

GREATER HARTFORD RYAN WHITE PART A PLANNING COUNCIL

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Planning Council Meeting Minutes
999 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT
Greater Hartford Legal Aid 3rd Floor
July 11th, 2018 12:30 – 3 pm

Members Present: Alice Ferguson, Andre McGuire, Bill Petrosky, Charna Teasley, Clifford Lumpkin, Danielle Warren Dias, Danielle Green, Jesse Grant, Loyd Johnson, Luis Martinez, Nitza Agosto, Shanay Hall, Valarie Ingram, Ruth Garcia, Maria Rodriguez

Members Absent: Dawn Louzada, Diana Fortin, Jovany Rolon, Monica Martinez, Rhonda Parsons, Zaida Hernandez

Guests Present: Hector; Mercy Housing Representative, Marie Raynor, Bradford Briggs

City of Hartford Present: Angelique Croasdale, Tom Williams, Anila Ceka, Peta-Gaye Nembhard

Staff Present: Sou Thammavong, Shane Putney, Amy Joseph

I. Call to order at 12:02 PM

II. Welcome and Ground Rules

III. Review & Approve Minutes for 6/27/18

- a. The minutes were reviewed, with a correction that Loyd was present. Motion to Accept the Minutes with the correction was made by **Nitza** Seconded by **Danielle**. The minutes were approved with 8 votes to accept with 1 abstention.

IV. 12:15 PM Nominated Co-Chair speeches & Voting by Ballot

After Co Chair speeches by Clifford and Alice, the nominees were asked to leave the room for discussion. **Clifford** was elected as the new Co Chair by majority votes by the Planning Council Members.

V. 12:40 PM Additional data from Sue Speers on Late Testers in our TGA

At the previous PC meeting, data about Late Testers was requested and it was provided.

Angelique mentions that White females tend to seroconvert faster than other groups. **Jesse** mentions that he does not see a lot of focus on females over 50 years of age. **Angelique** responds by saying the majority of the people who are served are over 50+ and the Data here is specific to late testers.

2017 Carry Over and July 2018 Reallocation

As of July 5th 2018 there was \$98,875 Carryover from 13 Service Categories. According to the City of Hartford Utilization Data Presentation, it was Proposed to Allocate funds to Outpatient/Ambulatory, Oral Health Care, Mental Health and Housing Services. It was reminded that the Housing Category is broken down between Housing and Emergency Financial Assistance. **Jesse** mentions that in Housing, \$10k goes fast and needs more of an increase. **Andre** asks if \$50k will most likely to be used in Oral Health Care. **Nitza** mentions that Part C pulled the plug from Oral Health and they have received another cut, she would like to keep the Proposal as is. **Angelique** adds that the money will be used to expand fee for services, caps and the newly funded site to expand services.

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With no other discussion or questions **Nitza** Motions to Accept the Proposed Allocation to Carryover Funds into Outpatient/Ambulatory, Oral Health Care, Mental Health and Housing Services. **Jesse** Seconds the Motion, 13 Votes in favor, Motion Approved.

VI. Priorities Voting & Certification

The Voting Member Certification & Priorities Worksheet for FY 2019 was explained, and time was given for members to fill out rankings based off of Data Presentations. To **Alice's** question why Linguistic Services is listed, HRSA requires Planning Council to list all service categories even if Part A doesn't fund. Rankings from 16 Members resulted in the 2019 Priority Ranking below.

