

Meeting minutes – Allocations Committee

Tuesday September 11, 2012

Members in attendance: Amber Alvarez, Shanika Cornelius, Victor Martinez

Planning Council members also in attendance: Paul Hassel

Staff in attendance: Keizhia Carlyle, Brenda Mendiola

Community members in attendance: Britt Riss, Josh Allen, Brandon Wollerson

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Approved minutes:

- August 14 with the following correction: special called meeting scheduled for September 18

Action items/Issues that require clarification from the AA and/or Staff

Committee members would like clarification as to the number of currently contracted Mental Health providers and expenditure trends as of the most current billing cycle.

Are there any Mental Health providers receiving RW Part B funding in the Austin TGA?

Concerns were expressed that the AA report does not accurately reflect billing trends with an acceptable +/- margin.

The committee requests the AA to report the 3 Case Management categories separately as well as separating the MCM Pilot from the traditional categories.

The committee asked for clarification as to the licensure of the contracted providers for the MCM Pilot. Concerns were expressed as to whether an LCSW or an LMSW were contracted. The committee would like to know what was actually contracted through the procurement process.

The committee would like explicit clarification as to what is actually procured under Medical Transportation (i.e. 30 day CapMetro passes, taxi vouchers, MetroAccess, gas cards). Also, has any effort has been made to utilize the reduced fair option for those who qualify.

Is there any explanation as to why AIDS Pharmaceutical Local is almost 20% underspent YTD. Is this a contracting issue? Does the provider feel they will be able to utilize the funds?

What is the current status of the Psychosocial Support Groups (i.e. current groups, attendance, future expansion plans, new groups forming)?

The committee would like an “end of year” report on the Psychosocial Support category.

What are the other funding sources for Outreach activities?

Do any providers have formal or informal child care facilities available while clients are receiving services? (even as informal as here is a table, paper, and crayons)

Do providers feel there is a significant decrease in the quality of services they are able to deliver or appointment attendance problems when children are present?

What City of Austin child care options exist close to the providers and how would those be utilized either through CoA or RW?

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Approved