

**RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS
PINELLAS PARK STATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006
1:30 – 3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The meeting of the Resource Prioritization and Allocation Recommendations Committee was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by David Konnerth, Chair.

ATTENDANCE Members Present: Jimmy Baumgartner, Vivian Candelaria, Lisa Cohen, Carla Foster, David Konnerth, Don Kurtyka, Lorraine Langlois, Jeannie Lewis, Suzanne Lewis, Lee Luther, John Melartin, Marilyn Merida, Mark Mischan, Sister Pam Nolan, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, Elizabeth Rugg, Barbara Szelag, Woody Wilbanks

Members Absent: Michael Amidei, Carolyn Eke

Guests Present: Suzanne Matthews, Gilda Roman Nay Torres, Bill Thomas

Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, Susan Josephson, Dorinda Seth

CHANGES TO AGENDA Added Care Council Report.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES **ADOPTED MINUTES FROM 1/10/06 WITH THE ADDITION OF L. LUTHER AND E. RUGG TO MEMBERS ABSENT AND ONE CHANGE FROM HILLSBOROUGH TO PINELLAS COUNTY IN THE REALLOCATIONS LIST.**

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CARE COUNCIL REPORT Care Council met on 3/1/06 and had two action items. The bylaw amendment requiring an in-person interview for new members was approved and Robert Allan Wesnitzer was recommended as a new member. Aubrey Arnold announced that the Title I funding announcement had been received and that it included a 4% increase.

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GRANTEE REPORTS The grantee gave an abbreviated report so that additional time could be spent on the action items. The year-end financial reports for Title I and Title II will be available for the May RPARC meeting.

ALLOCATION OF TITLE I INCREASE On March 3, 2006, the grantee asked providers to submit requests for additional funding as a result of the 4% increase awarded for Title I. Aubrey Arnold reviewed a table that summarized the requests received. There were requests for a total of \$1,143,703 with a total of \$375,553 available. The table also outlined the grantee's suggestions regarding funding which

included increases in Ambulatory/Outpatient Care for Pinellas County and increases in Drug Reimbursement in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. During the discussion members clarified that MAI funds will no longer be used for Drug Reimbursement. The allocation recommended for Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Care (AOMC) would serve 250 additional clients. In response to a question, Elizabeth Rugg explained that individuals on the waiting list are currently being served so Insurance Services did not request additional funding. Jimmy Baumgartner raised the issue of a drug formulary and Don Kurtyka reported that the Health Services Advisory committee had discussed a formulary at the March meeting and they will be discussing it further. Aubrey said that the new Ryan White Information System (RWIS) will make tracking medications much easier. He stated that the new pharmacy provider will be using Public Health Service rates for drugs which will also help expenses in the Drug Reimbursement category. In response to a question, Aubrey explained that Pinellas County has been steadily serving increased numbers of clients in AOMC; the increase seems attributable to in-migration for Pinellas County. Jimmy Baumgartner noted that the Care Council may have to re-evaluate supportive services for funding since the medical costs continue to increase.

The following motion (**Motion: L. Langlois, Second: M. Merida**) passed with 20 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Cohen):

MOTION 03-06/01

THAT RPARC RECOMMEND ALLOCATION OF \$375,553 FROM A 4% INCREASE IN TITLE I FUNDING AS FOLLOWS: \$75,553 AMBULATORY/OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CARE (PINELLAS); \$100,000 DRUG REIMBURSEMENT (HILLSBOROUGH); \$200,000 DRUG REIMBURSEMENT (PINELLAS).

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAI CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

Minority Advocacy Committee members Melitta Mills-Kendrick, Carla Foster and Vivian Candelaria presented recommendations from MAC regarding allocation of MAI funds. The group reviewed the history of MAI programming and funding in the EMA. They briefly reviewed results from the Capacity Building study completed by RNT and Associates, including a map of cases (at time of diagnosis) in the EMA. Based on data from the report, MAC is recommending allocation of funds for residential substance abuse treatment, Capacity Development, AOMC Care Coordination for Women of Child Bearing Age, and Treatment Adherence.

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There was a question as to why transportation was not included in the recommendations and Gilda Roman Nay Torres explained that there are systemic issues with transportation in the EMA that need to be addressed before additional funding can be effective.

There was extensive discussion on issues that included how MAI funds can be used, the challenges of providing service in large geographic areas, the value of capacity development even in times of limited funding, the cost savings of providing intervention earlier in the disease process, the need of providers to work creatively and collaboratively to stretch dollars and services in new ways, the need for substance abuse treatment designed specifically for individuals with HIV, the costs of delivering that treatment, and the impact of increased referrals that would be likely to accompany additional MAI eligibility screening.

The following motion (Motion: E. Rugg, Second: J. Baumgartner) passed with 11 yes votes, 3 no votes and 2 abstentions (Candelaria, Foster):

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MOTION 03-06/02

THAT RPARC RECOMMEND ALLOCATION OF \$539,172 IN MAI FUNDS (FY 2006/2007) AS FOLLOWS: \$30,000 RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR BLACKS (HILLSBOROUGH); \$30,000 RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR HISPANICS (HILLSBOROUGH); \$25,000 RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR BLACKS (PINELLAS); \$25,000 RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR HISPANICS (PINELLAS); \$29,586 CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR BLACKS (EMA); \$29,586 CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR HISPANICS (EMA); \$7,500 AOMC CARE COORDINATION FOR BLACKS (PASCO); \$7,500 AOMC CARE COORDINATION FOR HISPANICS (PASCO); \$7,500 AOMC CARE COORDINATION FOR BLACKS (HERNANDO); \$7,500 AOMC CARE COORDINATION FOR HISPANICS (HERNANDO); \$75,000 TREATMENT ADHERENCE FOR BLACKS (HILLSBOROUGH); \$75,000 TREATMENT ADHERENCE FOR HISPANICS (HILLSBOROUGH); \$58,750 TREATMENT ADHERENCE FOR BLACKS (PINELLAS); \$43,750 TREATMENT ADHERENCE FOR HISPANICS (PINELLAS); \$43,750 TREATMENT ADHERENCE FOR BLACKS (PASCO/HERNANDO); \$51,250 TREATMENT ADHERENCE FOR HISPANICS (PASCO/ HERNANDO) AND THAT THE GRANTEE CONTRACT FOR THE REMAINING FISCAL YEAR (EIGHT MONTHS) AMOUNTS.

COMMUNITY

CONCERNS/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Melartin announced that there will be a candlelight vigil for World AIDS Memorial on 5/21/06 at Good Samaritan Church in Pinellas Park.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.