



## **INTEGRATION OF CARE COMMITTEE**

May 11, 2007  
10AM-12PM  
GMHC, 119 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street

### **MINUTES**

**Members Attending:** J. Grimaldi, MD (Co-chair), T. Troia (Co-chair), R. Canosa, V. Jarvis, MD, J. Matsuyoshi, P. Meissner, A. Richardson, J. Shields

**Staff Present:** DOHMH: D. Klotz, J. C. Park, D. Wong, N. Rothschild; NYS DOH: F. Laufer

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#### **I. Meeting Opening/Minutes**

After introductions, the minutes of the March 9, 2007 meeting and the April 11<sup>th</sup> Joint IOC/NAC/CC meetings were approved with no changes.

#### **II. Update on the FY 2007 Grant Award**

Mr. Park updated the Committee on the FY 2007 award. The EMA received \$74M in the formula base award (flat funding), and the supplemental award is due May 15<sup>th</sup>. This is where any large cuts are expected. The Council approved a spending scenario with a proportionate cut based on priority rank. 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 or service disruptions and eliminations.

Ms. Moon gave an update on the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) portion of the grant. HRSA released its guidance for the MAI application, which will be a three-year program and includes some new constraints. No MAI award will be larger than \$10.7M, which is lower than our MAI award was last year, meaning that there will be a reduction of funding even if we receive the

There was a discussion on potential losses of service when the final award comes in. A motion was made and passed to ask the full Planning Council to request from both the City Council (through the office of the Speaker) and the Mayor to use the City budget to make whole the reduction of federal funds from the Part A (Title I) program in New York City.

### **III. Public Comment**

GLWD Client: Meals provided by God's Love We Deliver has helped keep me alive through 20 years living with AIDS.

M. Gold said that we need programs specifically for PLWHA over 50, as the proportion of PLWHA in this age bracket is increasing.

### **IV. Program Guidance: Food & Nutrition**

The Committee discussed program guidance for the new "Medical Nutritional Therapy" (MNT) core category, and for all other non-core food and nutrition-related services. The categories will be re-RFPed separately next year. The current program guidance was reviewed, as was a definition of MNT from the American Dietetic Association's AIDS Dietetic Practice Group. Frank Laufer of the NYS AIDS Institute also reviewed the quality indicators for current food & nutrition programs.

The highlights of the discussion were:

- MNT should include assessment, counseling and on-going monitoring of nutritional status, as well as provision of food as recommended by a health care professional in order to maintain weight and health.
- Non-MNT food & nutrition services, such as pantry bags, can be targeted to PLWHA who have economic and/or social needs for feed assistance.
- There should be some nutritional assessment and education associated with Non-MNT food & nutrition services.
- Food distribution services should be tailored to special nutritional/medical needs and targeted to those most at risk/neediest (e.g., homeless, mentally ill).
- Programs should screen out those who can use other resources.

The Committee agreed on the following language for MNT:

"Provision of nutritional assessment and counseling and food or meals as medically

The Committee agreed to have the staff and chairs refine the language for final approval at the June meeting.

**V. Committee Membership**

Mr. Klotz informed the Committee that the three-year membership terms for non-Planning Council members expires this summer (it has been three years since the new committee structure was implemented). Current members must reapply, and an application will be sent out over the summer for terms beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.