

Ryan White EMA Planning Council

New Haven and Fairfield Counties



Heidi Jenkins & Joanne Montgomery, Co-Chairs

Strategic Planning & Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 6, 2014
Start Time: 10:14am
End Time: 11:50am
Location: Burrough's Community Center
Presiding Chair: Heidi Jenkins
Recorder: Sara Seaburg

Summary of Committee Business Votes

- Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2014 meeting

Council Member Assignments

- Attend Committee/Council meetings as outlined in the Council Bylaws
- Provide ideas for 2014 PCAT for Strategic Planning & Assessment Committee

Staff Member Assignments

(1.0) Moment of Silence

Heidi Jenkins called the meeting to order at 10:14am. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of all who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

(2.0) Welcome and Introduction

All participants introduced themselves.

(3.0) Co-Chair Announcements

There were none.

(4.0) Approval of February 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the **February 6, 2014** minutes was made by Joanne Montgomery and seconded by Beverly Leach

For: (7) Torres, Kidder, Sharma, Leach, Montgomery, Stewart, Tierney

Against: (0)

Abstain: (3) Garofalo, Romanik, Jenkins

(5.0) New Business/Old Business

a. Review the Strategic Planning and Assessment Planning Council Activity Timeline

The Committee reviewed the Planning Council Activity Timeline and determined that everything was on track.

b. Review Scope of Work for Next Year

This was completed last month at SPA



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c. Review Implementation of Health Care Reform/National HIV/AIDS Strategy and its Impact on Ryan White

1. It was reported that there are approximately 100,000 new enrollees in Access Health. Access Health is first in the process of enrolling in health insurance and from there individuals will be directed to Medicaid, The Marketplace to select a plan, etc. based on their income level. There is currently a back log on issuing insurance cards to all enrollees and this is currently being worked on.
2. From this point forward for new clients to Medicaid, there will be no spend down.
3. Many viewpoints and understandings of the health insurance process were shared and information exchanged regarding individual scenarios with clients.
4. State of CT DPH researched all of the health insurance possibilities for individuals living with HIV/AIDS to find the best one for them. Staff will request this information from the State of CT DPH and do a side by side comparison to the offerings from Health Access and have this for next month.
5. This issue of co-pays was discussed for clients who cannot afford these.
6. The idea was presented to gather all questions and perhaps have a presentation that would help to answer these.

d. Identify Datasets/Needs for PSRA and Coordinate with Other Committees to Facilitate the Exchange of Information

Jeff presented the (3) scenarios discussed at the Ad Hoc Meeting regarding the reduction in award.

1. 5% reduction across the board – There were positive opinions heard about this and it was decided that this scenario was the most agreed upon one which will move forward to Planning to Council with explanation for final approval

A motion to approve this scenario and move forward to Planning Council for final approval was made by Joanne Montgomery and seconded by Tom Kidder.

2. Apply cut based on PC FY2014 SC % - This was discussed and there were varying opinions about this calculation.
3. Apply cut across all regions – this was discussed and it was decided that this scenario would not move forward

e. Review Framework for PSRA

A suggestion was made that we look at the way we work the calculations for PSRA with reduced funding and we may want to come forward with different scenarios based on different potential funding reductions.

(6.0) Parking Lot Items

1. When discussing Directives also look at how we deliver services, what does Ryan White funding provide. Financial eligibility may require Ryan White moves to a closed system where every person has a MCM to better determine client counts and eligibility or a process to make sure financial eligibility is determined within the guidelines from HRSA. – Tom Butcher asked all attendees to look at their regions and find out how they are operating with their clients, whether they require a MCM or not. Tom would like to



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regions to say to their providers something like “... it is expected for each client to have an MCM with documented exceptions.’ These exceptions can be documented in CAREWare and can be seen across providers. A Circle of Care document will be created in SPA that addresses this issue with Jeff as the lead.

2. Review Directive 1.2 regarding the quarterly financial reports from the grantee as the reporting of this data has changed based on having meetings in June and not in July
3. PSRA Framework: Include data requests for PSRA, ACA, accurate CAREWare numbers, Standards of Care, Standards of Care: SNAP application required, regional service category details, EIS detailed data, and eligibility specialists.

(6.0) Announcements

- The next SPA meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Burrough’s Community Center

(8.0) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am

Strategic Planning and Assessment Committee Attendance Record – 2014

	Council Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
1.	Ric Browne	X	X	A							
2.	Brian Datcher	X	X	A							
3.	Heather Garofalo	X	A	X							
4.	Heidi Jenkins Co-Chair	X	X	X							
5.	Tom Kidder	X	X	X							
6.	Brian Kuerze	A	A	A							
7.	<i>Beverly Leach PC Co-Chair</i>	X	X	X							
8.	Ronald Lee	A	A	A							
9.	Caesar Moffett, Jr.	A	A	A							
10.	Joanne Montgomery Co-Chair	A	X	X							
11.	Alex Ortiz	A	A	A							
12.	Christine Romanik	A	A	X							
13.	Poonam Sharma	X	X	X							
14.	Robert Sideleau	A	A	A							
15.	Roberta Stewart	X	X	X							
16.	Lauren Tierney	X	X	X							
17.	Dennis Torres	X	X	X							
	Ryan White Office	X	X	X							
	Planning Council Staff	X	X	X							
	% of Council present:	59%	59%	59%							

Guests: Tom Goldring