



INTEGRATION OF CARE COMMITTEE

March 9, 2007
10AM-12PM
GMHC, 119 W. 24th Street

MINUTES

Members Attending: J. Grimaldi, MD (Co-chair), T. Troia (Co-chair), R. Canosa, E. Greeley, J. Omi, P. Meissner, J. Shields

Staff Present: DOHMH: D. Klotz, J. C. Park

I. Meeting Opening/Minutes

After introductions, the minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting were approved with one change concerning the discussion of the definitions of medical and psychosocial case management.

II. Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act/FY 2007 Spending Scenarios

Mr. Park updated the Committee on implementation of the Ryan White Act. HRSA initially declared that there would be no process for getting a waiver from the 75% core services requirement for FY 2007. They recently reversed that decision, but the Priority Setting & Resource Allocation (PSRA) Committee and the Council approved a spending scenario for FY 2007 before receiving that news. They decided to classify the entire Case Management category and the portion of the Food & Nutrition category that can be called “medical nutritional therapy” as core services. This brought the current Title I portfolio up to 76% core services. We do not know yet if all the core services in our EMA’s portfolio will fit the definitions that HRSA has yet to develop.

The EMA received about \$75 million in base formula funding (there was very little variation across the country in the proportion of formula funding received). This is being used to support

used to determine the cuts (the portfolio will still be over 75% core). The grantee has not decided yet how to make cuts in categories, but they will not likely be across all contracts. Rather, they will develop criteria for the possible elimination of contracts, based on population and geographic area served and proposal score.

There was a discussion on whether or not the EMA should apply for a waiver from the 75% core services requirement regardless of whether we currently meet the requirement, as an insurance policy, in order to protect vital non-core services such as food distribution and housing. There are currently advocacy efforts to have HRSA include doctor-prescribed food distribution as a core service.

Other points of the discussion included:

- Cuts to small contracts, especially those that provide 24-hour services (e.g., emergency housing) may mean that the program is no longer sustainable.
- Committee members expressed the desire to minimize the impact of cuts on programs, especially those that service particularly vulnerable clients (e.g., MICA).
- Any cuts should be minimally disruptive to the integrated care system.
- The grantee, when cutting services, should be encouraged to look at alternative sources of funding (e.g., if emergency housing beds are lost, look at HOPWA to pick them up).
- The IOC or Council should be consulted on how the grantee mitigates the impact of program cuts (e.g., ensuring there are no geographic areas without a particular service).

It was agreed to ask DOHMH/MHRA for an analysis of the impact of service cuts on programs and communities (e.g., type of service, borough, types of clients served, etc.). The following questions will be forwarded to the grantee: 1) What criteria are they using to make cuts; 2) What are the results of the process; 3) How can IOC and the Council work with the grantee to address gaps in services.

III. Future Planning Tasks

IOC will address eligibility criteria for MAI programs, but this can not be done until HRSA releases its guidance for MAI funding. Current eligibility, as determined by the Council when the program began in 1999, includes ZIP codes with 150+ living AIDS cases among African-Americans and Latinos, location of a majority of an agency's program and administrative sites in those ZIP codes, and 75% of the proposed clients to be served from among the target population. The DOHMH epidemiology and surveillance unit has already prepared updated HIV case data for the Committee, and CHAIN is preparing data on service gaps and health disparities for planning purposes.