



Meeting of the
Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Committee
Hilda Mateo & Eli Camhi LMSW, Co-Chairs

Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 9:30–11:30 AM
GMHC Room 415 (119 West 24th Street)

Members Present: Eli Camhi LMSW (Co-Chair), Hilda Mateo (Co-Chair), Felicia Carroll, Linda Fraser, Steve Hemraj, JoAnn Hilger, Patrick McGovern, Darryl Ng (*alt. for Ron Johnson*), Jan Carl Park MPA, Tom Petro, Joshua Sippen LCSW Edward Telzak MD

Members Not Present: Kenneth Ashley, B. Agins MD, S.J. Avery, Humberto Cruz, Daliah Heller, Walter Okoroanyanwu MD MPH, Joe Pressley, Paul Stabile, Rev. Terry Troia

OAPC Staff Present: Steve Bailous, David Klotz, Robert Shiau, Clarissa Silva MSW, Darryl Wong MPH

MHRA Staff Present: Bettina Carroll, Gucci Kaloo, Rachel Miller, Ryan Rasmusen

Materials Distributed:

- May 25, 2006 Meeting Agenda
- March 15, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions

Eli Camhi opened the meeting and introductions were made. The contents of the meeting packet were reviewed. Minutes from the meeting were reviewed and approved with minor changes. Mr. Sippen noted that the minutes reflect that there is no decision on housing TA.

Scenario Planning for Year 16

New York EMA was fortunate to receive a 2.3% increase in our overall FY 2006 award. The MAI increase is about \$2.5 million. The Council, in its application, had included a plan for an MAI increase of \$500,000 to go to emergency transitional housing for people in need of harm reduction. PS&RA, in discussing the remainder of the MAI increase, knowing that funds can only be allocated to MAI eligible organizations, recommended funding additional proposals from last year's treatment adherence support RFP, and enhancing already funded programs in that category. This can achieve the timely spending of the additional dollars, while allocating them to a category that is ranked high by the Council, which was unanimously approved.

The Council voted to eliminate certain categories of funding this year and to allocate freed-up funds to a variety of services. Those allocations were reflected in the available funds to be committed through an RFP process. We now know that contracts resulting from the RFP will not be put in place until March 1, 2007, not within the current year. Existing services will be extended through the end of the year, to insure healthy spending and avoid any disruption in services. However, even with the extension of current contracts, we will have unobligated funds that were associated with initiatives that have already ended.

In addition, we want to make sure that we will be able to spend any carryover funds from Year 15, which will be applied to the ADAP Pools. Thus, we do not want to fully fund the ADAP pools now. The State

has indicated that it is prepared to take approximately \$3 million less in up-front commitments, knowing it will be made whole by year-end through application of the carryover and other available funding. We can consequently approve a spending plan that is approximately \$3 million more than our grant since we will be able to fund it with carryover funds received later in the year.

The spending plan submitted to HRSA as part of our application included several items we would fund if our grant increased. Although base funding did not technically increase, we are now in a position to proceed with those recommendations as follows:

- Transitional Housing and Supportive Services for Special Populations - \$500,000
- Housing for PLWHAs in Need of Harm Reduction - \$500,000
- Emergency Rental Assistance (in addition to increase already committed) - \$500,000
- Planning & Evaluation: \$25,750 for CHAIN study (includes management fee); \$335,000 for Primary Care Status Measures implementation

The total of these commitments is \$1,860,750, leaving \$505,894 to be allocated.

The Planning Council agreed with MHRA's recommendation to provide a one-time enhancement to the ADAP pools contract by this amount (\$505,894), in order to preserve the availability of these funds for the Year 17 contracts to begin March 1, 2007.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

I. Actions/Decisions

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