Priorities Worksheet for FY 2019			
<u>Type</u>	<u>Service Category</u>	<u>2018 Priority</u>	<u>2019 Priority</u>
NON-CORE	Psychosocial Support Services	5	1
NON-CORE	Housing Services	3	2
NON-CORE	Emergency Financial Assistance	8	3
CORE	Mental Health Services	7	4
CORE	Medical Case Mgt (incl Treatment Adher)	1	5
CORE	Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services	2	6
CORE	Oral Health Care	6	7
CORE	Substance Abuse Services - Outpatient	10	8
CORE	Early Intervention Services	9	9
CORE	Health Ins Premium & Cost Sharing Assist	11	10
NON-CORE	Medical Transportation Services	4	11
NON-CORE	Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals	12	12
NON-CORE	Case Management (non-Medical)	13	13
CORE	Medical Nutrition Therapy	14	14
CORE	AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)	15	15
CORE	Home & Community-based Health Services	16	16
NON-CORE	Outreach Services	18	17
NON-CORE	Legal Services	17	18
NON-CORE	Substance Abuse Services - Residential	19	19
NON-CORE	Linguistics Services	20	20

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While PCSS entered in Priorities to the excel database, the Council jumped to Agenda Item VIII. Public Comments and there was no public comments. Moved to Agenda Item IX. Other Business/Announcements. Fight the Stigma KiKi by HIV Advocates, in collaboration with Hartford Youth HIV Identification and Linkage consortium (HYHIL) from 5-10pm at the Chrysalis Center 255 Homestead Avenue, Hartford this Saturday 7/14/18 was announced and **Danielle W** explained what a KiKi was and how the movement came out of the 80s in the MSM communities. Bill shared that competitors must be tested, and Greater Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective is providing free STD testing. Test & Text (& PrEP) Outreach at the Festival of Jazz Bushnell Park Saturday 7/21/18 4:30 – 8:30 pm – sign up for volunteering details. HCV outreach with PrEP information. Urgent Care PrEP Outreach, second round on Friday 8/10/18 9:30 – 11 am. CHS Health Fair Aug 16, 11am-3pm with backpacks, cool prizes, food, and participation. Nitza will send out flyer soon.

VII. Allocation 2019

Tom explains the Allocation Process according to the Planned Service Template for Formula + Supplemental and Minority AIDS Initiative. He also reminds the Council that 75% funding must be in CORE Services and 25% NON-CORE Services. **Nitza** asks for clarification that Administration and Quality Management cannot be moved in this process. **Tom** states that is correct, it can be adjusted when it moves to Reallocation. **Danielle** asks What is the .6 of \$1,896,375 = \$16,000 just in case it needs to be moved out of CORE into NON-CORE. **Angelique** stated that amount also acts as a buffer just in case money is over/under spent.

Andre asks the Council to set a percentage for Step 1 in the Planned Service Template if the 2019 Award decreases OR increases by X% for the Planning Council to Reconvene to set a new Allocation. **Danielle W** Motioned to keep Step 1 at 15%, **Nitza** Seconded the Motion. With no other discussion, 12 votes in favor, no objections or abstentions. Motion Approved.

Andre asks the Council to move to *Step 2* and set percentages if the 2019 Award increases OR decreases versus the 2018 Award to apply these allocation percentages. **Danielle W** wanted to discuss lowering Service Category (SC) 10 Substance Abuse Services since it was Prioritized at 19 and it returned about \$19,000 to give to Psychosocial. **Angelique** reminds the Council that a suboxone program was added and if the line item changes, it could be detrimental to the Provider. **Alice** reiterates that Part A Funds are a Payor of Last Resort and she asks Nitza if her clients can get services elsewhere. **Nitza** shares that her program has a cap per provider for suboxone which poses a barrier for those who try to connect to services, if there is a reduction in services, you reduce the usage. **Andre** redirects discussion back to Step 2 where it asks the Council to set percentage limits for award increase or decrease to apply percentages.

Tom notes that if they wanted to move money somewhere else it must be within the 15% of last year +/-, if the Council decides to keep within the 15% the City of Hartford can prorate and set priorities regardless of funding and without reconvening with the Council to set a new percentage. When receiving an award, they are using the percentage based on the chart. Planning Council agrees that Step 2 doesn't need to be voted on again, since Step 1 defines 15%. Step 2 will also be 15%.

