

# Allocations & Evaluations Sub-Committee Meeting Saturday, September 25, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.

The Allocations & Evaluations sub-committee of the HIV Planning Council convened in a special-called session on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 1520 Rutherford Lane, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Austin, Texas.

In attendance: Planning Council members: Christopher Hamilton – Chair, Paul Hassell, Courtney McElhaney; City of Austin staff – Keizhia Smith and Mark Peppler.

The meeting began at 9:11 a.m. with introductions. There were no community members in attendance.

The minutes from the meeting on Tuesday September 21, 2010 were approved with noted corrections.

The following Service Categories were discussed and voted on:

## **Hospice:**

Mark Peppler stated that there were a total of 20 clients, 17 in Hospice, 3 supportive care clients, 5 deaths out of 17, 5 recovered health and were discharged, 7 could be current clients or some transferred, 4 clients on waiting list for hospice.

Paul Hassell made a motion to allocate \$59,500 to Hospice and \$10,500 into the Housing service category with the directive that it be used for supportive and palliative care. Paul Hassell made an Amendment to the motion to allocate \$59,500 into the Hospice service category and \$10,500 into the Housing service category with the directive that the allocated funds for housing be used for supportive and some type of medical care. 3 in favor of amendment, 0 opposed; amendment passed. A motion was made to allocate \$59,500 to Hospice and \$10,500 to housing with the directive that housing be used for supportive and some type of medical care \$59,500 to Hospice and \$10,500 to housing with the directive that housing be used for supportive and some type of medical care. Courtney McElhaney 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; 3 favor, 0 opposed; motion passed.

## Oral health:

Capacity concerns and not enough staffing, From the needs assessment: "this is the unheard of service"

Paul Hassell made a motion to allocate \$447,732 to the Oral Health service category. Courtney McElhaney 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

#### Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing:

Co-payment assistance down this current year from where it was last year, premiums about the same.

Assistance with supplemental policy premiums, and co-payment for part d. Provider has implemented a sliding scale, doing a financial assistance screening each time they receive assistance

Courtney McElhaney made a motion to allocate \$89,335 to Health Insurance. Paul Hassell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

### AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local):

What about new treatment guidelines? Putting this on the flag list, look at closely over the course of the year.

Paul Hassell made a motion to allocate \$365,987 to AIDS pharmaceutical Assistance local, Courtney McElhaney 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

# ADAP:

Paul Hassell made a motion to allocate \$1000 to ADAP; Courtney McElhaney 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

# Medical Nutrition Therapy:

Courtney McElhaney made a motion to allocate \$72,474 to Medical Nutrition Therapy; Paul Hassell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

# Food Bank:

Courtney McElhaney made a motion to allocate \$60,967 to Food Bank; Paul Hassell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

# MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) Funding:

Current year is \$29,716 for outreach, \$166,007 for Case Management Non Medical tier 2. Discussed shifting from outreach to Early Intervention Services. Want to build strategies and plans first.

Courtney McElhaney made a motion to allocate \$29,716 for Outreach, Paul Hassell 2nd motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

Paul Hassell made a motion to allocate Case Management Non-Medical tier 2 at \$166,007; Courtney McElhaney 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

Courtney McElhaney made a motion to not fund Home and Community Based Health Services, Home Health, Child Care, Health Education/Risk Reduction, Legal Service, Linguistic Services, Referral for Health Care/Support Services, Rehabilitation Services, Respite Care, and Treatment Adherence Counseling. Christopher Hamilton 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

#### Increase plan:

Courtney McElhaney made a motion that:

Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care would not go above \$1,151,809; Medical Nutrition Therapy would not go above \$72,474; ADAP would not go above \$1,000; Outreach Services would not go above \$67,185; and Medical Transportation would not go above \$25,000, and any service category not allocated to would not receive any of the increase. Increase would be allocated proportionally across remaining categories.

Christopher Hamilton 2nd motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed. Pass 3/0/0

#### Decrease plan:

Courtney McElhaney made a motion that:

Hospice Services would not to go below \$59,500; Food Bank would not go below \$60,967; Medical Transportation Services would not go below \$25,000; Housing would not go below \$10,500. All other allocated service categories would take proportional decrease.

Paul Hassell 2nd motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

#### **Directives:**

Courtney McElhaney made a motion that the Administrative Agent ensure that provider(s) of Medial Nutrition Therapy Services bill Medicaid for services or pursue the ability to bill Medicaid for services within one year of contract start.

Paul Hassell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

Health insurance guidance: (come back to, revisit)

Funds from this service category cannot pay for expenses related to those enrolled in the Texas health insurance risk pool (not including the Texas pre existing condition insurance pool).

Courtney McElhaney made a motion that the Administrative Agent shall include in its contract with TX DSHS a provision that earmarks any Austin Ryan White Part A contribution to the ADAP be directed to ADAP recipients residing in the Austin TGA.

Paul Hassell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. 3-favor; 0-opposed; motion passed.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.