource allocation of RWHAP Part A funds.

RWHAP Part A funds are used to develop or enhance access to a comprehensive system of high quality, community-based care for low-income people living with HIV. RWHAP Part A recipients must provide comprehensive primary health care and support services throughout the entire geographic service area. RWHAP Part A funds may be used for HIV primary medical care and other medical-related services and for support services (like medical transportation) that are needed by people living with HIV in order to stay in care, and linked to positive medical outcomes.

At least 75 percent of service funds must be used for core medical-related services, and up to 25 percent may be used for approved support services, unless the EMA or TGA successfully applies for a waiver. A limited amount of the money (up to 10 percent of the total grant) can be used for administrative costs, which include planning, managing, monitoring, and evaluating programs. Administrative funds are also used to support a comprehensive community planning process, through the work of a planning council or other planning body. In addition, some funds (up to 5 percent of the total grant or \$3 million, whichever is less) are set aside for clinical quality management, to ensure service quality.

# **RWHAP Part B: Grants to States and Territories**

RWHAP Part B provides funds to improve the quality, availability, and organization of HIV health care and support services in states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Pacific Territories and Associated Jurisdictions.

Like RWHAP Part A funds, RWHAP Part B funds are used for medical and support services. A major priority of RWHAP Part B is providing medications for people living with HIV. The RWHAP legislation gives states flexibility to deliver these services under several programs:

- Grants for medical and support services for people living with HIV
- The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides access to HIV-related medications through the purchase of medications and the purchase of health insurance
- Grants to states with emerging communities that have a growing rate of HIV/AIDS.

States can receive ADAP funds through three types of grants:

- Formula funding that goes to every state and territory based on the number of living HIV/AIDS cases reported by the CDC in the most recent calendar year
- Competitive ADAP supplemental funding, supported through a five percent set aside of the ADAP base award and provided to states and territories that meet RWHAP legislative eligibility criteria and apply for additional funds to address a severe need for medications
- Competitive ADAP Emergency Relief Funding (ERF), available to states and territories that can demonstrate the need for additional resources to prevent, reduce, or eliminate waiting lists, including through cost-containment measures.

ADAP funds are used to provide HIV antiretroviral medications to low-income people living with HIV. Funds may also be used to pay for health coverage, copays, and deductibles\* for eligible clients and for services that enhance access and adherence to drug treatments, or monitor drug treatments.

#### ADAP FORMULARY REQUIREMENTS

Each ADAP must cover at least one drug from each class of HIV antiretroviral medications on its ADAP formulary. RWHAP funds may only be used to purchase FDAapproved medications. Within these requirements, each ADAP decides which medications to include on its formulary and how those medications will be distributed. ADAP eligibility criteria must be consistently applied across the state or territory, and all formulary medications and ADAP-funded services must be equally and consistently available to all eligible enrolled people throughout the state or territory.

As with RWHAP Part A, 75 percent of RWHAP Part B service dollars must be used for core medical-related services unless the state obtains a waiver. RWHAP Part B recipients can use no more than 10 percent of their grants for administration, including indirect costs. They can also use up to 10 percent for planning and evaluation, but the total for both types of activities must be no more than 15 percent of the RWHAP Part B grant. As with RWHAP Part A, recipients may also spend up to 5 percent of their grant or up to \$3 million, whichever is less, for the establishment and implementation of a clinical quality management program.

States are required to conduct a needs assessment to determine service needs of people living with HIV. Based upon needs assessment results, states must set priorities and allocate resources to meet these needs. States must also prepare an integrated HIV prevention and care plan, including a *Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN)*, which is a guide on how to meet these needs.

Planning is an essential part of determining how to use limited RWHAP Part B funds in providing a system of HIV/AIDS care. States are required to obtain community input as a component of planning for the use of RWHAP Part B resources, and many states do this through RWHAP Part B advisory groups. A state can choose to oversee planning itself through statewide or regional planning groups, or can assign the responsibility to consortia. Consortia are associations of public and nonprofit healthcare and support service providers and community-based organizations that the state contracts with to provide planning, resource allocation and contracting, program and fiscal monitoring, and required reporting. Some are statewide groups, while others cover specific local areas or regions. Some regional consortia also directly deliver medical and support services.

Some states also receive *Emerging Communities* grants to establish and support systems of care in metropolitan areas that are not eligible for RWHAP Part A funding but have a growing rate of HIV. To be eligible for these funds, a metropolitan area must have between 500 and 999 AIDS cases reported in the past five years. To stay eligible, it must have at least 750 cumulative living AIDS cases as of the most recent calendar year. Some Emerging Communities eventually become eligible for RWHAP Part A funding.

# **RWHAP Part C: Community-Based Early** Intervention Services

RWHAP Part C funds local, community-based organizations to provide comprehensive primary health care and support services in an outpatient setting for people living with HIV.

RWHAP Part C funding is through *Early Intervention Services (EIS)* program grants. RWHAP Part C funds also help organizations more effectively deliver HIV care and services. Unlike RWHAP Part A and Part B, these funds are awarded competitively and go directly to community agencies like community health centers, rural health clinics, health departments, and hospitals. While RWHAP Part C funds many locations around the nation, a funding priority under the legislation is support for HIV-related primary care services in rural areas or for populations facing high barriers to access.

RWHAP Part C recipients must use at least 50 percent of the grant for EIS. They may use no more than 10 percent of their grants for administration, including indirect costs. In addition, RWHAP Part C recipients must use at least 75 percent of their grant funds for core medical services and up to 25 percent for support services. This is the same requirement that applies to Parts A and B.

RWHAP Part C also provides Capacity Development grants. *Capacity Development* grants help public and nonprofit entities strengthen their organizational infrastructure and improve their capacity to provide high-quality HIV primary care services.

# RWHAP Part D: Services for Women, Infants, Children, and Youth

RWHAP Part D funds are used to provide family-centered primary medical care and support services to women, infants, children, and youth living with HIV. RWHAP Part D funds are competitive grants that go directly to local public or private healthcare organizations including hospitals, and to public agencies.

RWHAP Part D grants are used for medical services, clinical quality management, and support services, including services designed to engage youth living with HIV and retain them in care. Recipients must coordinate with HIV education and prevention programs designed to reduce the risk of HIV infection among youth. RWHAP Part D recipients can use no more than 10 percent of their grants for administration, including indirect costs.

#### RWHAP PART C EARLY INTERVENTION REQUIRED SERVICES

EIS programs must include the following components:

- HIV counseling
- High-risk targeted HIV testing
- Referral and linkage of people living with HIV to comprehensive care, including outpatient/ ambulatory health services, medical case management, substance abuse treatment, and other services
- Other HIV-related clinical and diagnostic services

# RWHAP Part F: SPNS, AETC, Dental Programs, and MAI

RWHAP Part F provides grant funding that supports several research, technical assistance, and access-to-care programs.

- Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS): SPNS funds are awarded competitively to organizations that are developing new and better ways of serving people living with HIV and addressing emerging client needs. Projects include a strong evaluation component.
- AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs): AETC regional and national centers train health care providers treating people living with HIV. AETCs train clinicians and multidisciplinary HIV care team members. They help to increase the number of health care providers prepared and motivated to counsel, diagnose, treat, and medically manage people living with HIV.
- HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program: These funds go to dental schools and other dental programs to help pay for dental care for people living with HIV.
- **Community Based Dental Partnership Program:** These funds are used to deliver community-based dental care services for people living with HIV while providing education and clinical training for dental care providers, especially in community-based settings.
- Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI): MAI funds are used to improve access to health care and medical outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities— communities that are disproportionately affected by HIV. RWHAP Part A programs apply for MAI funds as part of their annual applications, and receive funds on a formula basis. They are expected to administer MAI activities as an integral part of their larger programs.

# **How RWHAP Part A Works**

The goal of RWHAP Part A is to provide optimal HIV care and treatment for low-income and uninsured people living with HIV residing in the EMA/TGA, in order to improve their health outcomes. This section of the Primer describes the people and entities that participate in RWHAP Part A and what they do.

# Participants

Participants in the RWHAP Part A grant for the EMA or TGA include the following:

- The chief elected official (CEO), who receives the funds on behalf of the EMA or TGA
- The recipient, the entity chosen by the CEO to manage the grant and make sure funds are used appropriately
- The planning council (or planning body), which conducts planning, decides how to allocate resources, and works to ensure a system of care that provides equitable access to care and needed services to all eligible people living with HIV in the EMA or TGA
- The HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau's Division of Metropolitan HIV/ AIDS Programs (HAB/DMHAP), the federal government entity within HRSA that makes sure the RWHAP Part A program is implemented appropriately.

# The Chief Elected Official (CEO)

The CEO is the person who officially receives the RWHAP Part A funds from HRSA. The CEO is the chief elected official of the major city or urban county in the EMA or TGA that provides HIV care to the largest number of people living with HIV. The CEO may be a mayor, chair of the county board of supervisors, county executive, or county judge. The CEO is responsible for making sure that all the rules and standards for using RWHAP Part A funds are followed. The CEO usually designates an agency to manage the RWHAP Part A grant—generally the county or city health department. The CEO establishes the planning council/planning body and appoints its members.

# The Recipient

As the person who receives RWHAP Part A funds, the CEO is the recipient. However, in most EMAs and TGAs, the CEO delegates responsibility for administering the grant to a local government agency (such as a health department) that reports to the CEO. This agency is called the recipient. The word "recipient" means the person or organization that actually carries out RWHAP Part A tasks, whether that is the CEO, the public health department, or another agency that reports to the CEO.

# THE RWHAP PART A AWARDS PROCESS

Each year Congress appropriates funds for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, including RWHAP Part A. The money for RWHAP Part A is divided into formula and supplemental funds and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funds.

- Formula funds are awarded to EMA or TGAs based on the number of persons living with HIV and AIDS in the EMA or TGA.
- **Supplemental funds** are awarded to the EMA or TGA based on increasing prevalence rates, documented demonstrated need and service gaps, and a demonstrated disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations.
- RWHAP Part A MAI funds are allocated based on each EMA's or TGA's percentage of all living HIV disease cases among racial and ethnic minorities.

EMAs or TGAs must submit a grant application to HRSA to receive RWHAP Part A formula, supplemental, and MAI funds.

The recipient should prepare the application with planning council/planning body input. The funding year begins on March 1.

# The Planning Council

Before an EMA/TGA can receive RWHAP Part A funds, the CEO must appoint a planning council. The planning council must carry out many complex planning tasks to assess the service needs of people living with HIV living in the area, and specify the kinds and amounts of services required to meet those needs. The planning council is assisted in fulfilling these complex tasks by *planning council support (PCS) staff* whose salaries are paid by the grant.

The RWHAP legislation requires planning councils to have members from various types of groups and organizations, including people living with HIV who live in the EMA/TGA. A key function of the planning council is to provide the consumer and community voice in decision-making about medical and support services to be funded with the EMA/TGA's RWHAP Part A dollars.

TGAs do not have to follow the legislative requirements related to planning councils, but must provide a process for obtaining consumer and community input. TGAs that have currently operating planning councils are strongly encouraged by the HIV/AIDS Bureau to maintain that structure.

# HRSA/HAB

The HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) is the office in the federal government that is responsible for administering RWHAP Part A throughout the country. The HRSA/HAB office is located in Rockville, Maryland. HRSA develops policies to help implement the legislation, and provides guidance to help recipients understand and implement legislative requirements. These include Policy Clarification Notices (PCNs), related Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and Program Letters.

