



Meeting of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

May 10, 2007

2:45 – 3:35 PM

Friends House, 130 E. 25th Street

MINUTES

EC Members Present: J. C. Park, MPA (Governmental Co-chair), E. Camhi, F. Carroll, S. Elcock (for P. McGovern), I. Gamble -Cobb, J. Grimaldi, MD, J. Hilger, J. Irwin, T. Petro

Staff Present: DOHMH: D. Klotz, D. Wong, G. Moon, N. Rothschild, R. Molina; MHRA: R. Miller

Agenda Item #1: Welcome/Introductions/Minutes

Mr. Park opened the meeting.

Ms. Carroll introduced the moment of silence.

Mr. Park reviewed the meeting agenda and packet.

After introductions, the minutes of the March 13, 2007 EC/PSRA meeting were reviewed.

Agenda Item #2: FY 2007 Reprogramming Plan

Mr. Camhi: The proposed plan was developed in a joint meeting of the Needs Assessment, Integration of Care and Consumers Committees, and approved and ranked by PSRA April 18th. It will ensure maximized spending, which is important given the new requirements for keeping under-spending below 2%. The ranked plan will be implemented in order as funding becomes available. It should be noted that testing kits can be reimbursed by Medicaid, which will be taken into consideration when providers apply for payment.

Agenda Item #3: MAI Application Plan

are now base-funded will be moved back to MAI funding. If we get less than the full amount, we will apply the ratio across the board. As an EMA, we have adapted extremely reasonably to the difficult funding environment that HRSA has brought upon us, which shows what an effective, thoughtful process this PC has engaged in.

Mr. Park: At this week's meeting of the Cities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition, we heard from other EMAs about the negative impact of HRSA's interpretation of the Ryan White HATMA. CAEAR is compiling these reports on service disruptions and eliminations.

There was a motion to approve the reprogramming and MAI plans, which was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Update on the FY 2007 Grant Award

Ms. Hilger: We are expecting the supplemental award on May 15th, but it has been delayed once before, and so we do not know if it will actually come then. We have still not heard responses from HRSA to questions we raised in the reauthorization TA conference call, and we are getting very little help from HRSA on most issues.

Agenda Item #5: New Business

Mr. Park: HRSA said at the CAEAR meeting that only 3 EMAs applied for a core services waiver. This speaks to the chilling effect that most EMAs think applying for a waiver can have on their grant award. Most EMAs shifted service descriptions to meet the 75% requirement. We also visited the NY congressional delegation to advocate for increased appropriations. CAEAR has revised its mission statement to include prevention along with treatment and care issues. There was a discussion on the next sunset of the Ryan White Act in 2 ½ years, and we are starting to gear up for reauthorization again. There was also discussion on the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA) and other issues. An oversight hearing is planned in July, and Senator Coburn (R-OK) has falsely claimed that NY under-spent its award by \$20M, which we are looking into.

Mr. Park: At recent Council meetings, we have been consumed with the spending plan, but we want to review Council agendas with this Committee, and going forward, we want to bring data from CHAIN and other studies to future meetings.

Ms. Miller: MHRA is prepared to present on performance-based contracting next week.

Ms. Hilger: We can look at using the grantee report time for that.

Ms. Gamble-Cobb: We should emphasize in the meeting notice that we have to begin on time, as there is a full agenda. At today's Needs Assessment Committee meeting, we discussed replacing data day with reviewing reports germane to planning and recommending to the EC that they be presented to full Council as appropriate. The housing presentation next week is an example of that.

Ms. Carroll: At the last Consumers Committee (CC) meeting, we reviewed and provided comments on