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Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council

Minutes of the Meeting of October 19, 2010

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Meeting Attendance

Present¹	M. Becketts C. Edmonds J. Fleming V. Burrell-Gibson R. Green R. Haden C. Harvey Sr. D. Kelson J. Keruly	C. Massey A. Middleton M. Reese D. Rock (Proxy for R. Johnson) R. Rubino W. Samuel D. Shamer L. Sowah J. Ungard (Proxy for R. Matens)
Absent	S. Alston D. Clark C. Brown R. Gore-Simmons T. Hawkins M. Moaney	D. Smith B. Thomas-El J. Winslow
Visitors	K. Bellesky** M. Brazil D. Brewer T. Broody L. Brown A. Caroline G. Childs G. Clark M. Cole R. Disharoon** A. Duvall K. English S. Ernest B. Fitzsimmons** D. Henson**	A. Fowlkes** K. Hale P. Henry M. Hitch** T. Jones N. Knosla J. McNamara H. Newton T. Parker R. Parish B. Purdy D. Rivera C. Smith E. Walsh
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¹ Attendance is based on sign-in sheet.

* Present but did not sign-in.

** Pending appointment to the planning council.

Staff	D. Behrendt D. Gorham C. Lacanienta	J. Reed E. Saber N. Slaughter
Handouts	Meeting agenda (October 19, 2010). Final action items and updates (October 19, 2010). Draft planning council packet (October 2010). Grantee report (October 2010). Draft Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism. Draft Medical Transportation Standards of Care Counties FY 2010 PSRA Motions EMA-Wide FY 2011 PSRA Motions Bio Sketches	

Executive summary

The meeting convened with quorum at 6:44 p.m.²

The council received presentations from Glen Clark from IDEHA and Trecia Broddy from Medicaid.

The planning council approved the following motions during the September planning council meeting:

- Approving the FY 2011 EMA-Wide and Counties Priority Setting motions
- Closing nominations for planning council chair, vice chair and Nominating Committee in November 2010.
- Approving Medical Transportation Standards of Care.
- Agreed that nominees will give a three minute speech at the next planning council meeting that may include the nominee's opinions on: 1) health care reform; 2) plans for the future of the planning council; 3) thoughts on the future of Ryan White and 4) the future of planning council leadership
- Approved the following directive for implementation in FY 2011:
"To fund an OAHs Viral Load Testing vendor capable of providing electronic test results."
- Placed two individuals on the pool list and sent one name to the mayor's office for appointment.

The Part A grantee announced information on the Part A Administration including the resignation of R. Matens, updates on the application for the FY 2011 Part A grant, the Clinical Quality Management program, city health department updates, program support services, and technical assistance and capacity building events.

² Quorum is defined as attendance of at least 51 percent of membership.

Neither the Ryan White Part B (Part D) nor Part D representative reported for the Ryan White Part B (Part B) representative. The official report can be found in the October planning council packet.

Committee co-chairs reported on their respective committee's activities:

- The Comprehensive Planning Committee Finalized directives submitted by planning council and Counties Committee members from the FY 2011 Part A and MAI priority setting conferences. The committee agreed to submit one directive to the grantee and several others have been referred to committees for further research.
- The Continuum of Care Committee finalized the Medical Transportation Standards of Care and approved them to be moved to the planning council for a vote.
- After review of the workplan for the October committee meeting, the October Counties Committee meeting was canceled. The next Counties Committee meeting will be 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on November 9, 2010 at the Baltimore County Health Department located at 6401 York Road, 3rd Floor, Baltimore, MD 21212. The joint reprogramming meeting with the Evaluation Committee will occur from 3:00-5:00 p.m. immediately following the November Counties Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Baltimore County Health Department.
- The Evaluation Committee Debriefed its process for conducting the assessment of the administrative mechanism and reviewed the evaluation tools and questionnaires used in the process. The committee rescheduled the seven-month Part A and MAI reprogramming meeting from November 2, 2010, which is Election Day, to November 9, 2010 at the Baltimore County Health Department. Reprogramming with the Counties Committee begins at 3:00 p.m. followed by reprogramming for the EMA at 5:00 p.m. The committee forwarded the first grading tool for the assessment of the administrative mechanism to the council for review and feedback
- The Nominating Committee reviewed applications and attendance records. The committee recommended two applicants to be placed onto the pool list and one person for appointment to the planning council.
- The People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A) Committee received a presentation by the Baltimore City Health Department's Clinical Quality Management program regarding health literacy. During the meeting the committee decided to continue discussion on its current position paper on the Patient Bill of Rights during its next meeting. The committee also discussed PLWH/A Committee meeting attendance and the impact of Health Care reform on Ryan White.