Each EMA or TGA is assigned a **Project Officer** who works in HRSA/ HAB. Project Officers help the recipient and planning council do their jobs and make sure that they are running the local RWHAP Part A program as the RWHAP legislation, National Monitoring Standards, and other federal regulations say they should. Project Officers make periodic site visits and hold monthly monitoring calls with the recipient. The planning council Chair is sometimes included on a part of these calls.

# Planning Council and Recipient: Separate Roles and Mutual Goals

The RWHAP Part A planning council and the recipient have separate roles that are stated in the RWHAP legislation, but they also share some duties.

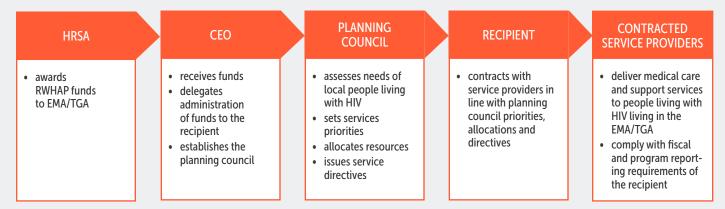
The planning council and the recipient work together on identifying the needs of people living with HIV (by conducting a needs assessment) and preparing a *CDC and HRSA Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan*, formerly known as a comprehensive plan (which is a long-term guide on how to meet those needs).

Both also work together to make sure that other sources of funding work well with RWHAP funds and that RWHAP is the "payor of last resort." This means that other available funding should be used for services before RWHAP dollars are used to pay for them.

The planning council decides what services are priorities for funding and how much funding should be provided for each service category, based upon the needs of people living with HIV in the EMA/TGA. The recipient is accountable for managing RWHAP Part A funds and awarding funds to agencies to provide services that are identified by the planning council as priorities, usually through a competitive "Request for Proposals" (RFP) process.

The planning council cannot do its job without the help of the recipient, and the recipient cannot do its job without the help of the planning council. Some of the responsibilities are identified clearly in the RWHAP legislation. Others must be decided locally. It is important that the planning council and the recipient work together and come to an agreement about their duties. This agreement should be written in planning council bylaws and in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the recipient and the planning council.

# How RWHAP Part A Improves Access and Services for People Living with HIV



The table below shows which RWHAP Part A participant has responsibility for specific roles and duties. Each of these roles/duties is described in detail in the following sections of the Primer.

# Roles/Duties of the CEO, Recipient, and Planning Council

	RESPONSIBILITY		
ROLE/DUTY	CEO	Recipient	Planning Council
Establishment of Planning Council/ Planning Body	$\checkmark$		
Appointment of Planning Council/ Planning Body Members	$\checkmark$		
Needs Assessment		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Integrated/Comprehensive Planning		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Priority Setting			$\checkmark$
Resource Allocations			$\checkmark$
Directives			$\checkmark$
Procurement of Services		✓	
Contract Monitoring		$\checkmark$	
Coordination of Services		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Evaluation of Services: Performance, Outcomes, and Cost-Effectiveness		$\checkmark$	Optional
Development of Service Standards		✓	$\checkmark$
Clinical Quality Management		$\checkmark$	Contributes but not responsible
Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism			$\checkmark$
Planning Council Operations and Support		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

# **Planning Council Duties**

The planning council (and its staff) must carry out many complex tasks, summarized in the box and described below.

The first step is to set up rules and structures to help the planning council to operate smoothly and fairly (*planning council operations*). This includes bylaws, grievance procedures, conflict of interest policies and procedures, procedures that ensure open meetings, and an open nominations process to identify nominees for the planning council. It also includes a committee structure. Planning councils must be trained in planning, and new members must receive orientation to their roles and responsibilities and those of the recipient.

The planning council must find out about what services are needed and by which populations, as well as the barriers faced by people living with HIV in the EMA or TGA (*needs assessment*). Next—based on needs assessment, utilization, and epidemiologic data—it decides what services are most needed by people living with HIV in the EMA or TGA (*priority setting*) and decides how much RWHAP Part A money should be used for each of these service categories (*resource allocations*).

The planning council may also provide guidance to the recipient on service models, targeting of populations or service areas, and other ways to best meet the identified priorities (*directives*). The planning council works with the recipient to develop a long-term plan on how to provide these services (*integrated/comprehensive planning*, formerly called comprehensive planning). The planning council reviews service needs and ways that RWHAP Part A services work to fill gaps in care with other RWHAP Parts through the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) as well as with other programs like Medicaid and Medicare (*coordination*).

The planning council also evaluates how providers are selected and paid, so that funds are made available efficiently where they are most needed (*assessment of the efficiency of the administrative mechanism*). All of these roles are described below.

# **Planning Council Operations**

Planning councils must have procedures to guide their activities. Planning council operations are usually outlined in their bylaws and described in greater detail in policies and procedures covering the following areas:

#### MEMBERSHIP

The planning council needs a membership committee and a clear and open nominations process to choose new planning council

#### PLANNING COUNCIL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Planning council operations: structure, policies, and procedures, and membership tasks
- Needs assessment
- Integrated/comprehensive planning
- Priority setting and resource allocations
- Directives: guidance to the recipient on how best to meet priorities
- Coordination with other RWHAP Parts and other HIVrelated services
- Assessment of the efficiency of the administrative mechanism
- Development of service standards
- Evaluation of program effectiveness (optional)

members and to replace members when a member's term ends or the person resigns. This includes making sure that the planning council membership overall and the consumer membership meet the requirements of **reflectiveness**—having characteristics that reflect the local epidemic in such areas as race, ethnicity, gender, and age, and **representation**—filling the required membership categories as stated in the legislation (See page 17). Particular attention should be paid to including people from disproportionately affected and "historically underserved"<sup>4</sup> groups and subpopulations. At least 33 percent of voting members must be consumers of RWHAP Part A services who are *"unaffiliated"* or *"unaligned."* This means they do not have a conflict of interest, meaning they are not staff, paid consultants, or Board members of RWHAP Part A-funded agencies.

**Open nominations** require member vacancies and nomination criteria to be widely advertised. The announcement of an opening on the planning council should include the qualifications and other factors that are considered when choosing members. Nomination criteria must include a conflict of interest standard so that planning council members make decisions that are best for people living with HIV in the EMA or TGA, without considering personal or professional benefits for themselves or their families. The planning council reviews nominations against vacancies and recommends members to the CEO for appointment.

#### LEADERSHIP

Every planning council has a leader, usually called the Chair. This responsibility may be shared by two or more persons, called Co-Chairs, or there may be a Chair and Vice Chair(s). HRSA suggests that the Chair of the planning council be elected by its members. Sometimes a Chair or one Co-Chair is appointed by the recipient from the list of members recommended by the planning council. A person who works for the recipient may not be the only Chair of the council—in this case, there must be Co-Chairs.

#### COMMITTEES

Planning councils do much of their work in committees. Most planning councils require each member to participate actively on one committee and to attend full planning council meetings. Bylaws usually specify several permanent "standing committees," and may permit special ad hoc temporary or time-limited committees or caucuses as well. Committee structures vary, but most planning councils have an executive or steering committee, a membership committee (sometimes also responsible for operations such as policies and procedures), and a people living with HIV or consumer committee or caucus. In addition, they usually have one or several committees responsible for carrying out major legislative responsibilities related

<sup>4</sup> Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 www.hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/About/RyanWhite/legislationtitlexxvi.pdf

# **Required Planning Council Membership Categories**



### PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV & COMMUNITY

- Members of affected communities\*
- Non-elected community leaders
- Representatives of recently incarcerated people living with HIV
- Unaffiliated consumers

### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Healthcare providers, including FQHCs
- Community-based organizations and AIDS service organizations
- Social service providers
- Mental health and substance abuse treatment providers

# PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PLANNING

- Public health agencies
- Healthcare planning agencies
- State agencies\*\*

### FEDERAL HIV PROGRAMS

- RWHAP Part B recipients
- RWHAP Part C recipients
- RWHAP Part D recipients<sup>†</sup>
- Recipients under other federal HIV programs<sup>‡</sup>
- \* Including people living with HIV, members of a federally recognized Indian tribe as represented in the population, individuals co-infected with hepatitis B or C, and "historically underserved<sup>4</sup> groups and subpopulations
- \*\*Including state Medicaid agency and agency administering the RWHAP Part B program

‡ Including HIV prevention services

<sup>†</sup> If there is no RWHAP Part D recipient in the EMA or TGA, representatives of organizations with a history of serving children, youth, and families living with HIV

#### PLANNING COUNCIL BYLAWS

Each planning council must have written rules, called bylaws, which explain how the planning council operates. Bylaws must be clear and exact. They should include at least the following:

- Mission of the planning council
- Member terms and how members are selected (open nominations process)
- Duties of members
- Officers and their duties
- How meetings are announced and run, including how decisions are made
- What committees the planning council has and how they operate
- Conflict of interest policy
- Grievance procedures
- Code of Conduct for members
- How the bylaws can be amended

to needs assessment, integrated/comprehensive planning, priority setting and resource allocations, and maintaining and improving the system of care. Committees typically discuss issues, develop plans or recommendations, and bring them to the executive/steering committee for review and possible revision. Then the recommendations go to the full planning council for final discussion and action.

#### TRAINING

Members need to learn how to participate in the many tasks involved in RWHAP planning. Planning councils must provide orientation for new members, covering topics such as the legislation and their roles and responsibilities in planning, as well as those of the recipient. All planning council members should receive periodic training to help them carry out their roles. HRSA requires planning councils to confirm in the annual RWHAP Part A application that training for all members occurred at least once during the year.<sup>5</sup>

#### **GROUP PROCESS**

This includes a Code of Conduct, as well as rules for committee and full planning council operations, meeting times, and locations. These decisions are usually summarized in the bylaws and detailed in official policies and procedures.

#### **DECISION MAKING**

The planning council needs to agree on how decisions will be made —for example, by voting or consensus—and how grievances related to funding decisions and conflict of interest will be managed (see Planning Council Bylaws). For example, the planning council needs to decide whether its meetings will follow *Robert's Rules of Order*. These rules and procedures are usually included in the bylaws and further described in separate policies and procedures.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The planning council must define **conflict of interest** and determine how it will be handled as the planning council carries out its duties. The planning council must develop procedures to assure that decisions concerning service priorities and funding allocations are based upon community and client needs and not on the financial interests of individual service providers or the personal or professional interests of individual planning council members. Conflict of interest procedures generally include a disclosure form completed by all members that states in writing any affiliations that could create a conflict of interest.

<sup>5</sup> The FY 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for RWHAP Part A requires that the letter of assurance from the planning council or the letter of concurrence from the planning body leadership provide evidence that "ongoing, annual membership training occurred, including the date(s)" [p 15].

Usually, conflict of interest policies also apply to specified family members. Thus, planning councils must decide how planning council members may or may not participate in making decisions about specific services if they or close family members are staff, consultants, or Board members of agencies that are receiving RWHAP Part A funds for these specific services, or are competing for such funds. For example, if a planning council member works for a substance abuse treatment provider receiving RWHAP Part A funds, the member may not participate in decision making about priorities, allocations, or directives related to substance abuse treatment. However, members may freely share their insights and expertise at appropriate times in a non-voting context, such as during data presentations or community input sessions, since all members can benefit from hearing a variety of perspectives and expertise.

#### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The planning council must develop *grievance procedures* to handle complaints about how it makes decisions about funding. The grievance procedures must specify who is allowed to file a grievance, types of grievances covered, and how grievances will be handled. The recipient must also have its own grievance procedures, which focus on handling of complaints about the process used for funding of *subrecipients* who provide services. The two sets of grievance procedures should be written to be in alignment with each other so that they do not conflict.