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Shift Funding in Formula + MAI

Angelique reminds that votes must be based off Data, Service Need and Usage and not emotional. **Nitza** shares that she doesn't see a significant change, except for Substance Abuse which was due to a vacancy, in terms of planned and actuals, Motions to keep Service Category 1,2,6,7,9,10,11 as is. **Loyd** Seconded the Motion. Discussion: **Danielle W** notes that there is a trend of underspending in CORE services, and a Waiver is still needed to change the 75% CORE/25% NON-CORE. Money should move to Non-Core Service categories like Housing, Psychosocial Support since Peer to Peer encounters meet more people. CT cannot even apply for more money from SAMHSA. **Angelique** adds that just because the same people are using the same services does not mean there is a lack of need, for some, it is a lifelong need. **Tom** shares that in 2016 Substance Abuse spent almost all their funding with under \$2,000 unspent and a few thousand unspent in Mental Health. This leaves CORE with \$12,000 unspent and non-core with \$9,000 unspent. Refocused to FY 19, and no other, 3 Votes in Favor, 7 Opposed, with 3 Abstentions. The Motion was Defeated.

Danielle W Motions to move \$10,000 from CORE to NONCORE Psychosocial Support, with money to come out of each CORE Service Categories to be Allocated to NON-CORE. **Alice** Seconded the motion, Discussion: **Nitza** states that Psychosocial was underspend last year by almost \$4,000. **Charna** (2:13) shares that at ACT there wasn't a lot of Peer Support Specialists or Peers in their programs, and more peers are now being hired. **Alice** states Psychosocial is relatively new and that hopefully, agencies are abiding by the Directives to educate and train peers. **Jesse** asks how they are doing in terms of performance and **Andre** referred him back to the data booklet. **Nitza** is still having difficulty understanding that even with underspending, the number of encounters increased, also reminded folks of Part D's Positive Self-Management Groups that are paying Peers to facilitate. With no other discussion, 12 in favor, 1 Opposed, Motion Carried.

Alice Motions to leave everything the same expect the \$10,000 we just voted on. Seconded by **Danielle W**, with no other discussion, 12 in favor with no objections or abstention. Motion Carried.

Nitza states that based on the data, Emergency Financial Assistance; Medication was underspent by \$5,000. She Motioned to reduce EFA; Medication Fee for Service by \$5,000 to put into Housing Services. Seconded by **Jesse**. Discussion: **Danielle W** noted the 2018 \$5,000 Housing Carryover. **Nitza** amended her Motion to take \$5,000 out of EFA to Move into Housing, prorated for both EFA & Housing. Tom to prorate the money evenly out of EFA subcategories into Housing's Categories. Seconded by **Jesse**, no further discussion, 13 votes in Favor, no objections or abstentions. Motion Carried.

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Charna Motion to keep remaining categories as is, with exception to the 2 changes above, Seconded by **Jesse**, with no further discussion, 12 in Favor, no objections or abstentions. The Motion Carries.

Danielle W Motions to keep Minority AIDS Initiative CORE as is. **Nitza** Seconds, Discussion: Angelique states that MAI funding is used for Medical Case Management, Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services and Housing. This is money put aside from the Congressional Black Caucus based on a formula since 1999. With no other discussion, 11 in Favor with no objections or abstentions.

Danielle W Motions to keep MAI Support Services as is, Seconded by Charna, with no other discussion, 12 in Favor with no objections or abstentions. Motion Carried.

Alice Motioned to Allocate 75.2%CORE / 24.8% NON-CORE, Seconded by **Luis**, with no other discussion, 11 in Favor with no objections and 1 abstention. Concluding the Priority Setting Session for FY 19-20.

VIII. No Public Comments

IX. Next Meeting

- a. Wednesday September 5th, 2018 12 – 3 pm 999 Asylum Ave

X. Evaluation Raffle Winners: Luis, Clifford, Charna

XI. 2:55 pm Adjournment