The planning council support office (PCSO) reported its activities over the course of the month and reminded the council that it was there to assist with anything planning council related.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Proceedings

Introductions

The chair convened the meeting with introductions and the roll call, the chair announced that the review of the minutes would be held off until after the special reports.

The announced the passing of former planning council member Synthia Smith. A moment of silence followed.

Chair's Report

The chair:

- Thanked the Baltimore City Health Department, the Planning Council Support Office and planning council members for their work on preparing our application to HRSA by the October 18, 2010 deadline
- Reminded the planning council that the seven-month reprogramming for Part A and MAI FY 2010 will be held next month.
- Addressed the pending 2013 Ryan White reauthorization and the recent Health Care Reform. The chair stressed that the planning council must maintain its role as a federally mandated, decision-making body with the goal of ensuring and maintaining services for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/As).
- Announced that in the coming months, the planning council will be working with state, local and national partners to receive presentations and updates on health care reform and what it means for PLWH/As.
- Announced that during this months planning council meeting, the council will receive special reports from the council Medicaid representative Alice Middleton's boss Tricia Roddy; and our Part B representative Monique Hitch's boss Glenn Clark from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. These presentations to the council will occur following the Chair's Report on the agenda under Special Reports.

Special Reports

Health Care reform: Medicaid Impact-Tricia Roddy.

Highlights of presentation:

- Health Care expands Medicaid to individuals with incomes to 133% of the federal poverty level in 2014.
- Eligibility is based on modified adjusted gross income for most groups with no asset or resource test.
- Provides state option to expand Medicaid coverage to childless adults with regular match starting April 1, 2010.
- Extends SCHIP through 2015.
- Maintains Medicaid eligibility for adults until 2014 and for children in Medicaid and SCHIP until 2019.

- Incentives for prevention of chronic diseases in Medicaid.
- HHS will award states starting Jan 1, 2011
- Provides a health home for individual with chronic conditions.
- Interim report shows Health reform will save \$821 million over 10 year and cut uninsured in half by 2017.
- Savings estimates reflect Maryland's prior investment in improving access to care.
- In 2010, 151,879 could be enrolled in the health care plan by 2020 it could increase to 358,710.
- Medicare will cover almost a million people nationwide when health care reform goes into effect.
- Workgroups have been set up to examine these areas:
 - Health Insurance Exchange and Insurance Markets
 - Entry to Coverage
 - Outreach and Education
 - Public Health, safety net and special populations
 - Health Care Workforce
 - Health Care Delivery System

Health Reform and HIV Services in the Future: Glenn Clark

Highlights about Health care Reform

- 32 million will gain coverage by 2019.
- Mandates that many U.S. Citizens and Legal Residents maintain health insurance by 2014.
- Illegal immigrants are not eligible.
- Incarcerated individuals are not covered.
- Coverage under Ryan Whit program and ADAP do not meet the federal mandate for health insurance.
- Employers with 50 or more employees must provide insurance or face penalties.
- Eliminates co-payment for preventive services and exempts preventive services from deductible under Medicare program.
- Provides \$250 rebate to Medicare beneficiaries who hit the donut hole in 2010
- In 2011 there will be a 50% discount on prescription drugs for those client who are in the Medicare "donut hole."
- Beginning in 2011 allows ADAP expenditures to count toward true out of pocket (TrOOP) costs.
- Health care reform will begin to phase down of "donut hole" to 25% by 2020
- Requires establishment of centralized state-based marketplaces to purchase insurance by 2014.
- Bans discrimination based on health status-High Risk Pools until 2014
- No longer permitted to deny coverage based on health history.
- Bans lifetime caps on coverage.
- Bans discrimination against children with pre-existing conditions.