#### PLANNING COUNCIL SUPPORT

Planning councils need personnel to assist them in their work, and money to pay for things like a needs assessment and meeting costs. This is called *planning council support*. Planning council support should cover reasonable and necessary costs associated with carrying out legislatively mandated functions. The planning council's budget is a part of the recipient's administrative budget, so the planning council and recipient decide together what funds are needed. The planning council then works with its support staff to develop its own budget and monitor expenses, but must meet RWHAP and recipient rules regarding use of funds. In deciding how much planning council support to pay for, planning councils and recipients should balance the need for support in order to meet planning requirements with the need for other administrative activities and for direct services for people living with HIV.

HRSA encourages planning councils to use some planning council support funds to reimburse unaffiliated consumer members for their actual expenses related to participation in the planning council, such as travel or child/dependent care. However, RWHAP funds may not be used to provide stipends to members.

# **Needs Assessment**

The planning council works with the recipient to identify service needs by conducting a needs assessment. This involves first finding out how many persons living with HIV (both HIV/non-AIDS and AIDS) are in the area through an *epidemiologic profile*. Usually, an epidemiologist from the local or state health department provides this information. Next the council determines the needs of populations living with HIV and the capacity of the service system to meet those needs. This assessment of needs is done through surveys, interviews, key informant sessions, focus groups, or other methods.

The needs assessment seeks to determine:

- Service needs and barriers for people living with HIV who are in care
- The number, characteristics, and service needs and barriers of people living with HIV who know their HIV status and are not in care
- The estimated number, probable characteristics, and barriers to testing for individuals who are HIV-infected but unaware of their status
- The number and location of agencies providing HIV-related services in the EMA or TGA—a resource inventory of the local "system of care"
- Local agencies' capacity and capability to serve people living with HIV, including capacity development needs
- Service gaps for all people living with HIV and how they might be filled, including how RWHAP service providers need to work with other providers, like substance abuse treatment services and HIV prevention agencies.

The needs assessment must include direct input from people living with HIV. Needs assessment is usually a multi-year task, with different components updated each year.

The needs assessment should be a joint effort of the planning council and recipient, with the planning council having lead responsibility. It is sometimes implemented by an outside contractor under the supervision of the planning council. Usually the costs for needs assessment are part of the planning council support budget. Regardless of who does this work, it is important to obtain many perspectives, especially those of diverse groups of people living with HIV, and to consider the needs of people living with HIV in and out of care, including the need to identify those who do not know their status. Results should be carefully analyzed and compared with other data, such as information from the recipient on client characteristics and utilization of funded services. (See Appendix I for a description of the multiple data sources the planning council reviews in making its decisions.)

# **Priority Setting and Resource Allocations**

The planning council uses needs assessment data as well as data from a number of other sources to set priorities and allocate resources. This means the members decide which services are most important to people living with HIV in the EMA or TGA (priority setting) and then agree on which service categories to fund and how much funding to provide (resource allocations). In setting priorities, the planning council should consider what service categories are needed to provide a comprehensive system of care for people living with HIV in the EMA or TGA, without regard to who funds those services.

The planning council must prioritize only service categories that are included in the RWHAP legislation as core medical services or support services. These are the same service categories that can be funded by RWHAP Part B and RWHAP Part C programs. (See page 22 for a list of service categories eligible for RWHAP Part A funding.)

After it sets priorities, the planning council must allocate resources, which means it decides how much RWHAP Part A funding will be used for each of these service priorities. For example, the planning council decides how much funding should go for outpatient/ ambulatory health services, mental health services, etc. In allocating resources, planning councils need to focus on the legislative requirement that at least 75 percent of funds must go to cover medical services and not more than 25 percent to support services, unless the EMA or TGA has obtained a waiver of this requirement. Support services must contribute to positive medical outcomes for clients. Typically, the planning council makes resource allocations using three scenarios that assume unchanged, increased, and decreased funding in the coming program year.

The planning council makes decisions about priorities and resource allocations based on many factors, including:

- Needs assessment findings
- Information about the most successful and economical ways of providing services
- Actual service cost and utilization data (provided by the recipient)
- Priorities of people living with HIV who will use services
- Use of RWHAP Part A funds to work well with other services like HIV prevention and substance abuse treatment services, and within the changing healthcare landscape
- The amount of funds provided by other sources like Medicaid, Medicare, state and local government, and private funders since RWHAP is the "payor of last resort" and should not pay for services that can be provided with other funding.

# are recipient responsibilities.

# ELIGIBLE RWHAP PART A & PART B SERVICES

### Core medical-related services, including:

- 1. AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatments
- 2. Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (LPAP)
- 3. Early Intervention Services (EIS)
- 4. Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance for Low-Income Individuals
- 5. Home and Community-Based Health Services
- 6. Home Health Care
- 7. Hospice Services
- 8. Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence Services
- 9. Medical Nutrition Therapy
- 10. Mental Health Services
- 11. Oral Health Care
- 12. Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services
- 13. Substance Abuse Outpatient Care

### Support services, including:

- 1. Child Care Services
- 2. Emergency Financial Assistance
- 3. Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- 4. Health Education/Risk Reduction
- 5. Housing
- 6. Linguistic Services
- 7. Medical Transportation
- 8. Non-Medical Case Management Services
- 9. Other Professional Services [for example, Legal Services and Permanency Planning]
- 10. Outreach Services
- 11. Psychosocial Support Services
- 12. Referral for Healthcare and Support Services
- 13. Rehabilitation Services
- 14. Respite Care
- 15. Substance Abuse Services (residential)

The planning council also has the right to provide directives to the recipient on how best to meet the service priorities it has identified. It may direct the recipient to fund services in particular parts of the EMA or TGA (such as outlying counties), or to use specific service models. It may tell the recipient to take specific steps to increase access to care (for example, require that Medical Case Management providers have bilingual staff or that primary care facilities be open one evening or weekend a month). It may also require that services be appropriate for particular subpopulations—for example, it may specify funding for medical services that target young gay men of color. However, the planning council cannot pick specific agencies to fund, or make its directives so narrow that only one agency will qualify. The planning council may review sections of the Request for Proposals (RFP) the recipient develops for RWHAP Part A services, to ensure that directives are appropriately reflected, but it cannot be involved in any aspect of contractor selection (procurement) or in managing or monitoring RWHAP Part A contracts. These are recipient responsibilities.

The planning council allocates RWHAP Part A service funds only. The planning council's own budget is a part of the recipient's administrative budget (as described in the Planning Council Operations section above). The planning council does not participate in decisions about the use of administrative funds other than planning council support, or in the use of clinical quality management (CQM) funds. These decisions are made by the recipient.

Once the EMA or TGA receives its grant award for the upcoming year, the planning council usually needs to adjust its allocations to fit the exact amount of the grant. During the year, the recipient usually asks the planning council to consider and approve some **reallocation** of funds across service categories, to ensure that all RWHAP Part A funds are spent and that priority service needs are met, or establishes a standard mechanism to reallocate up to some agreed-upon percentage.

# Integrated/Comprehensive Planning

The planning council works with the recipient in developing a written plan that defines short- and long-term goals and objectives for delivering HIV services and strengthening the system of care in the EMA or TGA. This is called a comprehensive plan in the legislation, but is now called the CDC and HRSA Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan, including the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN).

The legislation gives the planning council a lead role in the planning process, which must be carried out in close coordination with the recipient. The EMA or TGA may submit a joint plan with the state RWHAP Part B program. The plan is based, in part, on the results of the needs assessment and other information such as client utilization data. It is used to guide decisions about how to deliver HIV services for people living with HIV. The plan should be consistent with other existing local or state plans and with national goals to end the HIV epidemic.

The plan should ensure attention to each stage of the *HIV care continuum*, which measures the steps or stages of HIV medical care from diagnosis to linkage to care, retention in care and treatment, prescribing of HIV medications, and achieving the goal of viral suppression (a very low level of HIV in the body).

CDC and HRSA/HAB provide joint guidance on what the integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan should include and when it needs to be completed. The first Integrated Prevention and Care Plan was submitted to CDC and HRSA on September 30, 2016 as a five-year plan covering the years 2017–2021. The plan should be reviewed, and where necessary updated, annually, and should be used as a roadmap for implementation of the jurisdiction's RWHAP Part A programs.

#### NATIONAL GOALS TO END THE HIV EPIDEMIC

- Reduce new HIV infections
- Increase access to care and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV
- Reduce HIV-related health disparities
- Achieve a more coordinated national response to HIV

# HIV Care Continuum



# Coordination with Other RWHAP Parts and Other Services

The planning council is responsible for ensuring that RWHAP Part A resource allocation decisions account for and are coordinated with other funds and services. The planning tasks described earlier (needs assessment, priority setting and resource allocation, integrated/ comprehensive planning) require getting lots of input, including finding out what other sources of funding exist. This information helps avoid duplication in spending and reduce gaps in care. For example, the needs assessment should find out what HIV prevention and substance abuse treatment services already exist. Integrated/ comprehensive planning helps the planning council consider the changing healthcare landscape and the implications for HIV services.

The **Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need**, called the SCSN, is a way for all RWHAP activities in a state to work together to identify and address significant HIV care issues related to the needs of people living with HIV, and to use that information to maximize coordination, integration, and effective linkages across programs. Representatives of the planning council—and the recipient—must participate with other RWHAP Parts (Parts B, C, D and F) in the state to develop a written SCSN. The SCSN is a part of each state's Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan.

# Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism

The planning council is responsible for evaluating how rapidly RWHAP Part A funds are allocated and made available for care. This involves ensuring that funds are being contracted for quickly and through an open process, and that providers are being paid in a timely manner. It also means reviewing whether the funds are used to pay only for services that were identified as priorities by the planning council and whether the amounts contracted for each service category are the same as the planning council's allocations. The results of this **assessment of the efficiency of the administrative mechanism** are shared with the recipient, who develops a response including corrective actions if needed. Both the results of the assessment and the recipient response are summarized in the RWHAP Part A funding application for the following year.

# **Development of Service Standards**

The planning council usually takes the lead in developing service standards for funded service categories. *Service standards* guide providers in implementing funded services. They typically address the elements and expectations for service delivery, such as service components, intake and eligibility, personnel qualifications, and client rights and responsibilities. The service standards set the minimum requirements of a service and serve as a base on which the recipient's clinical quality management (CQM) program is built. Developing service standards is usually a joint activity; the planning council works with the recipient, providers, consumers, and experts on particular service categories. These service standards must be consistent with HHS guidelines on HIV care and treatment as well as HRSA/HAB standards and performance measures, including the National Monitoring Standards.

### **Evaluation of Services**

The planning council may choose to evaluate how well services funded by RWHAP Part A are meeting identified community needs, or it can pay someone else to do such an evaluation. The Part A recipient's CQM program can provide information on clinical outcomes that informs the planning council about the impact of services. The recipient may include planning council members on its CQM committee. In addition, most planning councils regularly review EMA/TGA performance along the HIV care continuum. The planning council uses evaluation findings in considering ways to improve the system of care, including changing service priorities and allocations and developing directives.

To carry out the array of planning tasks described above the planning council meets regularly throughout the year, as a whole and in committees. See Appendix II for a sample calendar describing the approximate timing of various planning council activities by months of the year.

