



**RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS  
HOSPICE, CLEARWATER  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009  
11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dave Konnerth, Chair at 11:05 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Ginny Boucher, Marty Clemmons, David Hasiba, Dave Konnerth, Lorraine Langlois, Suzanne Lewis, Jim Roth, Elizabeth Rugg, Woody Wilbanks

Members Absent: Carla Baity, Lisa Cohen, William Harper, John Melartin, Marylin Merida, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds

Guests Present: none

Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold

Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes for January 8 were approved (M: Roth, S: Hasiba) with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**CARE COUNCIL REPORT**

Marty Clemmons shared that the Care Council approved the 2008 Demographics and Epidemiology Addendum and tabled some Membership items since the committee leaders were not in attendance. The Care Council will be accepting nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair with elections to be held in June.

The Grantee's report stated that the recent RFAs (Requests for Application) for Part B services all received responses and services should be in place for the April 1<sup>st</sup> start of the grant year.

Our area has not yet received the 2009 Notice of Grant Award for Part A services which began March 1. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) expects to issue a partial grant award in March with the remainder to be sent around May. The recent federal budget included a \$72 million increase in patient care which includes Ryan White Programs. Prevention was flat funded, but we are hopeful that the patient care increase will result in an increase in our local area funding. \*\*Aubrey presented an update at this point stating that our notice of grant award has been received and it reflects approximately 40% of our formula award with the remainder of

our grant expected by the end of March.\*\*

The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) grant year begins August 1 and our area's total budget is about \$555,000 which is an increase of around 3%, or \$20,000, over the current funding.

The HRSA Office of Performance Review will be doing a site visit here on April 20-21 to look at MAI grant outcomes, management, etc.

The Ryan White Information System (RWIS) has been operational for almost a year with approximately 6,000 unduplicated clients. The Grantee's office recently held technical assistance training for providers. Dave Konnerth was very helpful in sharing his knowledge of the system.

**EXPENDITURE  
REPORT  
TEMPLATES**

Members reviewed the templates of the FY 09-10 expenditure reports to compare the allocated amounts to the contracted amounts. The Part B Direct Client Services Fund did not align with the amount that was approved. The Grantee's office agreed to track the error and rectify. The other clarification was to change the Part A non-medical case management service area to reflect only Hillsborough and Pinellas and not the EMA.

**MAI  
REALLOCATIONS  
FY 08-09**

FY 08 reallocation dollars are coming from two service categories. The primary care provider for a MAI contract serving Pinellas County clients is not renewing the agreement with the Grantee for this particular service category stating that this is not a viable contract amount with the additional paperwork and reporting that accompanies the funds. The MAI substance abuse service for Hillsborough/Pinellas is still under the desired expenditure level and is working to rectify some internal issues. The Grantee's office has discussed the situation with both service providers.

The largest volume oral health provider requested assistance with procurement of a new digital x-ray machine for their facility, which is used exclusively by Ryan White funded patients. Over 60% of their patients are minority populations. The recently adopted 2008 client survey component of our local Needs Assessment revealed that the highest ranked service need for Black and Hispanic populations was oral health. The purchase of this new equipment will allow the provider to optimally serve clients and meet current prevailing industry standards. Our funding source allows this type of purchase without any special stipulations or permission. The old equipment will be donated to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office clinic. The following motion passed (M: Langlois, S: Clemmons) with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes:

**APPROVE THE FY 08-09 MAI REALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Coming From:**

Service	County	Current Allocation	Decrease	Revised Allocation
Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care-Black	Pinellas	\$6,517	-\$6,517	\$0
Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care-Hispanic	Pinellas	\$6,516	-\$6,516	\$0
Substance Abuse-(Black & Hispanic)	Hillsborough	\$58,765	-12,694	\$46,071
Substance Abuse-(Black & Hispanic)	Pinellas	\$39,177	-\$12,694	\$26,483
<b>Total</b>			<b>-\$38,421</b>	

**Going To:**

Service	County	Current Allocation	Increase	Revised Allocation
Oral Health	Hillsborough	\$0	\$38,421	\$38,421
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$38,421</b>	

**MAI  
ALLOCATIONS  
FY 09-10**

The FY 09-10 MAI award has been received, which totals \$557,560, and our EMA has an additional \$18,454 in new funding for direct services. Also, there is an additional \$13,033 which had previously been allocated to Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care in Pinellas County which needs to be allocated permanently to another service category.

Treatment Adherence as a service category has been the most successful component of the MAI program for the EMA in terms of outreach to vulnerable minority populations who have been disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS. Pinellas County HIV prevalence rates indicate increasing trends, especially within the Hispanic population, and this increase will help provide additional services to keep at risk Hispanic clients in care and complement the existing service continuum. The following motion passed (M: Clemmons, S: Langlois) with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes:

**APPROVE THE FY 09-10 MAI ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

Service	County	Current Allocation	Increase	Revised Allocation
Treatment Adherence-Black	Pinellas	\$61,907	\$13,033	\$74,940
Treatment Adherence-Hispanic	Pinellas	\$46,096	\$18,454	\$64,550
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$31,487</b>	

**COMMUNITY  
CONCERNS/  
ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS**

Members announced upcoming community events.

Dave recently attended the state consumer advisory group meeting where they discussed implementing peer programs. Many members of the group were intrigued by the idea, but are very concerned about the associated cost. Several areas around the country have successfully implemented the peer program in a clinical setting, and these were the models shared with the

group.

Aubrey indicated that our area will hold eligibility training for new case managers and those who request a refresher on the eligibility process. The one day training will be held Wednesday, April 22 and will be facilitated by Suzanne Stephens from the state Bureau of HIV/AIDS.

Aubrey stated that since the Part A eligibility has been implemented on March 1, there has only been one exception request received to date. The service with the largest perceived impact was Insurance Services. Twenty-four clients were notified that the change was taking effect so that they could apply for an extension, but none applied.

The committee will meet in April only if there is some change in our funding level when we receive the remainder of our grant award that requires the committee to allocate or remove funding.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.