



Minutes ☘ Monday August 9th, 2021
4pm-6:30pm

Virtually through Zoom

Council Members Present: *Ray Harris (Washington State Dept. of Health), Richard Prasad (NAPSRA Co-Chair, Country Doctor), Susan Buskin (Dept. of Public Health-Seattle & King County), Michael Louder (Council Co-Chair), Ron Padgett (NAPSRA Co-Chair), Genie Sheth (City of Seattle-Human Services Dept.), Hector Urrunaga-Diaz (Bailey-Boushay House), Lina Stinson-Ali, German Galindo, Gladys Wiessner, Amber Casey (Hepatitis Education Project), Teresia Otieno (Center for Multi-Cultural Health), Andrew Ashiofu (Ad-Hoc Chair), Michael Lidel*

Council Members Absent: *Jonas Nicotra (Membership/Operations Co-Chair), Katie Hara (Council Co-Chair, Madison Clinic), Tony Radovich (System of Care Co-Chair)*

Planning Council Staff Present: Karen Chung, Wilson Pipkin (minutes)

Recipient Staff Present: Linda Coomas (Recipient), Mark Baker (Clinical Quality Management)

Visitors Present: Dennis Worsham (Dept. of Public Health-Seattle & King County), Howard Russell (AIDS Health Foundation), Karen Hartfield (Dept. of Public Health-Seattle & King County), Jake Ketchum (Dept. of Public Health-Seattle & King County), Patricia Ogunmola-Nazzal (Washington State Dept. of Corrections), Jenny McDowall (Merck), Gabriel Silberblatt (City of Seattle-Human Services Dept.), Wanda Vazquez (Janssen), Paul Park (Lifelong), Dennis Torres (Gilead)

Italics denote Planning Council Membership.

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

There will not be an interpreter present due to a family emergency.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Meeting Agenda

The date was updated.

The agenda was approved as amended by acclamation.

IV. Meeting Minutes

There was a grammatical change under NAPSRA Committee Report.

The July minutes were approved as amended by acclamation.

V. Recipient Report

The Ryan White Part A (RWPA) Recipient team is continuing to work on and are almost finished with the contracts and amendments related to awards made through the request for applications (RFA).

Now the big focus is on the RWPA application, which is due October 6, for which a few attendees have received info requests. Thanks was given to folks who have already provided the Recipient with information requested.

Mark has been working with sub-recipient agencies to meet requirements with their proposed Quality Management Plans and providing technical assistance. The next Quality Management Advisory Committee (QMAC) meeting is next week, and attendance is encouraged. QMAC is comprised of sub-recipient agencies and consumers where you can get updates from agencies about the status of their QM plans, and work on the yearly update of the QMAC plan.

<Michael Louder, Wilson Pipkin and Dennis Worsham joined the meeting.>

VI. Visit from Dennis Worsham, Interim Director of Public Health

Dennis came to state gratitude for all the work the Council has done and continues to accomplish through pivots necessitated by COVID-19 in the past 2 years, as well as to be an information source for questions attendees have.

- There was a question about what the general service response in South King County is going to look like. Dennis acknowledged the disproportionality in South King County in COVID rates, economic need, and the need to lean into a race and equity lens in response to community input when providing services.
- The Delta Variant was discussed, and it is more transmissible than previous variants. Vaccinations will prevent, or in breakthrough cases lessen the short and long term health impacts of COVID-19. Masks are still strongly recommended, and there is no recommendation in favor of booster vaccinations yet including for the Johnson & Johnson vaccination.
- He is enjoying the work of the interim position, but the next Director of Public Health should and is being selected through a competitive process.

He thanked the Council again for the work they do in modelling community driven services and highlighted his time on the Council and in over a decade of experience in HIV/STD.

VII. Executive Committee Report

This committee reviewed and approved the carryover request determined by the NAPSRA Committee, discussed meeting protocols, approved the Council's agenda, and heard committee report outs.

VIII. Needs Assessment, Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Committee Report

The total requested carryover of unobligated balances of fiscal year 2020 is \$259,992, made up of:

1. \$223,561 formula
2. \$36,431 Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)
- 3.

The fully funding of budgetary reductions required earlier in the year was suggested and agreed upon. Housing, NMCM-Housing, Food & Meals and Medical Transportation were allocated remaining funds.

Final allocations of carryover funds are:

- MAI funds: \$20,000 to Early Intervention Services (EIS), \$10,844 to Non-Medical Case Management-Minority AIDS Initiative (NMCM-MAI) Black, \$5,587 to NMCM-MAI Latinx
- Formula funds: \$1,151 to Food & Meals, \$75,000 to Housing, \$3,001 to Medical Transportation, \$11,000 to NMCM-Chemical Dependency Support, \$11,000 to NMCM-Engagement and Retention, \$86,000 to NMCM-Housing, \$1,000 to NMCM-Oral Health, \$1,705 to Oral Health, \$1,704 to Oral Health Admin, and \$32,000 to Outpatient Ambulatory Services.

IX. Membership/Operations Committee Report

With no co-chair present, Council staff reported out on the last meeting of this committee where Paul Park's application for Council membership was reviewed and he has been invited for an interview. Further discussion was had on the implicit bias training including contracting Michele Andrasik as the trainer and Council staff working to schedule her in October. The Interview form for Council membership was reviewed and updated.

X. +Caucus Report

The +Caucus did not meet this month.

XI. System of Care Committee Report

This committee is still working on the standards of care for the Food & Meals service category. The committee started a parking lot for issues to address which have come up with other service categories. Next on the list is Early Intervention Services (EIS), with Medical Transportation, Psychosocial Support and the General Standards upcoming. Ron would like to be present for the review of EIS.

XII. Food & Meals Workgroup Report

This workgroup went over Mark's slide deck and data, and the next meeting will be going deeper into data and the tools and strategies available to the Council. The Recipient team sent out a survey to gather data on why funding for food & meals food vouchers went unapplied for and what barriers caused this. Mark will be presenting on the data from this survey and data on questions from members. The suggestion of reaching out to organizations that serve target communities was made. There is not currently a firm timeline for the work of this committee. The next RFA goes out in 2023, and this will be the next time agency applications can be submitted, reviewed and contracted.

XIII. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: 4pm, September 13th, virtually through Zoom.