Impact on HIV Care

Highlights:

- Reduces discrimination by health plans due to health status.
- Sets new income standards to 133% of federal poverty level.
- Begins to close the “donut hole” for Medicare Part D
- 36% of PLWH/A only have Medicaid.
- 17% of PLWH/A’s have access to private insurance.
- There is potential for many current Ryan White clients to be covered by Medicaid or by private insurance exchange.
- Ryan White intake will need to be altered
 - Providers will need to ensure infrastructure in place for billing of various payers.
- Ryan White provider will most likely continue to be:
 - Entry point for newly diagnosed
 - The provider for those without insurance
 - The entry point for those re-engaging in the health care delivery system
 - Facilitators of the new system
- Consumers and providers need to be aware of wrap around services
- Ryan White needs to be reauthorized in 2013 before we know what health care reform will do.
- The feds will decide what monies go into the Ryan White program until new RW system is implemented.

Question and answer session:

R. Green: Federal dollars shifted from individuals to communities. What is your definition of community and institution?

Answer: The health care reform bill defines it for us. That is one of the unknowns. The definition could change once we get the answers from the federal government

C. Massey: What impacts will this have on the most at-risk populations? What kind of planning has been done to ensure these individuals continue to access services?

Answer: Even from cost estimates we know that they have more disabilities and require more services and those services are built into the costs. The Medicaid providers are already stretched. The federal government will make sure the we Medicaid pays what they pay

C. Massey: What about the community side? No mention of anything about the community planning.

Answer: One workgroup does work on outreach. We are working on how to take step to ensure that everyone is covered. The question is bigger than health care reform. The process for feedback you can look at the website and attend meetings and provide them feedback.

D. Brown (visitor): How do you see the transition for providers? How do you see those providers who are on the ground and community based being impacted by health care reform?

Answer: A lot depends on what is billable around outreach. No one knows yet. There are monies from other services and funds but we can't predict what is going to happen. Current providers need to get on the "billing bandwagon" with them. Providers need to look at their current system and determine what is available.

J.Keruly: A 50% match needs to be done now but there is an enhanced match at the federal level in 2014. Why would a state enroll now when the split would be 50-50 in 2015.

Answer: If the state dollars are available then why not apply?

The chair notified the audience that is if there were any additional more questions they can be forwarded to Intergroup Services using the card that was on their seat.

Review of Minutes

The council reviewed the September 15, 2010 minutes.

Motion	To approve the September 15, 2010 minutes
Proposed by	D.Kelson
Seconded by	R.Rubino
Action	Passed, 0 objections, 1 abstention

The council reviewed the EMA-wide and Counties Priority Setting motions for approval.

Motion	To approve the FY 2011 EMA-Wide Priority Setting motions
Proposed by	D.Kelson
Seconded by	R.Rubino
Action	Passed, 0 objections, 1 abstention

Motion	To approve the FY 2011 Counties Priority Setting motions
Proposed by	D.Kelson
Seconded by	C.Harvey
Action	Passed, 0 objections, 1 abstention

Grantee's Report

The Part A grantee reported the following:

Part A Administration

- The Grantee's Office is collaborating with the Planning Council Support Office, Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration and other Part A funded programs to develop the FY 2011 Part A application due to HRSA October 18th. A new component was added this year; Early Identification of

Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA), that constitutes one-third of the total application score.

- On October 22nd R. Matens will resign from the Baltimore City Health Department to assume a new position with the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine as the administrator of a new Center for Cardiovascular Disease health Disparities. R. Matens expressed his regards in leave and stated that his 7 ½ years with Ryan White was the most rewarding of his career.
- The Grantee's office awarded Baltimore County \$50,000 through Part A dollars to conduct capacity building initiatives that include involving the development of policies and linkage to care for newly indentified individuals.
- Grantee is working with a vendor to contract out the development of a consumer resource guide similar to the passport to managed care. The project should be completed during the later part of the program year.
- FY 2011 RFP should be released around November 15th. As of now Medical Transpiration and Food Bank are up for bid
- The grantee reported that the FY 2009 MAI year ended on July 31, 2010. The year-end expenditure, as of this report, was 96.32 percent.
- Two new awards were given within the Outreach Services service category to conduct outreach services directed toward youth age 18-24.