# **CEO and Recipient Duties**

# **CEO** Duties Related to the Planning Council

The CEO has three important duties related to the planning council:

- Establish the Planning Council: The CEO must establish and maintain the planning council—or, in the case of a TGA, some other process to obtain community input, particularly from people living with HIV. This includes making sure that the planning council membership meets requirements related to representation, reflectiveness, and participation of unaffiliated consumers. The CEO should ensure that these requirements are specified in planning council bylaws.
- Choose Planning Council Members: The CEO establishes the first planning council. After that, the council itself is responsible for identifying and screening candidates and forwarding their names, the membership categories they will fill, and other requested information to the CEO so they can be considered for appointment. The CEO retains sole responsibility for appointment and removal of planning council members. If some nominees submitted by the planning council are not appointed, the CEO informs the planning council, and it provides additional nominees.
- Review and Approve Bylaws and Other Processes: The CEO establishes the planning council and thus has the authority to review and approve planning council bylaws and other policies. Often, the planning council is considered an official board or commission of the city or county. Its bylaws and procedures must fit the policies established for these bodies as well as meeting RWHAP legislative requirements.

#### ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- Establish intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with other cities/counties in the EMA or TGA
- Establish grievance procedures to address fundingrelated decision making
- Ensure delivery of services to women, infants, children, and youth with HIV
- Ensure that RWHAP funds are used to fill gaps and do not pay for care that can be supported with other existing funds
- Ensure that services are available and accessible to eligible clients
- Control recipient and provider administrative costs
- Prepare and submit the annual RWHAP Part A funding application
- Meet HRSA/HAB reporting requirements

Appendix III briefly describes these duties.

# **Recipient Duties**

The recipient has several planning duties that are shared with the planning council. These include assisting the planning council with needs assessment and integrated/comprehensive planning and providing information the planning council needs to carry out its priority setting and resource allocation responsibilities. It also shares responsibility for coordination with other RWHAP activities and services. In addition, the recipient has administrative duties, which means that it is responsible for making sure that RWHAP Part A funds are fairly and correctly managed and used. The main duties of the recipient are described below.

### **RECIPIENT ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**

Below are the major RWHAP Part A recipient duties designed to make sure that funds are used fairly and appropriately, in a way that maximizes linkage of people living with HIV to care, retention in care, and positive medical outcomes. Additional duties are listed in the box and described in Appendix III.

### **Procurement of Services**

The recipient is responsible for identifying and selecting qualified service providers for delivering RWHAP Part A services. The recipient must award service funds to eligible providers (*subrecipients*) based on a fair and equitable system, usually through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

In contracting for services, the recipient must distribute RWHAP Part A funds according to the priority setting and resource allocation decisions of the planning council. The recipient can only spend the amount of money that the planning council decides should be used for each funded service category. In addition, the recipient must follow planning council directives about "how best to meet" priority needs.

The planning council has no say about how the recipient uses funds for its own administrative expenses.

### **Contract Monitoring**

Once subrecipient contracts have been awarded, the recipient must manage them and regularly monitor subrecipients. The recipient must make sure that the providers who receive RWHAP Part A funds use the money according to the terms of the subrecipient contract they signed with the recipient and meet RWHAP Part A National Monitoring Standards and other federal requirements established by HRSA/HAB. The recipient monitors subrecipients to determine how quickly they spend RWHAP Part A funds, and if they are providing the contracted services, providing services only to eligible clients, using funds only as approved, and meeting reporting and other requirements. Contract monitoring is solely a recipient responsibility. The planning council receives monitoring results only by service category, not by subrecipient.

The recipient must keep track of how rapidly RWHAP Part A money is, or isn't, being spent. If funds are not being spent in a timely fashion, there are two options:

- 1. The recipient may reallocate the funds to another provider within the same service category, or
- 2. The planning council may agree to reallocate funds to a different prioritized service category.

The recipient and the planning council must share information and work together to ensure that any changes are in agreement with the priorities and allocations established by the planning council.

# Clinical Quality Management Activities and Evaluation of Performance and Outcomes

The recipient must establish a *clinical quality management (CQM)* program, designed to improve patient care, health outcomes, and patient satisfaction. Components include infrastructure, performance measurement, and quality improvement.

- An ideal *infrastructure* includes leadership, dedicated staffing and resources, a quality management plan that covers all funded medical and support services, a CQM committee, consumer and stakeholder involvement, and assessment of the CQM program.
- **Performance measurement** is the process of collecting, analyzing, and reporting data regarding patient care, health outcomes, and patient satisfaction with the services they receive. Recipients select a portfolio of performance measures based on funded services, local HIV epidemiology, the identified needs of PLWH, and the national goals to end the epidemic.
- Based on performance measurement results, recipients work with subrecipients in the development and implementation of *quality improvement* activities to make changes to the program to improve services.

Subrecipients must be actively involved in CQM activities. Recipients are expected to ensure that subrecipients have the capacity to contribute to the CQM program, have the resources to conduct CQM activities, and implement a CQM program in their organization.

Recipients can use up to 5 percent of the award or \$3 million (whichever is less) to conduct CQM programs. The recipient shares with the planning council the results of its CQM activities. The planning council receives information by service category, but not about individual providers/subrecipients. These CQM data help the planning council in future cycles of priority setting and resource allocation.

#### QUALITY MANAGEMENT, QUALITY ASSURANCE, AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

**Clinical Quality Management** is the coordination of activities aimed at improving patient care, health outcomes, and patient satisfaction, as described in this section.

**Quality Assurance** refers to activities aimed at ensuring compliance with minimum quality standards. Quality assurance activities include the process of looking back to measure compliance with standards (e.g., HHS guidelines, professional guidelines, service standards). Site visits and chart reviews are examples of commonly used quality assurance activities.

**Quality Improvement** is a part of CQM. It uses CQM performance data as well as data collected as part of quality assurance processes to strengthen patient care, health outcomes, and patient satisfaction. As part of, or along with, CQM, the recipient often evaluates clinical outcomes. These outcomes are often measured using the HIV care continuum, with its focus on linkage to care, retention in care, use of antiretroviral therapy, and viral suppression. These results may be reviewed for all people living with HIV in the service area, for all RWHAP clients, and for key client subpopulations. Subpopulations may be defined by characteristics such as race/ethnicity, gender, age, place of residence, and/or risk factor. This helps the planning council in future decision making.

#### RECIPIENT DUTIES SHARED WITH THE PLANNING COUNCIL

#### Support for Planning Council Operations

The recipient must cooperate with the planning council by negotiating and managing its budget, providing staff expertise to support committees, and providing information the planning council needs to carry out its responsibilities. This includes data on client characteristics, service utilization, and service costs, as well as information for assessing the efficiency of the administrative mechanism.

Both the planning council and the recipient have the responsibility to support participation of people living with HIV on the planning council, although primary responsibility lies with the planning council. Examples include reimbursing expenses of consumer members such as travel and child care costs. The planning council establishes reimbursement policies; the recipient helps to ensure timely payment of reimbursements. The recipient assists in training planning council members by explaining recipient roles and helping planning council members understand information provided by the recipient such as data on service costs and client utilization of funded services.

#### Needs Assessment

The recipient works with the planning council to assess the needs of communities affected by HIV. It usually arranges for an epidemiologic profile to be provided by its surveillance unit or by the state's surveillance unit, and it ensures that funded providers cooperate with needs assessment efforts such as surveys and focus groups of people living with HIV and providers.

#### Integrated/Comprehensive Planning

The recipient and planning council work together to develop, review, and periodically update the CDC and HRSA Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan for the organization and delivery of HIV services. The recipient helps develop goals and objectives, and works with the planning council to ensure a workable joint plan for implementing them. Usually the recipient plays a key role in arranging to collect performance and outcomes data to evaluate progress towards the goals and objectives of the plan. Both recipient and planning council participate in reviewing and updating the plan.

#### Coordination with Other RWHAP Parts and Other Services

The recipient and planning council work together to make sure that RWHAP Part A funds are coordinated with other services and funders. This coordination occurs partly through planning, including needs assessment and the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need. Throughout the year, the recipient helps keep the planning council informed about changes in HIV-related prevention and care services and funding, as well as the evolving healthcare landscape.

# RECIPIENT PLANNING DUTIES SHARED WITH THE PLANNING COUNCIL

- □ Needs assessment
- □ Integrated/comprehensive planning
- □ Development of service standards
- □ Coordination with other RWHAP activities and other services, including:
  - Participation in the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN)
  - Ensuring that use of RWHAP funds is coordinated with other funding sources and with other healthcare systems and services

# **Technical Assistance**

The RWHAP Part A recipient and the planning council/planning body may request technical assistance from HRSA to help them develop the knowledge and skills needed to meet the responsibilities outlined in this Primer. Examples of the kinds of technical assistance that HRSA can provide include: supporting participation of people living with HIV in RWHAP planning, training the planning council on using data for decision making, helping in the design of a needs assessment, assisting the planning council to refine committee structures and operations, and providing training to help the planning council and recipient understand their roles and work well together. HRSA can provide information describing what other EMAs or TGAs have done, offer model training materials, or provide experts to work with the planning council and recipient either long distance or on-site.

RWHAP Part A recipients and planning councils may seek and request technical assistance through the following channels:

- HRSA/HAB Project Officer: HRSA federal Project Officers are the first point-of-contact for RWHAP recipients in accessing technical assistance. Requests for technical assistance for the recipient or the planning council must be made in writing by the recipient to the HRSA/HAB Project Officer. For more information, visit the HAB Web Site at www.hab.hrsa.gov
- **TargetHIV.org** The TargetHIV website is the central source and "one-stop shop" for finding technical assistance and training resources for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. Among the website's key features are a resource library, a calendar of technical assistance and training events, contact information for RWHAP recipients, a Help Desk, and information about specific programs and services including tools and tips. Users can search for information on a particular topic or directed at a particular audience. Visit the TargetHIV website at www.targetHIV.org
- Planning CHATT: The Community HIV/AIDS TA and Training for Planning project (Planning CHATT) builds the capacity of RWHAP Part A planning councils and planning bodies across the U.S. to meet their legislative requirements, strengthen consumer engagement, and increase the involvement of community providers in HIV service delivery planning. The Planning CHATT project provides training and technical assistance to support the work of planning council/planning body members, staff, and RWHAP Part A recipients. Find Planning CHATT on the TargetHIV website: www.targetHIV.org/planning-chatt

# **References and Resources for Further Information**

# Descriptions of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009

Materials available on the HRSA/HAB website describing the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program (RWHAP), including each of its Parts:

### Overview

About the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
 <u>www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/</u>
 <u>about-ryan-white-hivaids-program</u>

### **RWHAP Fact Sheets**

Fact sheets on all RWHAP Parts

www.hab.hrsa.gov/publications/hivaids-bureau-fact-sheets

- Part A: Eligible Metropolitan Areas and Transitional Grant Areas
- Part B: States and U.S. Territories
- Part B: AIDS Drug Assistance Program
- Part C: Early Intervention Services and Capacity Development
- Part D: Women, Infants, Children, and Youth
- Part F: Special Projects of National Significance
- Part F: AIDS Education and Training Centers Program
- Part F: Dental Programs

## **RWHAP Part A**

 RWHAP Part A: Grants to Eligible Metropolitan and Transitional Areas, including list of current Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) and Transitional Grant Areas (TGAs) www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/ part-a-grants-emerging-metro-transitional-areas

### **RWHAP Part B**

- RWHAP Part B: Grants to States & Territories www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/ part-b-grants-states-territories
- RWHAP Part B: AIDS Drug Assistance Program <u>www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/</u> <u>part-b-aids-drug-assistance-program</u>

### **RWHAP Part C**

 RWHAP Part C: Early Intervention Services and Capacity Development Program Grants <u>www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/part-c-</u> <u>early-intervention-services-and-capacity-development-program-</u> <u>grants</u>

### **RWHAP Part D**

 RWHAP Part D: Services for Women, Infants, Children, and Youth www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/ part-d-services-women-infants-children-and-youth

### **RWHAP Part F**

- Special Projects of National Significance www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/ part-f-special-projects-national-significance-spns-program
- AIDS Education and Training Centers www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/ part-f-aids-education-and-training-centers-aetc-program
- Dental Programs
   <u>www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/</u>
   <u>part-f-dental-programs</u>
- Minority AIDS Initiative www.hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/ part-f-minority-aids-initiative

## **RWHAP Recipients**

 Recipient lists and addresses by RWHAP Part, and list of RWHAP Part A planning councils/planning bodies www.targethiv.org/content/grantees-part

## **Planning Council Legislative Requirements**

Current legislation, which is a part of the Public Health Service Act

- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009
   www.hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/About/RyanWhite/
   legislationtitlexxvi.pdf
- Title XXVI, HIV Health Care Services Program, of the Public Health Service Act www.legcounsel.house.gov/Comps/PHSA-merged.pdf

### Service Standards

• Service Standards: Guidance for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Grantees/Planning Bodies. December 2, 2014 www.targetHIV.org/ServiceStandards

## **The Planning Process**

Strengthening the Healthcare Delivery System through Planning: a three-part planning institute at the 2016 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment

www.targetHIV.org/planning-CHATT/planning-institute-2016

- Planning Bodies 101
- Planning Infrastructures 201
- Data-Driven Decision Making 301

# Planning Council Roles, Responsibilities, and Operations

### RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM PART A MANUAL, REVISED 2013

A primary source of information about requirements, expectations, and suggested practices for planning council operations and for implementation of legislative responsibilities. Chapters identified below address legislative duties and some key aspects of planning council operations.

