



Meeting of the
PRIORITY SETTING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
Marya Gilborn and Charles Shorter, Co-Chairs

July 21, 2009
Cicatelli, 505 Eighth Avenue, Lavender Room
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Members Present: Sean Cahill, PhD, Felicia Carroll (alt. for Antionettea Etienne), Sharen Duke, Soraya Elcock, Marya Gilborn, Lucy Grugett (alt. for Dena Rakower), Steve Hemraj, JoAnn Hilger (alt. for Fabienne Laraque, MD, MPH), Jennifer Irwin, Matthew Lesieur, Sharon Mannheimer, MD, Hilda Mateo, Reynolds Mulero, Jan Carl Park, Tom Petro

Members Absent: Joan Edwards, Terri Faulkner, Linda Fraser, Terry Hamilton, Peter Laqueur, Charles Shorter

DOHMH Staff Present: Sekai Chideya, MD, David Klotz, Dave Magno, Rafael Molina, John Rojas, Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Anthony Santella, DrPH, Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH, Darryl Wong

Public Health Solutions Staff Present: Bettina Carroll, Gucci Kaloo

Others Present: Victor Benadava, Jerome Lawrence, Mallory Marcus, Jim Shields

Materials Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the July 16th Meeting
- Article IX - Conflicts of Interest - from Planning Council Bylaws
- Year 18 - Fourth Quarter/Closeout Commitment and Expenditure Report for Ryan White Part A (3/1/08-2/28/09)
- Ryan White Part A Comparison of Year 18 and Year 17 (Carryover, Takedowns, and Enhancements)
- MAI Year 18 Third Quarter (as of 4/30/09) Commitments and Expenditures Report (Budget Period 8/1/08-7/31/09)

- NYC HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council FY 2010-11 Priority Setting Tool
- Planning Council Calendar for July 2009

Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting Packet: Marya Gilborn welcomed meeting participants. Members introduced themselves. Soraya Elcock led the moment of silence. Jan Carl Park reviewed the contents of the meeting packet and reminded attendees that an abstention is counted as a “no” vote.

Review of the Minutes: Prior to the meeting, Dena Rakower requested two changes to the minutes from July 16th. The minutes were approved by all present with no votes in opposition and one abstention.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Review of the FY 2010 Priority Setting Tool: Marya Gilborn reviewed the 2010 priority setting tool. Anthony Santella explained the ranking in the PC 09 Rank column, using outpatient/ambulatory medical care (OMC) as an example. ADAP+ has a score of 8, and the score for OMC is 4.5. The 4.5 score for OMC is tied with supportive counseling/family stabilization services and legal services which is used to drive scenario planning and budget cuts if there’s a reduced grant award. For the Part A grant application and HRSA implementation plan, the grantee consolidates (local) OMC with ADAP+ into the HRSA OMC category and ranks the single category as #2 since the ADAP+ allocation far exceeds the local OMC allocation. The only changes in scores for 2010 were in OMC, housing, and food and nutrition.

FY 2010 Resource Allocation Preliminary Spending Plan: The remainder of the meeting focused on 2010-2011 funding allocations. Last year, at the federal level Part A received an increase of \$36 million dollars. Members of the HIV/AIDS community are advocating for increased appropriations but may receive less than last year. The FY 2008 Part A base closeout report showed underspending of \$150,093. Committee discussed the funding allocation for each service category using information from the close-out report and score cards and other available data.

Mental Health: Dr. Monica Sweeney noted the tremendous need for mental health services in New York City and requested that the allocation not be reduced. Ms. Gilborn responded that mental health services are a consumer priority but that there may be a problem with the model. Too many clients have Medicaid coverage for this service and are not eligible for RW mental health services. Anthony Santella stated that DOHMH staff members have been providing technical assistance to mental health providers for 8 months. He will report back to the Committee in the fall regarding the impact of the TA. DOHMH and PHS are reviewing the reimbursement rates. Ms. Gilborn noted

that she was uneasy about the possibility of increasing reimbursement rates for mental health services if the category is underperforming, but Dr. Santella noted that some of the assumptions made when developing the rates will be reviewed since programs have found them to be a challenge. The allocation for this service category is less than 2009 since funds from contracts that ended were eliminated from the allocation.

Medical Case Management: Since the new programs will not be in place until later this year, the Committee agreed to leave the funding allocation intact.

Harm Reduction, Recovery Readiness, and Relapse Prevention: This category underspent by 8% last year, but technical assistance will be provided and spending is better than last year.

Housing Services: Mr. Lesieur noted that consumers repeatedly stress the importance of housing.

Early Intervention Services: This service category has underspent but has experienced a large increase in the number of clients served. Only two service types are offered within EIS: testing and linkage to care. The seropositivity rate drives linkage to care. If not many individuals test positive, then there will be few linkages to care. Dr. Santella commented that DOHMH will introduce social network recruitment to identify new clients for testing. Lucy Grugett (alt. for Dena Rakower) noted that in addition to the importance of expanding testing to identify people with HIV and link them to care, additional benefits such as reduction of stigma may result from routine testing. Mr. Lesieur noted that New York State law regarding testing may change next year. Bettina Carroll stated that this category is performing well in linking newly identified seropositives to care, not in returning people who had fallen out of care to the system.

Legal Services: JoAnn Hilger noted that she asked HRSA for guidance regarding allowable legal services. The current service definition for Ryan White excludes funds for bankruptcy proceedings, wills, trusts or arrangement for guardianship or adoption of children after the death of a parent. RW can fund only powers of attorney, do not resuscitate orders, and interventions to increase access to benefits. Ms. Carroll noted that we have learned that no more than 10% of the current services fall into the category of unallowable services.

Food and Nutrition: Mr. Lesieur noted that the Momentum Project has seen more clients for food and nutrition services. Felicia Carroll noted that people are cashing in their food stamps in order to pay bills. Hilda Mateo stated that many food banks are running out of food. When re-ranking this service category for 2010, PSRA members raised two criteria factor scores from 5 to 8, thereby raising the total score for this service category. Reynolds Mulero proposed a \$600,000 increase to food and nutrition. Committee members discussed

whether to increase the money by \$600,000 or by a smaller amount and voted for the \$600,000 increase.

Youth Outreach Services: Ms. Duke stated that since this is a new service category, there are no data to support any changes to the allocation.

Committee members approved a budget of \$106,304,515 for the FY 2010 RW base spending plan, an increase of \$4,175,000 over the 2009 award. The increase will fully fund ADAP and support increased allocations for NYC food and nutrition services and increases in food and nutrition services and transportation in the Tri-County region.

Public Comment: Victor Benadava thanked Committee members for their hard work on behalf of PLWHA.