



AGENDA

Allocations Committee

December 13, 2019

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

2601 Tulane Ave., Suite 400

Electronic Courtesy

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1. Welcome/Introductions (1 minutes)
2. Call to Order/Roll Call (1 minutes)
3. Review of Agenda (1 minutes)
4. Review of Minutes (2 minutes)
5. Ryan White Program Funding (20 minutes)

- a. Part A

Anticipated Motion: To Approve Ryan White Part A Reallocation Request

- b. Part B

- c. Part C

- d. Part D

- e. Part F

6. Other Program Funding (10 minutes)
 - a. Medicaid
 - b. HOPWA
7. Fast Track Cities Updates (10 minutes)
8. Review of Final Term Goals (5 minutes)
9. New/Old Business (5 minutes)
10. Community Input (5 minutes)
11. Adjourn

Allocations Committee

November 8, 2019

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

2601 Tulane Ave., Ste. 400

Allocations Committee (AC)

Members Present:

Joseph Battiste (Vice Chair), Jeremy Beckford (Chair), Robert Coleman, Kira Friedrich (by phone), Laura Finnegan, Linda Parker, DeRome Seals, Todd Wicker, Clifford Wilson

Members Absent:

Tony Cimino, AJ Farria, Jason Halperin

Others Present:

Dorian Alexander, Jim Berman, Sy'ria Jackson, Ronald Thomas, LaTanya Killingworth

Staff Present:

Brandi Bowen, Gregory Howell, Peter Harrison, Keshante Horton, Franny Senkowsky, Tori Tully

OHP Staff Present:

Vatsana Chanthala

1. Welcome/Introductions: Beckford welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves
2. Call to Order/Roll Call: Roll was called. Quorum was met.
3. Review of Agenda: The agenda was approved. (Finnegan-Wicker)
4. Review of Minutes: The minutes were not provided but will be provided at the next Allocation Committee meeting.
5. Ryan White Program Funding (15 minutes)
 - Part A: Chanthala reported Part A is in transition to the new financial system. There are still some deficiencies in the system but those are being worked out. OHP does not have a Financial Status Report for the Allocations Committee at this time. There will likely be reallocation recommendations at the next Allocations Committee meeting. 10 providers have been reimbursed. The 11th provider needs to resubmit the units provided in order to be reimbursed. Part A is on schedule with expenditures. Est. 70% of funds have been expended. Alexander asked how the data entry has been going. Chanthala reported data entry has been timelier this year than last year. She added, the issue has been the new accounting system. Bowen asked if this year is going to be a year when the Office of Health Policy (OHP) needs to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for services? If so, what is OHP looking at? Lawless and Chanthala have discussed this process and nothing has been finalized yet. This process may depend on the number of times each contract can be amended in addition to the receipt of new funds through the new Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA) Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) opportunity. Berman asked if providers have been okay with the delay in billing. Again, this year has been an anomaly in terms of billing, but OHP is generally very timely in terms of reimbursing providers. Battiste asked if any new RFPs would be inclusive of the FTC efforts? Would service provision and the RFP change based on the need to change services as a result of FTC efforts. Seals requested for OHP to provide more

information about the process for getting data in and being up to date on expenditures. Berman asked if there is a liaison between providers outside of the RW system and providers within the RW system? This would be beneficial for ensuring clients are aware of the services provided within the RW system.

- Part B: Friedrich reported Part B is in the middle of Open Enrollment. They have been coordinating with clients and agencies about re-enrolling or enrolling in insurance. The total LA HAP enrollment is 3,828. Of those, 1,597 are located in the New Orleans Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). The Guardian dental program has 2,018 individuals enrolled. In New Orleans 882 are enrolled in Guardian Dental. The Medicaid program is still going through the protest process. No new contracts will be signed until this process is complete. Bowen asked if Friedrich can update the committee about the statewide test and treat protocol. Bowen also asked about how this may impact the expenditure on Ryan White Part A EFA spending. The staffing at LA HAP is receiving priority applications for individuals who are new to care. There are not concrete numbers at this point about how many people have accessed medications for statewide Rapid Start through the Part B program. Part B is reviewing and approving applications on the same day. Friedrich will provide updated numbers on in the future once those have been collected. Alexander asked if there are updates around the number of dollars spent in the Guardian program. In September, \$130,000 were spent on 297 claims. Alexander also asked about the bills clients have been receiving for dental services. It is not illegal to balance bill a client for dental services. Part B encourages clients to identify providers who do not balance bill.
- Parts C, D, F: Finnegan reported Part C is working on their non-compete application. The Part C grant cycle is 3 years. Alexander asked if Part C can report back the number of clients being served in service categories and the number of dollars being utilized within each service category as well. Bowen requested updates around the work of the Part C Community Advisory Boards.

Possible Motion: To approve FY 2019 Ryan White Part A Reallocations

6. Other Program Funding:
 - Medicaid: Update provided above.
 - HOPWA: The Notice of Funding Opportunity process is currently ongoing with new contracts expected to begin 1/1/2020.
7. Fast-Track Cities Updates: FTC is moving along. They are putting pen to paper and writing the plan. The four subcommittees have worked on submitting their draft strategies.
8. Finalization of Term Goals: Beckford requested the EFA sub-categories be included in the FSR, or in another document provided in addition to the FSR. The committee asked for the FSR to have larger font.

Motion: to Finalize Term Goals (Battiste-Parker). Motion Passed.

9. New/Old Business: Bowen noted in December there have been requests to change the Planning Council meeting from a Monday to a Tuesday. Executive Committee meeting will likely change given the availability of members. The Planning Council meeting in March will change to mid-month because of the HRSA site visit. The meetings will be at different locations in the future.
10. Community Input: On November 16th there is an HIV and Aging summit at CC on EF. Registration is past. OHP is coordinating a screening of the film 90 days on Friday November 15th. Friday November 22nd will be the Hand in Hand training. Chanthala thanked everyone for participating in this effort.
11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM (Parker-Battiste).

I, Jeremy Beckford, Chair of the Allocations Committee, certify the above minutes are true and accurate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____