

















PLANNING COUNCIL
April 23, 2013
Minutes

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	Stan Baker		David Henderson		Paula Rodriguez
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	Jenny Finley		Francine Pratt		Judy Wenzel
	Hector Galvez-Lopez		Sylvia Rawlings		Mark Wilson

PLANNING COUNCIL STAFF

	Gil Flores		Jamie Schield
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 = Present
  = Excused Absence
  = Unexcused Absence

Guests Present: Margie Drake (TCPH), Sametra Anderson (AOC), John Reed (AOC), Michelle Barefield (AOC), Lisa Bell (AOC), Alex Tafolla (AOC), Shawna Stewart (AOC), Aranxta DeKernian (AA), Ted Lovato (SAM), Norbert White (SAM), Bret Camp (AHF), Gerald Murray (TC), DeeJay Johannson (HELP), Danielle Cameron (JPS), Bea Lampka (AOC), Maria Barajas (AOC), Ana Colin-Hernandez (AOC), Brenda Rios (AHS), Melody Cordell (PMC), Edward Lee Redit, Patrick Clay (UNT), Anthony Powell (AOC), Lisa Muttiah (AA), Tracy Willis (AHS), John Corpus (AOC), Aurelio Rodriguez (AOC)

I. Call to Order / Introductions – Randy Parsons, Chair

- a. Randy called the meeting to order at 10:44 am and reminded everyone about conflict of interest disclosures.
- b. Randy asked people to introduce themselves.

II. Planning Council Minutes

- a. The minutes from the March 26, 2013 meeting were approved by consensus.

III. Program

- a. Legislative Issues Affecting HIV Clients
 - i. Jamie Schield started the presentation discussing 4 major concerns – National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS), Ryan White Reauthorization, Implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and 2013 – 2014 Budgets.
 - ii. Jamie talked about Treatment Cascades and how HRSA is working to meet the NHAS.

- iii. He gave an update on Ryan White legislation and said Ryan White is expected to continue as is. However, HRSA may relax the 75/25 rule.
- iv. Jamie added that the HRSA Ryan White budget was the same in the White House, House, and Senate budgets. This is a good thing.
- v. Jamie talked about Sequestration and the federal budget. He and Gil Flores shared some of the exercises they have done with the consumer groups to get input from HIV+ individuals.
- vi. Finally, Planning Staff talked about the Affordable Care Act and its implementation.
- vii. First, staff talked about new acronyms – QHP (Qualified Health Plan), ECP (Essential Community Provider), and FFE (Federally-Facilitated Exchange).
- viii. Jamie and Gil talked about some changes for providers and for clients. In addition, they gave information on helpful websites, including a cost calculator on the Kaiser Family Foundation website.
- ix. It was emphasized that DSHS and most people in Texas are moving forward with Texas utilizing a Federally-Facilitated Exchange.
- x. Planning staff also stressed that although the ACA Health Insurance Exchanges will not start until January 1, 2014, enrollment begins October 1, 2013.
- xi. There were some questions from the group. Staff answered most and explained that as new information becomes available it will be shared with everyone.
- xii. Gil also noted that the ACA will be the topic for all Positive Voices meetings in May.

IV. Report Q & A

- a. There were no questions on the reports.

V. Planning Council Staff Report

- a. There was no report.

VI. Hot Button Issues

- a. There were no issues.

VII. Announcements

- a. The next Planning Council meeting is Tuesday, May 28, 2013 from 10:45 am – 11:45 am at Tarrant County Public Health, 1101 S Main Street @ Rosedale.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.

Submitted by

Gil Flores