Clinical Quality Management (CQM) Program

- The first meeting of the Health Literacy Advisor Panel occurred on October 12th attended by providers and consumers.
- Dr. Evelyn Bradley will be participating in the National Quality Center(NQC) to technical assistance web-conference entitled, "improving Health Literacy"

Baltimore City Health Department

- The grantee announced the launch of a new health department website: www.baltimorehealth.org.
- Five programmatic comprehensive site visits conducted this period. There were no corrective action plans issued based on the findings.

Program Support Services

- The grantee submitted an outline for future program activities by the Taylor-Wilkes Group.

Grantee/HRSA Sponsored Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

- Ryan White Part A Provider meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2010 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Sheppard Pratt Conference Center. FY 2011 competitive bidder's conference will also be held as the first part of the day long agenda.
- The grantee noted that five programmatic site visits were conducted and that there were no corrective action plans issued based on finding.

Part B Report

The Part B representative did not report this month.

Part D Report

The Part D representative did not report this month.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

The chair reported that Executive Committee met on October 13, 2010 and:

- Directed the Continuum of Care Committee to review the Child Care standards of care again due to concerns about validity of data and contractual language being included in the standards.
- Discussed the appointment letters and the upcoming planning council elections for 2011.
 - It was noted by the mayor's office has had the letters since August 17, 2010.

Motion:

- To close nominations for planning council chair, vice chair and Nominating Committee in November 2010.

Motion	To close nominations for planning council chair, vice chair and Nominating Committee in November 2010.
Proposed by	J.Keruly
Seconded by	D.Rock
Action	Passed, 0 objections, 0 abstentions

- For nominees to give a three minute speech at the next planning council meeting that includes the nominee's opinions on: 1) health care reform; 2) plans for the future of the planning council; 3) thoughts on the future of Ryan White and 4) the future of planning council leadership.
 - A number of council members felt as if the content of speech should be up to the speaker and that the points in the motion should be a minimum. J. Keruly suggested that the motion could be changed to imply a recommendation instead of a mandate.
 - D.Rock added that the nominee should be able to address these issues. The chair represents the planning council not the individual
 - J.Keruly noted it would be behoove them to address those issues if they want a vote.

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Proposed by	J.Keruly
Seconded by	M.Reese
Amendment	Replace “that includes the nominee’s opinions” with “may include the nominee’s opinions.”
Proposed by	R.Rubino
Seconded by	R.Haden
Action	Amendment Passed, 5 objections, 0 abstentions
Action	Passed, 0 objections, 1 abstentions

Comprehensive Planning Committee:

The committee co-chair reported that the committee met on September 23, 2010 and:

- Finalized directives submitted by planning council and Counties Committee members from the FY 2011 Part A and MAI priority setting conferences. The committee agreed to submit one directive to the grantee and several others have been referred to committees for further research.

Motion: To approve the following directive for implementation in FY 2011:

“To fund an OAHs Viral Load Testing vendor capable of providing electronic test results.”

Motion	To approve the following directive for implementation in FY 2011: <i>“To fund an OAHs Viral Load Testing vendor capable of providing electronic test results.”</i>
Proposed by	C.Harvey
Seconded by	D.Kelson
Action	Passed, 1 objections, 1 abstentions

- C. Edmonds noted to the grantee that viral load is just one half what happen to the CD4?
 - Grantee: We can ask for both when the data come to contracts.
- There were concerns from the council regarding if the provide could actually do what the directive is suggesting.
 - PSCO: This is a new request. We are basically asking the grantee to bid out this category.
 - The grantee confirmed that they would have to bid this out again.