### www.hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/ happartamanual2013.pdf

### Implementing Legislative Responsibilities

- Planning Council Responsibilities: Section X. Chapter 3
- Needs Assessment: Section XI. Chapter 3
- Priority Setting and Resource Allocations: Section XI. Chapter 4
- Integrated/Comprehensive Plan: Section XI. Chapter 5
- Effectiveness of Funded Services to Meet Identified Need: Section X. Chapter 9
- Outcomes Evaluation: Section X. Chapter 10

### **Planning Council Operations**

### Membership

- Planning Council Membership: Section X. Chapter 4
- Planning Council Nominations: Section X. Chapter 5
- Member Involvement and Retention: Section XI. Chapter 8

### People living with HIV/Consumer Participation

- Section X. Chapter 6
- Section XI. Chapter 9

### Policies and Procedures

- Grievance Procedures: Section X. Chapter 7
- Conflict of Interest: Section X. Chapter 8

# Federal Regulations and Guidelines

### National Monitoring Standards (NMS)

See Monitoring Standards Guidance under www.hab.hrsa.gov/program-grants-management/ ryan-white-hivaids-program-recipient-resources

- Frequently Asked Questions
   <u>www.hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/</u>
   <u>programmonitoringfaq.pdf</u>
- Universal Monitoring Standards
   <u>www.hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/</u>
   <u>universalmonitoringpartab.pdf</u>
- RWHAP Part A Fiscal Monitoring Standards
   <u>www.hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/</u>
   <u>fiscalmonitoringparta.pdf</u>
- RWHAP Part A Program Monitoring Standards
   <u>www.hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/</u>
   <u>programmonitoringparta.pdf</u>

### **Policy Clarification Notices (PCNs) and Program Letters**

www.hab.hrsa.gov/program-grants-management/ policy-notices-and-program-letters

Among the PCNs and program letters most important to Planning Councils are the following:

- Transitional Grant Areas and Planning Councils Moving Forward, Program Letter, December 4, 2013. Clarifies expectations and recommendations around the continued maintenance of planning councils by Transitional Grant Areas (TGAs) that were formerly Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) after Fiscal Year 2013.
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services: Eligible Individuals & Allowable Uses of Funds Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) #16-02, Revised December 5, 2016 and effective for awards made after October 1, 2016. Identifies eligible individuals, describes allowable service categories for RWHAP, and provides program guidance for implementation.
- *Clinical Quality Management,* Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) #15-02, undated. Clarifies HRSA RWHAP expectations for clinical quality management (CQM) programs.

### **Uniform Guidance**

• For all federal awards, OMB Uniform Guidance: Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Guidance), 2 CFR [Code of Federal Regulations] Part 200. The Guidance will supersede and streamline requirements from OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-110, A-122, A-89, A-102 and A-133 and the guidance in Circular A-50 on Single Audit Act follow-up.

### www.bit.ly/2EJqWwt

• For HHS Programs: 45 CFR Part 75—Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards www.bit.ly/2GX2Cc9

### **RWHAP Part A Application Requirements**

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A, HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program, Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) No. HRSA-18-066

www.targetHIV.org/library/funding-opportunity-rwhapfy18-part-hrsa-18-066

### **Program Use and Impact**

• Annual Client-Level Data Report: Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services Report (RSR) 2015. Health Resources and Services Administration, December 2016. www.hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/data/datareports/ 2015rwhapdatareport.pdf

# Appendix I: Types of Data Reviewed by Planning Councils for Priority Setting and Resource Allocation

**Epidemiologic profile:** A description of the HIV epidemic in the EMA or TGA, usually prepared annually by local or state HIV surveillance staff, for use in both HIV prevention and HIV care planning. It usually describes characteristics of the general population, persons newly diagnosed with HIV infection, persons living with HIV disease, and persons at risk for HIV. Data help planning councils identify trends in the epidemic that will affect service needs.

**Needs assessment data:** Information about the number, characteristics, and service needs and barriers of people living with HIV, both in and out of care; current provider resources available to meet those needs; and service gaps. These data help the planning council improve service access and quality, overall and for specific subpopulations.

**Service expenditure and cost data:** Information provided by the recipient showing how much money is spent for each funded service category and what it costs to provide one "unit" of service or to serve one client for a year. Planning councils use this information in fund-ing decisions and estimating the costs of serving additional clients.

**Client characteristics and service utilization data:** Data on the total number and characteristics of local RWHAP clients, including the number and characteristics of RWHAP Part A clients served in each service category. Data usually come from the annual Ryan White Services Report (RSR). Data help planning councils understand the demand for specific services and identify subpopulations facing barriers to access.

**HRSA performance measures and clinical outcomes data:** Data used to monitor and improve the quality of care across the EMA/TGA and in individual provider organizations, usually based on the percent of clients that meet the goal or service standard. Measures may relate to a process (such as frequency of medical visits or development of a case management care plan) or clinical outcome (such as viral suppression). Data help planning councils make funding decisions and agree on changes in service standards or models of care.

**Clinical Quality Management (CQM) data:** Information on patient care, health outcomes, and patient satisfaction. Performance measures are gathered through CQM processes. Then subrecipients work together on structured quality improvement projects that make changes to address identified weaknesses. CQM data help planning councils decide whether program or funding changes are needed to improve service quality and outcomes.

**Testing/EIIHA data:** Data on the number of people who receive HIV tests, the number and percent testing positive and their characteristics, and the number referred to needed services. HRSA/HAB requires RWHAP Part A programs to implement a strategy for the Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA). This includes identifying key target populations, locating individuals with HIV who do not know their HIV status, informing them of their status through testing, and helping link them to medical care and support services.

**Unmet Need data:** An estimate of the number of people living with HIV in the service area who know they are HIV-positive but are not receiving HIV-related medical care. May also include an assessment of the characteristics of individuals with unmet need and their service barriers and gaps. Planning councils use this information to make decisions about use of funds to find people with unmet need and link or relink them to care.

**HIV care continuum data:** Data that outline the steps or stages of HIV care that people living with HIV go through, and the number and proportion of individuals at each stage in the EMA or TGA. The continuum may begin with the estimated total number of people living with HIV (including those unaware of their status) or with the number diagnosed and living with HIV. Typical steps include diagnosis, linkage to care, retention in care (based on doctor visits and/or laboratory tests), treatment with antiretroviral therapy, and viral suppression (a very low level of HIV in the body). Planning councils use this information to improve services all along the continuum, often based on HIV care continuum data for specific RWHAP Part A subpopulations (for example, young gay men of color or African American women).

# Appendix II: Sample Planning Council/ RWHAP Part A Program Calendar

Most planning councils operate on a RWHAP Part A program year, which runs from March through February. The chart below provides a "typical" annual calendar, though of course planning councils vary in their timing of key activities. Recipient activity is included in the chart, since some tasks, especially priority setting and resource allocations (PSRA), need to link to recipient deadlines, especially submission of the RWHAP Part A application. The application is usually due in September. The chart does not include regular committee meetings, but most planning councils have them monthly except in December. Most planning councils also have a retreat and/or some training during the year, but there is no set time for them.

MONTH	PLANNING COUNCIL ACTIVITY	RECIPIENT ACTIVITY
January	<ul> <li>Beginning of member terms [most frequent date]</li> <li>Orientation for new members</li> <li>Needs assessment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Final reallocations</li> <li>Review of RWHAP Part A competitive applications and selection of subrecipients for program year beginning March 1</li> </ul>
February	<ul> <li>Election of officers [date varies]</li> <li>Needs assessment (continued)</li> <li>Committee development/approval of work plans for coming year</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Receipt of Notice of Award (NOA) for program year starting March 1—often a partial award</li> </ul>
March	<ul> <li>Final allocations based on actual award amount [if full award is received; happens later if a partial award is received because there is not yet a final federal HHS budget]</li> <li>Needs assessment (continued)</li> <li>Review of progress on Integrated Plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial closeout of prior program year</li> <li>Submission of Ryan White Services Report (RSR)</li> <li>Review/preparation of response to conditions of award</li> <li>Contracting with providers</li> </ul>
April	<ul> <li>Town halls for input to PSRA</li> <li>Obtain and review/integration of data from various sources</li> <li>Directives development</li> <li>Updating of Integrated Plan work plan as needed, with assignments to committees [process more complicated if joint plan was developed with state]</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review of performance and outcome measures for prior year</li> <li>Input to Integrated Plan update</li> <li>Completion or obtaining of epi profile/ trends report</li> </ul>
May	<ul> <li>Identification of any data problems or gaps</li> <li>Assessment of the efficiency of the administrative mechan ism (AAM) begins</li> <li>Data presentation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Final closeout of prior year</li> <li>Submission of Annual Progress Report for prior year</li> <li>Submission of Program Expenditure Report for prior year</li> </ul>
June	<ul> <li>Directives development (continued)</li> <li>Priority setting and resource allocation (PRSA) begins</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review of first quarter expenditures</li> <li>Subrecipient monitoring [ongoing]</li> </ul>

MONTH	PLANNING COUNCIL ACTIVITY	RECIPIENT ACTIVITY
July	<ul> <li>PSRA work sessions and final approval</li> <li>Presentation/adoption of directives</li> <li>Submission of PSRA results to recipient</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Submission of Annual Federal Financial Report</li> <li>Planning for submission of RWHAP Part A application</li> </ul>
August	<ul> <li>Presentation/discussion of AAM report</li> <li>PC sections of RWHAP Part A application</li> <li>Negotiation of PC budget amount with recipient</li> <li>Development of PC budget</li> <li>Reallocation of funds if needed based on expenditures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Preparation of RWHAP Part A application</li> <li>Negotiation of PC budget amount</li> <li>Recommendations for reallocation of funds if needed based on expenditures</li> <li>Response to AAM report</li> </ul>
September	<ul> <li>Review of draft application</li> <li>Preparation of PC letter to accompany application, signed by Chair/Co-Chairs</li> </ul>	• Completion and submission of RWHAP Part A application
October	Review of service standards	<ul> <li>Issuance of RFP for RWHAP Part A services (selected services each year; often a 3-year cycle)</li> </ul>
November	<ul> <li>Rapid reallocations</li> <li>Planning for needs assessment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rapid reallocations</li> <li>Receipt of provider applications in response to RFP for RWHAP Part A services</li> </ul>
December	Planning for new program year, including committee work plans	Estimated Unobligated Balance (UOB)     and estimated carryover request

# Appendix III: Additional Recipient Administrative Duties

**Establish Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs):** The recipient must make sure that RWHAP Part A funds reach all communities in the EMA or TGA where need exists. Thus, it must establish formal, written agreements with cities and counties within the EMA or TGA that provide HIV-related services and also account for at least 10 percent of the EMA's or TGA's reported AIDS cases. This agreement is called an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA.) An IGA should describe how RWHAP Part A funds will be distributed and managed.

