# Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council Fulton County Dept. of Health & Wellness 99 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room Atlanta, GA 30303 July 21, 2011

9:00 a.m.

## **Voting Members Present**

Trevalle Ambrose
Dwight Curry Anderson
Robert Anderson
Antoinette Barnes
Sonya Chapman
Jessica Cole
Teresa Connell
Larry Cook, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Robert Di Vito
Reggie Dunbar, III
Chris Fields
Dolph Goldenburg
Jeff Graham
Tracie Graham

Carolyn Hodge - Armstrong

Larry Lehman

Jeffrey Mitchell
Walter Moore
Jacqueline Muther
Necaela Penn
David Reznik
Kenneth Robinson
Nicole Roebuck
Bruce Stagner
Carolyn Stephens
Sean Williams
Hermeyone Wilson

Katherine Lovell

Harvinder Makkar

Del'Rosa Winston - Harris

# **Voting Members Not Present**

Mary Basil
Deb Bauer
Tiffany Burgess
Mary Cowans
Dazon Dixon Diallo, Chair
Gene Farber
Linda Felix
Marvin Ghourm
Ernest Hopkins

Shantrell Jackson

Patrick Kelly

Darrell Wayne Latin Stephanie Laster Ruby Lewis - Hardy Jeanette Nu'Man Isaac Russell Brenda Russell Charles Shackleford Sanjay Sharma Laura Siesko Moneta Sinclair Daniele Thorpe

The Planning Council meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Larry Cook, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the July 21, 2011 agenda.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the May 19th Planning Council minutes.

**Consumer Caucus:** Trevalle Ambrose - The Consumer Caucus met on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> with 15 individuals in attendance. The Caucus voted to recommend Mr. Robert MacLean as the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the Planning Council. The Caucus is scheduled to revise their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and will present them at the August Planning Council.

**Mr. Larry Cook**: The Consumer Caucus recommended Mr. Robert MacLean as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and the recommendation will be presented at the August 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Cook also informed the Council that Kandace Carty was named as the Director of the Ryan White Program.

**AAOI Update:** Hermeyone Wilson - Mr. George Burgess resigned as the AAOI chair due to health reasons. This year, the AAOI is reintroducing the Leadership Institute in an effort to train Consumers to serve in leadership positions. The first AAOI 2012 Planning meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at Absolute Care, 2140 Peachtree Road, N.W, Atlanta, Ga 30309. The next African American Outreach Initiative will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The AAOI is seeking to fill two committee positions - the Program and Marketing Chair.

**Grantee Update:** Kandace Carty - The Grantee received the FY 2011 Notice of Grant Award on July 11<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$19,414,685, which includes Formula, Supplemental, and partial MAI funds. The FY 2010 award amount was \$20,336,855. On Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> another Notice of Grant Award was received adding unobligated FY 2009 Supplemental funds in the amount of \$109,354 to the FY 2011 award. The Grantee should have the final MAI award by Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

	2010	2011	Difference
Formula	\$13,372,700	\$14,110,429	+ \$737,729
Supplemental	\$ 5,291,532	\$ 4,577,299	- \$714,233
MAI	\$ 1,672,622	\$ 836,311	

Database Specialist, Porter Butler is no longer with the Ryan White Program. The Grantee is working with the Fulton County IT Department to hire a replacement for the position.

**AAOI Evaluation Report:** Christopher Ervin - Three hundred and twenty-nine (329) individuals attended the 2011 AAOI. Two hundred and thirty-four (234) attended Saturday's workshops and activities and 95 participated in Sunday's workshops and activities. The AAOI Evaluation Report will be presented at the August Planning Council meeting.

**CVCT Project Presentation:** Russ Traver & Elizabeth Stallcup - Emory University is offering "Testing Together" for male couples. "Testing Together" provides an opportunity for partners to get tested together and receive results together. On Tuesday, August 16, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel, there will be a symposium to introduce the new HIV prevention services for men having sex with men. The Atlanta EMA has two sites that are providing testing for couples AID Atlanta and AID Gwinnett. Atlanta and Chicago are the only two cities that receive funding for this project that is funded by MAC Cosmetics.