Continuum of Care Committee:

The committee co-chair reported that the committee met on October 6, 2010 and:

- Finalized the Medical Transportation Standards of Care and approved them to be moved to the planning council for a vote.

Motion: To approve the final draft Medical Transportation Standards of Care.

Motion	To approve the final draft Medical Transportation Standards of Care.”
Proposed by	M.Becketts
Seconded by	D.Kelson
Action	Passed, 0 objections, 0 abstentions

- Announced that the first draft of Oral health Care would be sent out for stakeholder review and input.
- Closed nominations for committee chairs.

Counties Committee:

The committee co-chair reported the following:

- After review of the workplan for the October committee meeting, the October Counties Committee meeting was canceled.
- The next Counties Committee meeting will be 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on November 9, 2010 at the Baltimore County Health Department located at 6401 York Road, 3rd Floor, Baltimore, MD 21212.
- The joint reprogramming meeting with the Evaluation Committee will occur from 3:00-5:00 p.m. immediately following the November Counties Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Baltimore County Health Department.

Evaluation Committee:

The committee co-chair reported that the committee met on October 4, 2010 and:

- Debriefed its process for conducting the assessment of the administrative mechanism and reviewed the evaluation tools and questionnaires used in the process.
- Rescheduled the seven-month Part A and MAI reprogramming meeting from November 2, 2010, which is Election Day, to November 9, 2010 at the Baltimore County Health Department. Reprogramming with the Counties Committee begins at 3:00 p.m. followed by reprogramming for the EMA at 5:00 p.m.
- Forwarded the first grading tool for the assessment of the administrative mechanism to the council for review and feedback.
- Closed nominations for committee chairs.

Nominating Committee:

The committee chair reported the committee met on October 11, 2010 and:

- Reviewed all pool list members and received updates on each committee member's buddy.
- Recommended one applicant and one pool list member for appointment to fill the two seats currently vacant as a result of the planning council's September decision to recommend to the Mayor the removal of two members for violating attendance policies.
- Reviewed two applications and received three new applications that were distributed for interviews.
- Reviewed committee attendance responsibilities and agreed to continue tracking

- committee attendance at the November Nominating Committee meeting.
- M. Ward has been nominated to fill vacancy to the planning council

Motions:

- To move T. White to the pool list.

Motion	To move T. White to the pool list.
Proposed by	M.Reese
Seconded by	D.Kelson
Action	Passed, 0 objections, 0 abstentions

- To move R. Alexander to the pool list.

Motion	To move R. Alexander to the pool list.
Proposed by	M.Reese
Seconded by	D.Kelson
Action	Passed, 0 objections, 0 abstentions

- To forward D. Brewer's name to the mayor for appointment onto the council.

Motion	To forward D. Brewer's name to the mayor for appointment onto the council
Proposed by	M.Reese
Seconded by	D.Kelson
Action	Passed, 0 objections, 0 abstentions

People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A) Committee:

A member of PLWH/A Committee reported that the committee met on September 22, 2010 and:

- Met with members of the Baltimore City Health Department to discuss its Health Literacy research project and provided feedback.
- Decided to continue discussion on its current position paper on the Patient Bill of Rights at its October 20, 2010 meeting that will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Baltimore Behavioral Health Center. All People living with HIV/AIDS are welcomed to attend.
- Opened nominations for 2011 PLWH/A Committee co-chairs and Members-at-large. Discussed PLWH/A Committee meeting attendance and the impact of Health Care reform on Ryan White.

Planning Council Support Office Report

The PCSO office gave the following report:

- Completed work on the planning council relevant sections of the HSRA application.
- The PCSO team provided technical support and produced meeting minutes, agendas and notices for the planning council meeting, and six committee meetings.
- Assisted the PLWH/A Committee with hosting its meet-and-greet for consumers and LEAP students.
- Assisted the planning council with hosting a series of presentations on health care reform.
- Reminded the planning council that the support staff is here to help nominees with speech or anything else.

New Business

Viewing for Cynthia Smith on October 20

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Motion	To adjourn.
Proposed by	D. Kelson
Seconded by	M. Reese
Action	Passes, 0 abstention, 0 objections