**Establish Grievance Procedures:** The recipient must develop grievance procedures to handle complaints about funding, such as the process by which contractors (subrecipients) are chosen. Like the planning council's grievance procedures, they must specify who is allowed to file a grievance, types of grievances covered, and how grievances will be handled.

**Ensure Services to Women, Infants, Children, and Youth with HIV/ AIDS:** The recipient must assure that the percentage of money spent on serving women, infants, children, and youth with HIV is at least in proportion to each group's percent of the total number of cases of HIV disease in the EMA or TGA. An exception is allowed when the recipient can show that their needs are met through other programs like Medicaid, Medicare, or RWHAP Part D. The planning council must consider this requirement when setting priorities and allocating resources.

**Ensure that RWHAP Funds are Used to Fill Gaps:** RWHAP Part A recipients must ensure that RWHAP Part A funds do not pay for services that are funded by other sources and are not used to replace local spending on HIV care. The legislation requires that RWHAP be the "payor of last resort." This means, for example, that the recipient must require subrecipients such as clinics to make sure clients are not eligible for Medicaid or some other source of funding before they use RWHAP Part A funds to pay for their care. This requirement makes sure that RWHAP funds are used to assist people living with HIV who do not have any other source of payment for the services they need.

Ensure Availability and Accessibility of Services to Eligible Clients:

Recipients must ensure that RWHAP Part A services are available regardless of an individual's health condition or ability to pay and in settings that are accessible to low-income people living with HIV.

Outreach must be provided to inform people of the availability of services and to link them to care. One of the most important

priorities of the RWHAP legislation is to identify people who are unaware of their HIV status and need to be tested, help them determine their status, and refer and link people newly diagnosed with HIV to care. (This process is called Early Identification of Individuals with HIV and AIDS, or EIIHA.) Another priority is to find people who know their HIV status but are not receiving regular HIV-related medical care (people with "unmet need") and help them to enter and stay in care.

Subrecipients receiving RWHAP Part A funds must be required to work with other providers so that people living with HIV have access to services. This network of providers is called a "continuum of care" or "system of care." As part of this, providers should prioritize getting people into care as soon after diagnosis as possible by maintaining what the legislation calls "appropriate relationships with entities that constitute key points of access to the health care system." Key points of access include, for example, testing sites, emergency rooms, substance abuse treatment programs, and sexually transmitted disease clinics. Processes must be in place to ensure that people newly diagnosed with HIV are immediately referred and linked to care and helped to remain in care.

**Control Administrative and Quality Management Costs:** The recipient may use up to 10 percent of the RWHAP Part A grant for managing the RWHAP Part A program and for other administrative activities, including planning council support, and up to 5 percent of the grant for Clinical Quality Management. Examples of administrative duties include writing applications, preparing reports, and activities related to procurement and contract monitoring (including reviewing provider applications, negotiating and monitoring contracts, and paying subrecipients). The recipient must control those costs, and also ensure that local subrecipients, contractors, and other entities, collectively, spend no more than 10 percent of total RWHAP Part A service funds for administrative expenses.

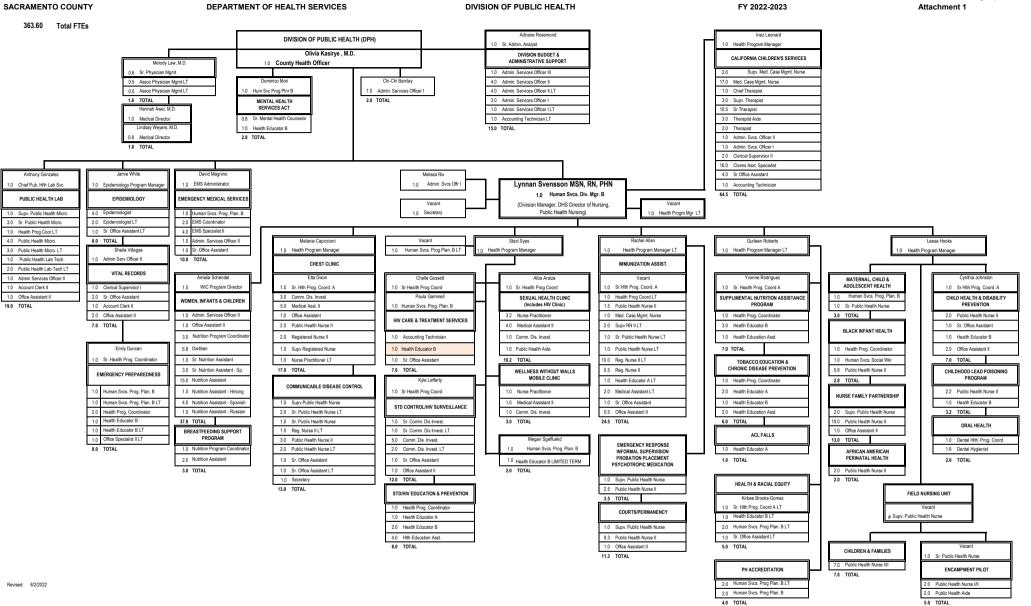
**Prepare and Submit the RWHAP Part A Application:** The recipient is responsible for preparing and submitting a RWHAP Part A application to the federal government each year. Although this is the recipient's responsibility, the planning council should participate in the preparation of this application because the application requires information about the planning council and how it works, as well as the planning council's priorities and proposed resource allocations for the coming year. The Chair or Co-Chairs of the planning council must certify in writing to HRSA that the priorities in the application are the ones developed by the planning council. They must also verify that the recipient spent funds in the past year according to the planning council established priorities for the upcoming program year.

Meet HRSA/HAB Reporting Requirements: As a federal grantee, the recipient is required to meet a variety of HRSA/HAB requirements, including submission of data, programmatic, and fiscal reports. Some reports include input from the planning council/planning body or reflect its decisions. For example, the Program Terms Report and the Program Submission are due 90 days after the final Notice of Award. The Program Terms Report includes information such as a consolidated list of contractors (subrecipients). Among the information required for the Program Submission are a signed endorsement letter from the planning council Chair or Co-Chairs endorsing the priorities and allocations submitted by the recipient, and a planning council membership roster and information on member reflectiveness. The recipient also submits an Estimated Unobligated Balance (UOB) and an estimate of anticipated carryover funding to HRSA by December 31, a RWHAP Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative Final Expenditure Report and an Annual Progress Report 90 days after the end of the program period, and a Carryover Request for any unspent funds within 30 days after the Final Expenditure Report.

All recipients under RWHAP Parts A-D, along with their contracted subrecipients, must also submit an annual client-level data report called the Ryan White Program Services Report (RSR) that covers the calendar year. The RSR provides data on the characteristics of RWHAP recipients, providers, and clients served. RSR data document program performance and accountability. RSR data on client characteristics and service utilization are used by the planning council and recipient in decision making about use of funds and the system of care. Because it provides data from all recipients, the RSR provides information used by HRSA/HAB for monitoring client health outcomes, assessing organizational capacity and service utilization, monitoring the use of RWHAP to address HIV in the U.S., and tracking progress toward the national goals to end the epidemic.







#### Attachment 1: Organizational Chart RWHAP Part A Emergency Relief Grant Attachment 1

# HIV Health Services Planning Council ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

(916) 876-5548 ~ hiv-hspc@saccounty.net

# COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

# **Purpose Statement:**

The Administrative Assessment Committee (AdAC) shall assess and develop recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the administrative mechanisms for rapidly disbursing CARE Act funds to the areas of greatest need within the Sacramento Transitional Grant area (TGA).

# **Committee Responsibilities:**

The Administrative Assessment Committee (AdAC) is responsible for conducting the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) mandated function of assessing the variety of processes involved in ensuring that the TGA is able to proficiently disburse funds in the region. In performing this task, AdAC is charged with:

- 1) Developing an annual assessment tool that consists of standards by which the TGA will evaluate its success in achieving its responsibilities;
- Reviewing documentation of the TGA's fulfillment of standards on a bi-annual (twice yearly) basis;
- Recording the findings of the annual assessment, including strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for improvement to the TGA's efforts;
- 4) Developing a plan of correction based upon assessment findings;
- 5) Reporting findings to the Executive Committee, the Council, and HRSA;
- 6) Monitoring efforts year-round to determine progress towards plan of correction.

# **Desired Experience of Members:**

AdAC is a technical committee requiring a broad skill set from its members. To successfully evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of administrative mechanisms, AdAC members must have:

- Understanding of the Ryan White CARE Act
- Awareness of Recipient, Planning Council, and Planning Council staff activities;
- Historical understanding of the TGA's development;
- Experience with program evaluation.

# **Expectations of Members:**

For continuity and uniformity in assessment efforts, AdAC requires a consistent membership, with as little change over on an annual basis as

possible. In addition to being able to commit to a multiple year membership, members are expected to:

- 1) Attend and actively participate in all AdAC meetings;
- 2) Review meeting materials prior to arriving at the meeting;
- 3) Abide by established assessment process policies and procedures;
- 4) Provide objective assessments based upon data/information provided;
- 5) Provide constructive recommendations for improving processes;
- 6) Continually identify Council Members who may be interested in membership on AdAC;
- 7) Act as an informal mentor to new Committee members;
- 8) Sign Oath of Confidentiality at each meeting

## Meetings:

The Administrative Assessment Committee meets as determined by the Committee.

# Contact Information:

Staff support is provided by <u>Angelina Olweny who can be contacted at (916)</u> <u>325-1630, Angelina.olweny@valleyvision.org</u> Paula Gammell who can be reached at (916) 876-5548 or gammellp@saccounty.net

Approved by the HIV Health Services Planning Council on 8/24/22.

Richard Benavidez, Chair

6/28/2023

## HIV Health Services Planning Council AFFECTED COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE www.sacramento-tga.com

## COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

## **Mission Statement:**

The Affected Communities Committee addresses issues facing the HIV/AIDS community and advises the Planning Council on the affairs of the community. The mission of the Committee is to recruit, involve, and empower people living with and those affected by HIV/AIDS in the strategic planning and advocacy of HIV/AIDS care and services. The Committee encourages an environment of trust and safety, and will achieve its goals with the support of Planning Council support staff.

# **Committee Responsibilities:**

The Affected Communities Committee (ACC) is the primary route through which the HIV Health Services Planning Council (Council) and its committee(s) access input from individuals living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. To fulfill this role, the ACC will:

- Be available to review and provide feedback on policy, program, and funding decisions made by the Council to ensure that decisions are acceptable by service consumers and those otherwise affected by HIV/AIDS.
- 2) Identify and present emerging issues/challenges/barriers relating to service delivery and access to appropriate Council committees.
- 3) Identify and present challenges and barriers as they relate to involving individuals living with or affected by HIV/AIDS in the planning processes to appropriate Council committees.
- 4) Educate the HIV/AIDS community and populations most impacted by HIV/AIDS on the purpose and functions of the Council.
- 5) Recruit people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A) and individuals affected by HIV/AIDS to participate on the Council and its committees.
- 6) Organize and host consumer forums on topics of interest to people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.
- 7) Coordinate HIV Health Services Planning Council Meeting Training Schedule

# **Desired Experience of Members:**

To fulfill its responsibilities, it is necessary for ACC to have a diverse membership that understands and can actively voice the views of a variety of affected communities. Members should be able to use personal networks to disseminate information or mobilize individuals for action. To ensure thorough representation, the ACC seeks people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS from a number of communities, including but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, social class, religion, national origin, ancestry, veteran status, and/or political beliefs. ACC values and practices respect for the talents, beliefs, backgrounds, and ways of living of its members.