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**CAEAR Coalition:** Jeff Graham - The Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR Coalition) is a national membership organization which advocates for federal policy, legislation, regulations and appropriations. The CAEAR Coalition has members from Part A Grantees, Part A Planning Councils, Part B sub-grantees and Part C. The CAEAR Coalition is actively involved with monitoring policy which affects the Ryan White Program and Health Care Reform. Health Care Reform will have major impact on people living with HIV/AIDS, and one of the organization's priorities is to identify what that impact will be. The Coalition is membership driven, with 36 members around the United States. The CAEAR Coalition membership fee is as follows:

Non - aligned consumers \$100.00 a year
 Planning Council Fee \$1,000.00 a year

Agency Fee \$2,500.00 - \$7,500.00 a year based on the agency award.

Mr. Graham informed the Council that travel fees are not included in the membership fee.

#### **Committee Updates**

**Assessment Committee:** No Report.

Comprehensive Planning Committee: - Katherine Lovell - The Comprehensive Planning Committee met on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. HRSA has released its guidance for 2012 Comprehensive Plan update and HRSA is requiring that the plan be aligned to address the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, Patient Protection, the Affordable Care Act, Early Identification of Individuals living with HIV/AIDS, Twelve Cities Initiative, and Healthy People 2020. The Committee began the update by listing the successes and challenges in implementing the current plan. The Comprehensive Plan is due May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The Committee will meet twice a month from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Grady IDP. The meeting dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

There will be further discussion on which dates specific committees will meet to discuss their respective parts.

**Evaluation Committee:** No Report.

Council Procedures Committee: No Report.

**HOPWA Committee**: Dolph Goldenbrug - The HOPWA Committee met on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, and reviewed the City of Atlanta's HOPWA proposals, and provided feedback and recommendations. The Committee will review the consumer survey results at the August meeting.

**Membership Committee**: Hermeyone Wilson - The new membership drive starts today, July 21<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The Membership Committee will provide a Planning Council Refresher course following the August 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Council meeting. Assignments for Voting and At-large members for the 2011 -2012 Planning Council will be made at a future meeting.

**Public Policy:** Jeff Graham - The Public Policy Committee will meet on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1530 DeKalb Ave. to draft a letter to Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, Director of the Division of Public Health for the State of Georgia and a meeting with members from the Georgia Congressional delegation is planned for August. The Committee informed the Planning Council that there is no final federal 2012 budget.

**Priorities Committee:** Robert Di Vito - The Priorities Committee met on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and heard data presentations from the State and SEATEC. The Committee met Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to hear presentations from individuals, agencies, committees, task forces, AAOI, Consumer Caucus and SEATEC. The final Priorities meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Piedmont Hospital to set allocations and rankings for 2012. The Committee does not anticipate additional dollars in FY 2012 funding.

**Quality Management:** Jacque Muther- The Quality Management Committee finalized and submitted its workplan. The Committee is developing legal standards using other cities' standards as a model. The final product may be presented at the August or September Planning Council meeting. The Committee is looking into adding legal questions to the screening tool process. The next Quality Management meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Grady IDP. Ms. Muther will no longer serve as the Quality Management Chair; Nicole Roebuck will serve as the new Chair.

## **Public Forum**

**Kenneth Robinson:** Fulton County Health and Wellness is offering a "Together for Life" support group that meets every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Hermeyone Wilson:** On Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Absolute Care will host a "Female Condom 2 Campaign" to increase awareness and utilization of female condoms.

**Jessica Cole:** The Elite Society of Undetectables is hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Georgian Terrace. To R.S.V.P., email or fax your CD4 counts or viral load results to her.

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Del'Rosa Harris: SisterLove is offering "Positive Connection", a support group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1237 Ralph David Abernathy Drive from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00. Sisterlove is working with Absolute Care and is offering free STI screening for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.

Trevalle Ambrose: On Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., the Elite Society of Undetectables will host a game night at 139 Ralph McGill Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

