

**RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS
PINELLAS PARK STATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006
1:30 – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Resource Prioritization and Allocation Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by David Konnerth, Chair.
- ATTENDANCE**
- Members Present: Michael Amidei, Vivian Candelaria, Lisa Cohen, Carla Foster, David Konnerth, Jeannie Lewis, Suzanne Lewis, John Melartin, Marilyn Merida, Mark Mischan, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, Barbara Szelag
- Members Absent: Jimmy Baumgartner, Carolyn Eke, Don Kurtyka, Lorraine Langlois, Woody Wilbanks
- Guests Present: Wayne Bibeault, Bernard Keith Edwards, William Harper, Suzanne Matthews, Gilda Roman Nay Torres, Bill Thomas
- Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, Susan Josephson, Dorinda Seth, Deborah Thomas
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** None.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** **ADOPTED MINUTES FROM 12/13/05 WITH ONE CORRECTION IN THE ITEM ON MEDS A.D. WAIVER.**
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** No report. No Care Council meeting was held since the last RPARC meeting.
- GRANTEE REPORTS** Aubrey reviewed Title I and Title II reallocation recommendations summarized on a handout he distributed. He explained that the Grantee had asked providers for reallocation requests prior to making the recommendations and that the recommendations contain some funding for all the requests. He also explained that when there is a decrease and an increase in the same county for the same service, the recommendation is related to a change in providers. Aubrey responded to a question re overall spending by stating that it looks like we will spend 98% to 99% of funds awarded as we have for the past three years. This leaves a minimum of carryover funds. A suggestion was made to look at the last several years of reallocations to see if that information would be helpful in future allocations. The need for case management continues to steadily grow. Additional questions included discussion as to why some of the substance abuse

treatment funds are unspent (there are additional resources for substance treatment for some individuals so Ryan White funds really are the source of last resort), why spending rates can vary (reallocations and spending down funding in various categories can create variances in spending rates), and whether it is possible to calculate dollars per number of clients served (the Ryan White Information System (RWIS) will assist in this process once it is operational later this year and some QM activities may also provide data). Dave Konnerth requested that the reallocation recommendations be summarized by funding category and county for presentation to Care Council.

The following motion (**Motion: M. Mischan, Second: C. Foster**) passed with 14 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions:

MOTION 06-01/01

TITLE I FINAL REALLOCATIONS: REDUCTIONS--

Amb/Outpatient (Hillsborough) \$90,000; Amb/Outpatient (Pinellas) \$30,000; Drug Reimbursement (Hills. Pasco, Hernando) \$50,000; Case Mgmt-Specialty Care (Hillsborough) \$17,000; Case Mgmt (Pasco, Hernando) \$13,000; Transportation (Hillsborough) \$5,000; Transportation (Pasco, Hernando) \$17,000; Oral Health (Hernando) \$6,000; Mental Health (Hillsborough) \$12,000; Housing Services (Hillsborough) \$12,000; Substance Abuse (Hillsborough) \$18,000; Substance Abuse (Pinellas) \$52,000; Care Council Support (EMA) \$10,000; Program Support (EMA) \$25,000.

TOTAL REDUCTIONS: \$357,000. INCREASES—

Amb/Outpatient (Pinellas) \$80,000; Drug Reimbursement (Pinellas) \$112,500; Case Mgmt (Hillsborough)\$50,000; Case Mgmt (Hillsborough) \$45,000; Food Bank/Nutritional Supplements (Pinellas) \$7,500; Oral Health (Hillsborough) \$35,000; Mental Health (Hillsborough) \$10,000; Mental Health (Pinellas) \$2,000; Legal Services (EMA) \$15,000. TOTAL INCREASES \$357,000.

TITLE I MAI FINAL REALLOCATIONS: REDUCTIONS—

Substance Abuse (Hillsborough) \$2,500; Medical Educator AA (Hillsborough) \$18,000; Medical Educator Hisp. (Hillsborough) \$9,000; Medical Educator (Hillsborough/ Pinellas) \$4,000; Medical Educator (EMA) \$8,000; Adherence AA (EMA) \$2,500; Adherence Hisp. (EMA) \$1,000. TOTAL REDUCTIONS \$45,000. INCREASES—Drug Reimbursement AA (Hillsborough) \$13,000; Drug Reimbursement Hisp. (Hillsborough) \$12,000; Capacity Building (EMA) \$20,000. TOTAL INCREASES \$45,000.

TITLE II FINAL REALLOCATIONS: REDUCTIONS—

Case Mgmt (Pinellas) \$20,000; Case Mgmt (Polk) \$5,000. INCREASES—Drug Reimbursement (TSA) \$20,000; Case Mgmt (Pinellas) \$5,000.

METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISM

The subcommittee for the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism (AAM) met on 12/21/06. They distributed a summary report recommending a Scope of Work. The Grantee can release a Request for Quotes (RFQ) without attaching a specific dollar amount. They can assign a higher percentage of points in the scoring process so that the amount of the bids received carries significant weight in the selection process. The Grantee can consider entities currently contracting with Hillsborough County as well as entities not currently contracting in selecting a provider. There was discussion about the advisability or inadvisability of allowing entities currently serving as Ryan White providers to bid on the AAM. There was also discussion about adding an assessment of how effectively the Care Council is functioning. Gilda Roman Nay Torres noted that the QM process will address effective functioning of the Care Council. The current provider has released \$3,000 in the current budget for the AAM. If no bids come in at or under this amount, there will be discussion re additional funding for the AAM. The following motion (Motion J. Lewis; Second M. Merida) passed with 12 yes votes, 1 no vote and 0 abstentions.

MOTION 06-01/02

THAT RPARC RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE AAM SCOPE OF WORK PROPOSAL TO THE CARE COUNCIL AT THE FEBRUARY 2006 CARE COUNCIL MEETING.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vivian Candelaria announced that mental health services in Pasco County will begin next week. There was an initial plan to do support groups but consumers expressed a preference for 1 on 1 sessions so that will be offered instead. The service is available to consumers in east and west Pasco County.

Jim Roth and Lisa Cohen announced that ADAP has decided to continue to serve some HIV/AIDS consumers instead of having them switch over the Medicare Part D. They will forward written info on this policy as soon as it is available.

Mark Mischan distributed info on the World AIDS Conference in Toronto. Scholarships are available for PLWHA and for presenters. Mark distributed info of submitting abstracts and volunteered to read local abstracts submitted for feedback.

Metro Center is having a grand opening of their new Tampa office on 1/20/06, 6:30 to 10 p.m. at 6421 N. Florida Ave., Tampa.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.