



Minutes ☞ Monday May 9th, 2022

4pm-6:30pm

Virtually through Zoom

Council Members Present: *Michael Louder (Council Co-Chair), Ray Harris (System of Care Co-Chair, WA State Dept. Of Health), Andrew Ashiofu (Ad-Hoc Chair), Amber Casey (Hepatitis Education Project), Katie Hara (Council Co-Chair, Madison Clinic), Genie Sheth (City of Seattle-Human Services Dept.), Patricia Ogunmola-Nazzal (WA State Dept. Of Corrections), Gladys Wiessner (Center for MultiCultural Health), Tony Radovich (System of Care Co-Chair)*

Council Members Absent: *Ron Padgett, Paul Park (Lifelong), Richard Prasad (NAPSRA Co-Chair, Country Doctor), Hector Urrunaga-Diaz (Bailey-Boushay)*

Planning Council Staff Present: Karen Chung, Wilson Pipkin

Recipient Staff Present: Linda Coomas, Mark Baker, Shila Wu

Visitors Present: Deaunte Damper (Vocal WA), Vanessa Leja (Gilead), Abraham (Spanish/English interpretation)

Italics denote Planning Council Membership.

I. Welcome, Meeting Rule Reminder, Introductions and Announcements

- Deaunte is considering coming back to the Council.
- *Andrew* is running for State Representative of the 37th district.
- May 21st at the AIDS Memorial Pathway (AMP) there will be a free showing of RENT.
- Hepatitis Education Project (HEP) has launched a new website.

II. Meeting Agenda

System of Care Committee would like their report out moved up before the Recipient Report.

The agenda was approved as amended by acclamation.

III. Meeting Minutes

The April minutes were approved as written by acclamation. Andrew abstains.

IV. System of Care Committee Report

- There was a biomedical summit that *Ray* went to in Chicago. Some numbers were pointed out from Seattle which show surprisingly low PrEP uptake.
- Leveraging Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) activities was discussed around referrals and engagement of difficult to access people living with HIV (PLWH).
- The upcoming prioritization and allocation process is a possible time to shift what services are delivered to meet the current need.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Recipient Report

- The final award still has not been received, but end of May is possible.
- There will be a new project officer for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and there is no news on any possible interim.

<German Galindo joined the meeting.>

- Work is being done on the annual year end progress report.

- The National Ryan White Conference is being held virtually in August, and attendance is open to members of the Council with pre-registration.

VII. HRSA Site Visit: July 11-July 15

- With the upcoming site visit, Councilmembers will be receiving some paperwork to fill out that is missing or out of date.
- There will be meetings with the Council regarding this visit, and staff will send out info and invites.

VIII. Executive Committee Report

- Council staff sent out a survey regarding in person attendance and Councilmember desire for this. The state will be reinstating the requirement to provide a physical location for public meetings, and staff would like to know how many folks to plan for in finding a space. Travel support will be available again for unaligned consumers joining meetings in person.
- Council staff will also be gathering input on in person meeting guidelines.

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

- The performance and expenditures data will be reviewed next month in order to allow folks more time to review it.
- Consumer needs assessment has over 250 responses currently, with the goal being 300. Council staff has been providing in person surveys and has one more in person session in Snohomish County this week.

<Eve Lake joined the meeting.>

- The provider needs assessment is in progress, with the content of the survey being finalized at the last meeting. An graduate student from University of Washington will be assisting in putting the survey into RedCap, and analyzing the data. The survey should go live this month, to be filled out by one person per agency on behalf of the agency. This survey will be sent out to HIV providers, not just those receiving Ryan White funds. Part B colleagues may have some overlapping work with this survey.

<Lina Stinson-Ali joined the meeting.>

- The PSRA process is coming up and will take place over the months of June and July. The goal is to have the funding package for review by the August Council meeting, with weekly meetings to accomplish this. These meetings will all be accessible virtually, and the committee will decide if some want to meet in person as well.
- This committee is getting low on members, and this does not allow for diverse perspectives to inform service prioritization and funding decisions. Any volunteers to join the PSRA process or the committee are welcome.

X. +Caucus Report

- Recruitment and the need for consumer membership and participation was discussed.
- The Washington State Healthcare Authority is attempting to limit access to more expensive HIV treatments. There have been issues around transparency and accountability on this matter.

XI. Membership/Operations Committee Report

- Alora Gale has applied to rejoin the Council as a Ryan White Part D provider recipient of Women, Infants, Children & Youth (WICY) funds.

MOTION: Eve moves to approve Alora Gale for membership on the Council.

Discussion: She stepped away from the Council previously due to COVID.

The motion passed with the following vote:

- In favor – 11 – *Amber, Eve, Katie, Michael, Ray, Andrew, Genie, Patricia, German, Gladys, Lina*
- Opposed -0-
- Abstaining -0-

XII. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 13th, 2022, 4pm. virtually through Zoom.