In gathering the above representation, the ACC seeks participation from residents of Sacramento County, El Dorado County, and Placer County.

# **Expectations of Members:**

ACC relies on an active membership to generate ideas and develop strategies for moving ideas forward. For this reason, members must be aware of emerging and existing health and service issues that are impacting people living with HIV/AIDS in the region. To advance the goals of ACC, it is expected that members will:

- 1) Regularly attend and actively participate in ACC meetings;
- 2) Review meeting materials prior to arriving at the meeting;
- 3) Gather information from consumers on how services could be improved.
- 4) Express ideas on how ACC and the Council might be able to better serve the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- 5) Report the activities and decisions of the ACC and the Council to your community affiliations;
- 6) Play an active role in identifying and attracting diverse individuals interested in participating in the service planning processes.

# Meetings:

The Affected Communities Committee typically meets on the first Monday of the even months of April, June, August, October, December, and February from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Council Staff for the current schedule and location.

# Contact Information:

Staff support is provided by Angelina Olweny who can be contacted at (916) 325-1630, <u>Angelina.olweny@valleyvision.org</u>, or www.sacramento-tga.com.

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Richard Benavidez, Chair

Approved: 04/26/2023

## HIV Health Services Planning Council GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (916) 876-5548 ~ hiv-hspc@saccounty.net

# COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

# **Purpose Statement:**

The Governance Committee will assist Council membership in fulfilling oversight responsibilities with respect to: Council organization, membership composition, standing committee structure, membership and function, and governance policies including the enforcement and any necessary modifications to such policies. In doing so, the Committee will address and track issues of policy, procedure, and bylaws as they relate to Council functions.

# **Committee Responsibilities:**

To ensure effectiveness and efficiency of the Council the Governance Committee will periodically review the Council's policy/procedure and standards related to the conduct and affairs of the Council including but not limited to:

- 1) Developing, reviewing and monitoring the operating structure of the Council in relation to the ability for administering its mandated tasks;
- 2) Establishing, reviewing and revising Council bylaws in accordance to changes to the law, regulation or HRSA mandates;
- 3) Developing, reviewing and modifying policies and procedures for Council and Committee implementation;
- 4) Reviewing policies, procedures and standards developed in other Council Committees for consistency to form, intent and application to existing governance structure
- 5) In consultation with the Recipient, monitor Federal/State/Local regulations and guidance to facilitate compliance;

# **Desired Experience of Members:**

Governance Committee membership shall be comprised of members of the Executive Committee and may include Council Members with skill sets addressing the task under review. Desired characteristics include one or more of the following:

- Comprehensive understanding of the Ryan White CARE Act;
- Awareness of responsibilities and activities of the Council and its Committees;

- Historical understanding of the Council's development;
- Stakeholder in Council decisions (consumers, providers, affected communities)
- Experience with organizational/program design and development;
- Familiarity with California and Federal law/regulations related to public boards/councils, HRSA mandated programs and general organization governance
- Policy and/or procedural writing skills.

# **Expectations of Members:**

- 1) Regularly attend and actively participate in Governance Committee meetings;
- 2) Review meeting materials prior to arriving at the meeting;
- 3) Identify issues in need of policy/procedural development;
- Propose ideas and language for the development of new policies and procedures;
- 5) Understand existing policies and procedures;
- 6) Recognize when adopted policies and procedures are ineffective, inconsistent, inadequate or antiquated;
- 7) Provide constructive recommendations for improving existing policies and procedures;
- 8) Continually identify individuals who may be interested in membership on Governance.

# Meetings:

The Governance Committee is an ad-hoc committee.

# Contact Information:

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Date:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ 5/24/2023<del>05/25/22</del> Richard Benavidez, Chair

# HIV Health Services Planning Council **NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

# COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

# **Statement of Purpose:**

The purpose of the Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) is to support the mission of the HIV Health Services Planning Council. The goal of the NAC is to define and quantify specific needs of the HIV community in the Sacramento Transitional Grant Area (TGA). NAC will provide an updated yearly report on area needs for use by the Planning Council and the Priorities and Allocation Committee in the annual priority setting and allocation processes.

# Committee Responsibilities:

NAC is the primary entity through which the Council receives documentation of service needs of people living with HIV in the TGA. To provide this information, NAC is charged with:

- 1) Developing and implementing methods by which a comprehensive understanding of the service needs of PLWHA can be acquired at least once every three years;
- Determining capabilities and capacities of service providers at least once every three years;
- 3) Annually updating needs assessment findings with studies of special populations/populations with special needs;
- 4) Analyzing and organizing findings for reporting to PAC, Council, and other appropriate entities.

# **Desired Experience of Members:**

NAC membership requires a host of talents, skills, and experiences. Particular needs include:

- Epidemiologists
- Researchers
- Statisticians
- Database designers
- People living with HIV (including Ryan White service consumers)
- HIV service providers (both within and external to the Ryan White service community)
  - Particularly medical, medical case management, outreach and testing providers
- Recipient staff

# **Expectations of Members:**

NAC relies on its members to identify areas in need of investigation and develop strategies for completing studies. To be effective, members are expected to:

- 1) Regularly attend and actively participate in NAC meetings;
- 2) Review meeting materials prior to arriving at the meeting;
- Identify areas that need to be further examined in order for the TGA to gain a better understanding of the service needs and capabilities in the region;
- 4) Propose strategies for conducting needs and capacity assessment studies;
- 5) Provide feedback on tools and methodology used for implementation of studies;
- 6) Facilitate access to communities being studied; and,
- 7) Continually identify individuals who may be interested in membership on NAC.

# Meetings:

Unless otherwise indicated, the Needs Assessment Committee meets quarterly on the first Tuesday of the month, in March, June, September and December, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Conference Room 2020, Sacramento, CA 95823.

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Approved by the HIV Health Services Planning Council on:

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Richard Benavidez, Chair

Dated: 04/26/2023

## HIV Health Services Planning Council PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

### **Statement of Purpose:**

The purpose of the Priorities and Allocations Committee (PAC) is to support the mission of the HIV Health Services Planning Council. To this end, PAC shall review and act on data and information to establish proposals for the annual funding priorities and service allocations for Ryan White CARE Act funds.

## Statement of Values:

The PAC is dedicated to considering the following values in recommending service priorities and funding allocations:

- Compassion Assisting those who cannot support themselves
- Equity Relatively equal portions with attention paid to severe need
- Fairness Similar cases treated in a similar fashion
- Utilitarianism Greatest good for the greatest number
- Nuanced Inclusiveness Since there are real differences among participants regarding both need and ability, a process for assessing these differences will be developed, thereby allowing for differential distribution.

## **Committee Responsibilities:**

PAC is the body through which the HIV Health Services Planning Council receives recommendations on how best to utilize Ryan White funds throughout the TGA. To provide sensible recommendations, PAC is charged with:

- 1) Reviewing quantitative and qualitative information on service needs, use, costs, outcomes; and availability (internal and external to Ryan White);
- 2) Determining which services are most needed by people living with HIV (regardless of funding source) and establishing service category priorities;
- 3) Projecting annual need for essential services;
- 4) Calculating reasonable allocation allotments for essential services;
- 5) Developing annual funding request;
- 6) Sets directives for service delivery in order to increase access by special populations or otherwise ensure fair distribution of resources.
- 7) Revising annual allocations based upon actual award/changes in actual service cost or utilization patterns.

## **Desired Experience of Members:**

Because PAC must access and consider a wide range of inputs, desired membership qualities are broad. Desired experience includes:

- Understanding of issues impacting people living with HIV;
  - o Service consumers
  - o Service providers

- Budgeting expertise, or a willingness to learn the process;
- Familiarity with the health and human service delivery community;
- Recipient staff.

### **Expectations of Members:**

PAC provides critical recommendations to the Council regarding the use of Ryan White funds. It is imperative that members

- 1) Commit to regularly attend and actively participate in PAC meetings;
- 2) Thoroughly review meeting materials prior to arriving at the meeting;
- 3) Abide by approved policies and procedures when discussing priorities and allocations;
- 4) Provide recommendations on how reviewed material should play into the priority setting and allocation processes;
- 5) Consider all data prior to making decisions and provide unbiased input;
- 6) Offer prioritization and allocation proposals justified by reviewed data/information;
- 7) Identify additional data needs;
- 8) Identify methods for improving processes;
- 9) Suggest ideas on how services could best be delivered;
- 10) Continually identify individuals who may be interested in membership on PAC.

### **Meetings:**

Unless otherwise indicated, the Priorities and Allocations Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the months of March, May, <u>June July</u>, September, and January, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Conference Room 2020, Sacramento, CA 95817.

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Richard Benavidez, Chair

Date: 04/26/20236/28/2023

# HIV Health Services Planning Council **QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

### **Mission Statement:**

The Quality Advisory Committee (QAC) will seek to ensure the quality, consistency, and cost effectiveness with which Ryan White funded services are delivered to consumers by developing and monitoring standards to be utilized by providers delivering Ryan White services.

### **Committee Responsibilities:**

QAC is responsible for developing service recommendations that impact how providers deliver services to consumers on a daily basis. To accomplish its task, QAC:

- 1) Provides oversight of the Ryan White Quality Management program
- 2) Researches methods and practices by which services are delivered in Ryan White funded service categories;
- 3) Seeks input from service providers on realistic expectations on how services could be provided, with a focus on quality assurance and cost effectiveness;
- 4) Seeks input from consumers on what is expected or needed when accessing services;
- 5) Identifies standards by which services should be delivered;
- 6) Creates category-specific service standards;
- 7) Periodically reviews service standards for ongoing relevance;
- 8) Develops and reviews performance indicators to ensure that services are achieving desired quality outcomes.
- 9) One member of the Quality Advisory Committee will participate in the Ryan White CARE Program's Continuous Quality Improvement Program.

### **Desired Experience of Members:**

QAC must be able to draw on a balance of experiences from both providers and consumers of services. Specific skills include:

- Provider experience (delivery of direct service);
  - Representation from a broad range of services, including medical, dental, psychosocial, and support services
- Consumer experience (accessing direct service);
- Program development and evaluation;
- Quality management;
- Recipient staff.

### **Expectations of Members:**

QAC relies on its regular members to determine the fairness and consistency of service standards in its effort to develop functional service standards. Therefore, members are expected to:

- 1) Consistently attend and actively participate in QAC meetings;
- 2) Review meeting materials prior to arriving at the meeting;
- 3) Identify service categories, or areas of service delivery needing service standards;
- 4) Propose ideas and language for standards under consideration by the Committee;
- 5) Facilitate access to stakeholders of service standards;

- 6) Critique suggestions offered by other Committee members and non-Committee members;
- 7) Continually identify individuals who may be interested in membership on QAC.
- 8) As needed, identify individuals with expertise on developing specific service standards.

### **Meetings:**

Unless otherwise indicated, the Quality Advisory Committee meets quarterly on the first Tuesday of the month, in March, June, September, and December from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Conference Room 2020, Sacramento, CA 95823.

