



Meeting of the
POLICY COMMITTEE
Sharen Duke, Chair

May 20, 2013
AIDS Service Center of NYC
41 East 11th Street, 5th Floor
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Members Present: Kareem Clemons, Sharen Duke, Adrian Guzman, Graham Harriman, Lorna Littner, Paul Meissner

Members Absent: Yves Gebhardt, Sandy Guillaume, Jan Hudis, Matthew Lesieur, Esther Lok, Jan Carl Park, Gloria Searson, Kimberleigh Smith, Lyndel Urbano, Dorella Walters

NYC DOHMH Staff Present: Merline Jean-Casimir, Rafael Molina, Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Anna Thomas

Others Present: Randall Bruce, Billy Fields, Mallory Lowenstein, Jessica Reinhart

Material Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the April 15th Meeting of the Policy Committee
- Presentation on New York State Medicaid Redesign Team and the Affordable Care Act
- Summary of Local Programs in Each Service Category
- Affordable Care Act “Cheat Sheet”
- Planning Council Calendar for May 2013

Welcome/Introductions/Review of the Minutes/Review of the Meeting Packet: Committee Chair Sharen Duke welcomed meeting participants. Attendees introduced themselves. The minutes from the April 15th meeting of the Policy Committee were accepted for posting on the Planning Council website at nyhiv.org. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet.

1115 Waiver: The 1115 waiver has not been approved because of controversy about overbilling in the billions by the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Timeline: The Policy Committee is trying to create a timeline for when external changes to health care policy would impact on our client population. Answers to some of our questions will help us to maintain a level of services for the HIV community in the midst of all these moveable parts. Some of our analysis in the Policy Committee can inform the work of the Integration of Care (IOC) Committee.

New York State Medicaid Redesign: Anna Thomas spoke about Medicaid redesign in New York State. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law in 2010. Some parts, such as coverage of young adults up to age 26 on their parents' health care plans, were implemented right away. Others are coming down the pike very soon. Preventive services such as immunizations will be covered at no cost. Insurance companies must spend 80% of premium dollars on services. In 2014, companies may not charge higher premiums because of gender or health conditions. In addition, there will be no annual limits on essential benefits. Payments to doctors will be based on quality measures. Some Ryan White clients who are currently between 100% and 138% of the federal poverty level may be covered by Medicaid, but a good number of people will still need Ryan White services.

The 1115 Partnership Plan waiver allows New York State to mandate Medicaid managed care for some recipients. The Medicaid Redesign Team waiver amendment is a reinvestment plan for approximately \$10 billion in projected savings from MRT efficiencies (mostly moving people out of FFS and into managed care). All these programs are state-wide, and we don't yet know what percentage of funds will go to New York City.

Dental care is an allowable Ryan White service. We should include it in our portfolio of services as a recommended and allowable service. Health homes and home care should also be on our radar screen. An overall goal is to decrease nursing home care and maintain people in their homes. Patient navigation via peers and community health navigators for changes in Medicaid and the overall health system is an important component of Medicaid redesign.

Paul Meissner noted that some of the material under discussion concerns budget and allocations and asked whether policies and principles are involved. Sharen Duke noted that service should drive policy. Policy and advocacy can help to implement change. Services to the HIV community are under assault. Every chronic disease, she noted, should learn from HIV.

Graham Harriman and Paul Meissner agreed to work on a presentation on dental care, including a local program summary.

Public Comment: No members of the public commented.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.