



**RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS
HOSPICE, ST. PETERSBURG
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008
12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by David Konnerth, Chair at 12:35 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members Present: Carla Baity, Ginny Boucher, Marty Clemmons, Lisa Cohen, William Harper, David Hasiba, Dave Konnerth, Lorraine Langlois, Suzanne Lewis, John Melartin, Marilyn Merida, Andrew Paquette, Bob Reynolds, Jim Roth, Jackie Walsch
- Members Absent: Lee Luther, Patrick Mercier, William Perry, Elizabeth Rugg, Woody Wilbanks
- Guests Present: Jean Jones, Danielle Kahl, Suzanne Matthews
- Grantee Staff Present: Aubrey Arnold, Dorinda Seth, Deborah Thomas
- Health Councils Staff Present: Collette Tomberlin
- CHANGES TO AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** The minutes for August 14 were approved (M; Clemmons, S: Hasiba) with 15 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- CARE COUNCIL REPORT** Dave Konnerth shared that the Care Council approved a new voting member for Hardee County, approved the Demographics and Epidemiology Report and the Funding Stream Analysis, and approved the allocation of Part A Carry-over funds. SIOC met to review concerns from the MAC committee regarding the Demographics and Epidemiology Report. The report will have an addendum issued to highlight disparities.
- Dave restated information shared by the Grantee that the Part A grant application will be ready for review by September 22, Part B eligibility requirements are changing from 300% FPL to 400% FPL and eliminating the asset limit, and that the Ryan White Information System has more than 5000 unduplicated clients entered and certified. Having our clients in a database will help bring us closer to the HRSA requirement for client level data reporting that begins in January 2009. There is also an upcoming change to the pharmacy program with over the counter medications no longer being covered by Ryan White funds.
- One current event that could affect our local funding is the fact that Suffolk

County EMA (Eligible Metropolitan Area) filed a lawsuit in 2007 against HRSA over the loss of formula funding when their status was reduced to a TGA (Transitional Grant Area) due to the number of reported cases. Although the lower court favored HRSA, the appellate court has favored Suffolk County. All areas could be looking at decreased funding next year if this decision is upheld since Suffolk County would be awarded additional funds from the EMA and other lawsuits could follow from areas that were similarly impacted.

**PART A and B
REALLOCATIONS**

Members reviewed the data reports presented by the Grantee's office on expenditures for Parts A, B, MAI and General Revenue (GR). The MAI fiscal year has just closed at the end of August, but Parts A, B and GR each expended more than 99% of funds to meet our unobligated balances requirement. The Grantee stated that surveys were sent to all providers to determine additional need. Each provider that requested additional funds received an increase, if not the entire amount requested. Members discussed reasons for requested increases or decreases to several core services which were explained by the Grantee's office. The following motion passed (M: Langlois, S: Merida) with 14 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Konnerth):

**ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING PART A REALLOCATION
RECOMMENDATIONS AND FORWARD TO THE CARE COUNCIL FOR
APPROVAL**

PART A REALLOCATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS				
Service	County	Contract Amount	Decrease	Revised Cont. Amt
Outpatient/Ambulatory	Hillsborough	259,063	-10,000	249,063
Outpatient/Ambulatory	Pinellas	50,000	-14,000	36,000
Outpatient/Ambulatory	Hernando	93,475	-15,000	78,475
Medical Transportation	Hillsborough	55,100	-10,000	45,100
Medical Transportation	Pasco/Hern.	55,000	-5,000	50,000
Mental Health	Pinellas	24,000	-14,000	10,000
Substance Abuse	Pinellas	81,409	-15,000	66,409
Total Available			-83,000	

Service	County	Contract Amount	Increase	Revised Cont. Amt
Outpatient/Ambulatory	Pasco	87,000	5,000	92,000
Medical Case Management	Pinellas	347,863	20,000	367,863
Medical Case Management	Pinellas	70,676	20,000	90,676

Medical Case Management	Hillsborough	184,731	28,000	212,731
Substance Abuse	Pinellas	108,799	10,000	118,799
Grand Total			83,000	

The committee discussed the level of detail that is provided in the expenditure reports that makes it simple in some cases to identify a specific provider. Members discussed the pros and cons of an alternate format versus keeping the same format. The committee agreed by consensus to keep the same format.

ALLOCATIONS BY SERVICE CATEGORY AND COUNTY REPORT

Members reviewed the data report showing allocations by service category and county to see each of the funding streams managed through Hillsborough County by dollar amount and percentage. Discussion included the flexibility that the program has to allow individuals to travel across county lines to receive services even if they do not reside in our eight county service area. Many individuals who receive service outside of their county of residence do so because of stigma and the fear of being recognized in their local area.

08-09 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The committee reviewed the draft of the work plan and pointed out highlights. The following motion passed (M: Clemmons, S: Harper) with 15 yes votes and 0 no votes:

APPROVE THE 08-09 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

Members nominated Dave Konnerth as Chair and Marty Clemmons as Co-Chair. Both accepted the nomination. The following motion passed (M: Reynolds, S: Harper) with 13 yes votes and 0 no votes:

ELECT DAVE KONNERTH AS CHAIR AND MARTY CLEMMONS AS CO-CHAIR

SELECT MEETING DAY, TIME LOCATION

Dave shared limitations with current meeting space and the availability of a new location. The following motion passed (M: Clemmons, S: Baity) with 15 yes votes and 0 no votes:

HOLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 12:30 PM. HOLD MEETINGS AT CURRENT LOCATION THROUGH DECEMBER AND THEN AT THE HOSPICE BAYFOREST ON ROOSEVELT AVENUE BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2009

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS/
ANNOUNCE-
MENTS**

Members announced upcoming community events.

Next month the committee will begin setting the allocations for FY 09.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.