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#### Sacramento TGA HIV Health Services Planning Council Roster

#### Updated 07/25/2023

Updated 07/25/2023						
Seat/Category	Name	Gender	Race	Affiliation	Appointed	Expires
1. Alt Affected/Underserved Community	Vacant					12/31/14
2. Affected/Underserved Community	Zachary Basler	Μ	W	Non-Aligned	01/28/20	12/31/24
3. Local Public Health	Melody Law	F	Asian	County of Sacramento	07/12/16	12/31/23
4. Affected/Underserved Community	Dennis Poupart	Μ	W	Non-Aligned	01/28/20	12/31/23
5. Alt Affected/Underserved Community	Vacant					12/31/08
6. Health Care Provider	Shy Brown	F	AA	Peachtree Health	07/26/22	12/31/25
7. Substance Abuse Treatment	Vacant					12/31/21
8. Alt Affected/Underserved Community	Vacant					12/31/04
9. Federal AETC	Judy Vang	F	Asian	UC Davis AETC	07/14/10	12/31/23
10. CBO Serving HIV/AIDS	Kristina Kendricks-Clark	F	AA	Harm Reduction Services	12/06/16	12/31/23
11. Non-Elected Community Leader	Vacant					12/31/20
12. Housing & Homeless Service	Elizabeth Valentine	F	W	Volunteers of America	03/19/19	12/31/24
13. Affected Community-Parolee	Christopher Kendrick- Stafford	М	W	Non-Aligned	07/11/23	12/31/23
14. Children/Youth/Families	Jake Bradley-Rowe	Μ	W	Sunburst Projects	07/13/21	12/31/23
15. Alt Affected/Underserved Community	Vacant					12/31/11
16. Alt Affected/Underserved Community	Vacant					12/31/11
17. Affected/Underserved Community	Troy Stermer	Μ	W	Non-Aligned	07/11/23	12/31/25
18. Federal Title III (Part C)	Keshia Lynch	F	AA	One Community Health	10/04/22	12/31/25
19. Affected/Underserved Community	Kane Ortega	Μ	Hisp	Non-Aligned	01/12/05	12/31/25
20. Affected/Underserved Community	Joshua Kooman	Μ		Non-Aligned	07/26/22	12/31/25
21. Health Care Provider	Vacant					12/31/23
22. Alt Affected/Underserved Community	Vacant					12/31/99
23. Fiscal Agent Representative	Chelle Gossett	F	W	Sacramento County Public Health	03/19/19	12/31/24
24. Alt Affected/Underserved Community	Vacant					12/31/03
25. Pediatric Consumer	Vacant					12/31/02
26. Affected/Underserved Community	Vacant					12/31/21
27. Affected/Underserved Community	Kelly Gluckman	F	W	One Community Health	10/04/22	12/31/25
28. Non-Elected Community Leader	Vacant					12/31/08
29. State Gov Medi-Cal	Yingjia Huang	F	Asian	CA State Medi-Cal Office	03/14/23	12/31/25
30. Affected/Underserved Community	Richard Benavidez	Μ	Hisp	Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation	08/26/14	12/31/24
31. HOPWA	David Contreras	Μ	Hisp	Sacramento Housing Redev. Agency	07/14/20	12/31/24
32. Affected/Underserved Community	Minerva Reid	F	AA	Non-Aligned	07/14/20	12/31/25
33. Affected/Underserved Community	Tracy Thomas	Μ	AA	Non-Aligned	12/08/20	12/31/23
34. State Government Title II (Part B)	Kaye Pulupa	F	W	CA State Office of AIDS	07/12/22	12/31/25
35. Non-Elected Community Leader	Vacant					12/31/21
36. Non-Elected Community Leader	Vacant					12/31/11
37. Social Services	Lenore Gotelli	F	W	RX Healthcare	03/14/23	12/31/26
38. HIV Prevention Svcs Professional	Vacant					
39. Local Public Health	Melissa Willett	F	W	Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation	08/24/21	12/31/24
40. Local Public Health	Michael Ungeheuer	Μ	W	El Dorado County Public Health	03/10/04	12/31/24
41. Affected/Underserved Community	Ronnie Miranda	М	AA	Non-Aligned	07/28/20	12/31/23
42. Affected/Underserved Community	Steve Austin	М	W	Non-Aligned	07/28/20	12/31/24
43. Mental Health Service Provider	Vacant					12/31/23
44. Affected/Underserved Community (Native American)	Vacant					12/31/23

FY23		ACC	AdAC	Exec	NAC	PAC	QAC
Beth	Valentine						
Chelle	Gossett		x	x		x	
Christopher	Kendrick-Stafford	x					
David	Contreras						
Dennis	Poupart	x	x			x	
Jake	Bradley-Rowe		x	x	x	x	x
Josh	Kooman				x	x	
Judy	Vang						
Kane	Ortega	x	x				
Kaye	Pulupa						
Kelly	Gluckman	x					
Keshia	Lynch					x	
Kristina	Kendricks-Clark		x	x	x		x
Lenore	Gotelli					x	
Melissa	Willett		x	x		x	
Melody	Law						
Michael	Ungeheuer			x			
Minerva	Reid						
Richard	Benavidez	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ronnie	Miranda			x	x		
Shy	Brown	x					
Steve	Austin	x					
Tracy	Thomas						

Troy	Stermer	x			
Yingjia	Huang				
Zach	Basler	x	x	x	

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# 2023-24 Sacramento HIV Health Services Planning Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

Committee meetings are held monthly and are subject to cancellation or change. Please check the Sacramento TGA – HIV Health Services Planning Council Website <u>www.sacramento-tga.com</u> for the most updated meeting schedule.

MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
HIV Health Services Planning Council	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, 10:00 AM – 12 PM *Except Nov/Dec which will be held 12/13/23	Sacramento County Health Center 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820 Community Room 2020
Administrative Assessment Committee (AdAC) (Must be a Council Member to Participate)	Meets as determined by Committee Generally twice a year.	Zoom
Affected Communities Committee (ACC)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of even months, 3:00-4:00 PM April, June, August, October, December, and February	Sacramento County Health Center 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820 Community Room 2020
Executive Committee (Exec)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the months of March, May, June, September, and January, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Sacramento County Health Center 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820 Community Room 2020
Governance Committee (Gov)	Ad-hoc	As determined by Committee
Quality Advisory Committee (QAC)	Meets Quarterly, 2:00-3:00 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March, June, September, and December	Sacramento County Health Center 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820 Community Room 2020
Needs Assessment Committee (NAC)	Meets Quarterly, 3:00-4:30 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March, June, September, and December	Sacramento County Health Center 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820 Community Room 2020
Priorities and Allocations Committee (PAC)	1st Wednesday of the months of March, May, June, September, and January, 9:00- 11 AM	Sacramento County Health Center 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820 Community Room 2020

### SACRAMENTO TGA RYAN WHITE CARE PROGRAM CONTRACTOR LIST – March 2023

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# **Ryan White CARE Program**

FY 2023-2024

# CONTRACT PROVIDER PROFILES

## Sacramento County

> One Community Health – Agency provides a wide array of services to persons living with HIV/AIDS including:

Medical Care

- Primary Care
- Pediatrics
- Women's Health
- Prenatal/OB Care
- Teen Services
- LGBT Care
- Transgender Care
- Chiropractic
- Acupuncture
- Podiatry
- HIV Care
- STD testing

Dental Care

- Adult & Children's Dentistry
- Dental Exams/Cleanings
- Oral Health Education
- Urgent Dental Care

**Counseling & Education** 

- Patient Education Groups & Classes
- Nutrition Counseling & Classes

Pharmacy and Laboratory

- Full Service Pharmacy
- Clinical Pharmacy Services
- Laboratorv

Vision Services - Comprehensive Vision Tests

- Mental Health Counseling
- Psychiatry
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Medication Assisted Treatment for **Opiate Addiction**
- Housing Assistance
- Case Management
- Community Resource Linkage

Agency also provides medical case management services under the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) to deliver specialized case management services.

- Golden Rule Services Agency provides non-medical case management and MAI Outreach services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Golden Rule Services also provides a variety of free condom distribution, PrEP Navigation, PrEP Enrollment Assistance, HIV, STD, and Hepatitis C education, prevention and testing services to underserved, high-risk and vulnerable community members including People of Color, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, women, sex industry workers, injection drug users, ex-offenders, and youth.
- > Harm Reduction Services (HRS) Agency provides outreach to under-served populations with a special emphasis targeting People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) and other Substance Using HIV+ individuals who are currently not in medical care as well as individuals engaged in sex-work.

Behavioral Health

Agency also provides medical case management services under the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) to deliver specialized intensive field based case management services and provides medical transportation services, food bank and emergency financial assistance to their clients.

- Sacramento Sexual Health Clinic Agency provides medical services and transportation for persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- Sunburst Projects Agency's mission is to serve the needs of the HIV/AIDS community through compassionate care and services such as: medical case management including Minority AIDS Initiative case management. Other programs include behavioral health services such as individual, couples, family and group mental health therapy, psychiatric care, non-medical case management, transportation, emergency financial assistance, 340b pharmacy services, and housing assistance. Sunburst Projects serves men, women, children and families throughout the Sacramento TGA.
- University of California Davis Pediatric Infectious Disease Clinic (UCD) Agency provides pediatric primary medical care, pediatric medication adherence services, medical transportation services, and medical case management services to children living with HIV/AIDS.

### El Dorado County

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation – Diamond Springs, CA – Agency's primary mission is to provide comprehensive support services to people living with HIV or AIDS and their families, and to provide education and prevention services to the general public, including free HIV testing. Services include medical case management, medical transportation vouchers, health insurance and costsharing assistance, mental health services, oral health services, residential substance abuse treatment services, and other critical needs.

### Placer County

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation, Auburn, CA – Agency's primary mission is to provide comprehensive support services to people living with HIV or AIDS and their families, and to provide education and prevention services to the general public, including free HIV testing. Services include medical case management, medical transportation vouchers, health insurance and cost-sharing assistance, mental health services, oral health services, residential substance abuse treatment services, and other critical needs.

## Yolo County

CommuniCare Health Center, West Sacramento and Woodland, CA – Client-focused and community-based, CommuniCare's HIV/AIDS medical case management services help people living with HIV/AIDS in Yolo County to maintain and enhance their independence and quality of life. The HIV/AIDS medical case management services assist clients in accessing appropriate resources through referrals and provide support for clients dealing with multiple sources of stress including physical illness, emotional well-being, finances and social relationships. HIV/AIDS medical case management services are comprehensive and long term in scope.

FY2023 Ryan White Provider and Service Matrix	One Community Health	Communi- Care (Yolo)	Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation (El Dorado)	Golden Rule Services	Harm Reduction Services	Sacramento County Sexual Health Clinic	Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation (Placer)	Sunburst Projects	UC Davis Pediatrics
Ambulatory Care	•		•			•	•		•
Child Care								•	
Emergency Financial Assistance		•	•		•	•	•	•	
Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals	•	•			•			•	
Health Education and Risk Reduction									
Health Insurance and Cost-Sharing	•		•				•		
Assistance Program									
Housing	•	•							
Medical Case Management	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
Medical Case Management - MAI	•				•			•	
Medical Nutritional Therapy	•								
Medical Transportation	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
Mental Health	•		•			•	•	•	
Non-Medical Case Management	•			•		•		•	
Oral Health Care	•	•	•				•		
Outreach Services	•								
Outreach Services - MAI	•			•					
Substance Abuse - Residential	•								
Substance Abuse - Outpatient	•								

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