



Meeting of the  
**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
Sharen Duke, Chair

April 15, 2013  
AIDS Service Center of NYC  
41 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Members Present:** Sharen Duke, Graham Harriman, Jan Hudis, Esther Lok, Paul Meissner (by phone), Jan Carl Park, Kimberleigh Smith, Lyndel Urbano

**Members Absent:** Kareem Clemons, Yves Gebhardt, Sandy Guillaume, Adrian Guzman, Matthew Lesieur, Lorna Littner, Gloria Searson, Dorella Walters

**NYC DOHMH Staff Present:** Rafael Molina, Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Anna Thomas

**Others Present:** Victor Benadava, Randall Bruce, Felicia Carroll, Jennifer Celio, Marissa Darcy, Mallory Lowenstein, Cori Madrid, Stephen Sukumaran

**Material Distributed:**

- Agenda
- Minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Draft Work Plan
- Follow-Up on Using the Treatment Cascade for Special Pops
- Planning Council Calendar for April 2013

**Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting Packet/Review of the Minutes:** Sharen Duke welcomed meeting participants. Committee members introduced themselves. Victor Benadava led the moment of silence and acknowledged the death of Ilene “China” Eddie. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet. The minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> were accepted for posting on the Planning Council website at nyhiv.org. Jan Carl Park

requested that future editions of the minutes contain a section on items for follow-up.

**Federal Budget Update:** President Obama released his proposed budget last week. It is dead on arrival but contains signs of continued support for domestic/global HIV/AIDS:

- \$10 million to HIV/ADAP medical clinics
- A huge cut to CDC coupled with a small increase
- An increase of \$472 million to NIH.

This means flat or slightly increased funding for Ryan White. We don't yet know our total award, but the final amount may be relatively good news. Some jurisdictions are being penalized for continuing to use code-based reporting, and jurisdictions using names-based reporting, such as NY, may benefit. Until a final budget is passed, the government will continue to operate under a Continuing Resolution. Graham Harriman announced that the NY EMA received a verbal indication from HRSA that our request for a waiver of the 75/25 core medical/non-core social support service requirement was approved.

**Policy Committee Work Plan:** Sharen Duke stated that she wants the Policy Committee to be part of the planning process as we work to understand the major issues facing the health care delivery system. DOHMH has offered to do the background research and presentations on Medicaid redesign and the Affordable Care Act and how they affect the Ryan White portfolio. These presentations will give us a baseline of knowledge as we work to understand where the opportunity is to address the needs of the Ryan White community and where Ryan White can distinguish itself from Medicaid. The Policy Committee can examine the portfolio and make recommendations to the Integration of Care Committee and the grantee.

Ms. Duke stated that some of these changes won't impact us for a while, but adding a timeline would nevertheless be helpful. Items for inclusion include the insurance exchanges (coming into effect in October 2013) and the Essential Health Benefits. A timeline will help us to determine urgency. Esther Lok noted that comparing State and Federal resources would be helpful. Mr. Park mentioned the importance of having a presentation on the Payer of Last Resort tool that will inform our allocations for FY 14. After examining all of this information and also identifying gaps, we can make recommendations to other committees – for example, we can more easily determine the order in which we should re-bid service categories.

A lot of Ryan White clients will not be rolled into Medicaid and the insurance exchanges. We should continue to look at the needs of the undocumented

and of people in jail, who will not be covered by Medicaid. We can engage the State and other content experts.

**Policy Developments:** New York State's application for an 1115 waiver was approved by the federal government. We should have a presentation on the waiver and its impact on the Ryan White portfolio. The expectation is that \$10 billion may be saved with the State's move into Medicaid managed care.

**Treatment Cascade:** The treatment cascade showing total estimated number of PLWHA, number of PLWHA tested, number tested and linked to care, number linked to care and retained in care, etc., shows that close to half are ultimately lost to care. The biggest drop-off is between linked to care and retained in care. CDC created the original treatment cascade, and many jurisdictions are now looking at their own cascades. New York City is doing better than the country as a whole. The treatment cascade shows us where we need to redouble our efforts.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

**Follow-Up Items:**

DOHMH staff will draft a timeline for and presentations on the unfolding of Medicaid redesign and the implementation of the ACA.

DOHMH staff will present on the 1115 waiver at the May meeting.

DOHMH staff will present on the Payer of Last Resort tool, possibly in July.

Public Health Solutions will be asked to present the descriptions it has been assembling of the goals of each service category.