

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL**

**Loudermilk Conference Center**

**40 Courtland Street**

**9:00 A.M.**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Attendance:**

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**Voting Members**

Albert E. Lee	Barry Sermons	Bruce Garner	Carolyn Stephens	Daniel Driffin
Sanjay Sharma	Dolka Michelle Zelaya	Dr. Harvinder K Makkar	Dwight Curry Anderson	Deborah Bauer
Jeff Graham	Katherine Lovell	Ken Lazarus	Kevin English-Taylor	Kim Moon
David Holland	Leroy Braxton	Marisol Lopez	Mark Dukes	Melanie Thompson, MD
Michael Banner	Nicole Roebuck	Peter Thibodeaux	Reggie Dunbar II	Reginald Goddard
Sharron Fickling	Spencer Burton-Webb	Stephanie Laster	Steven Bales	Timothy Webb
Tony Merritt	Norris Williams	William Francis	Moneta Sinclair	Nacaela Penn

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**At-Large Members**

Adriane Brown	Anna Lockett	Brandon Pruitt	Cassandra Bray	Chanel Scott-Dixon	Charles Stephens
Jay-Paul Kirk	Jenetter Richburg	Jennifer Bivins	John L. Stanton, Jr	Kimberly Crawford	Melissa Beaupierre
Shannon Cook	Shyronn Jones	Stacey Coachman	Tarai Kemp-Brown	Tiffany Roan	

**Agencies**

Aid Atlanta	AHF	Aniz, Inc	Atlanta Legal Aid	Clayton County	DeKalb County
Emory-Midtown	Here's To Life	NAESM	Open Hand Atlanta	Positive Impact	Southside Medical Center

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### Call to Order/ Opening Remarks

The September 20, 2018 Planning Council Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Kim Moon. Kim opened the meeting by welcoming all members and guests to the Planning Council.

### Adoption of the Agenda

A Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Katherine Lovell, seconded by Nicole Roebuck and passed unanimously.

### Consumer Caucus Update - Timothy Webb, Chair

Timothy announced that the consumers met at the last Consumer Caucus meeting to discuss the most recent changes to the Work Plan. Brandon Pruitt presented his USCA recap, sharing details of his experience at the USCA conference.

### Atlanta Area Outreach Initiative (AAOI) update - Kim Moon, Chair

Kim reported that the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event is set for February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Kim asked anyone with questions and concerns to reach out to her. William Francis announced that AAOI will soon be sending out links for individuals who are interested in presenting specific themes or courses/classes. He also informed the Planning Council that the 2018 AAOI team recently participated in an appreciation luncheon at Mary Mac's Tea Room to review the prior year's event.

### Planning Council Update - Sandra Vincent, Project Officer

Sandra explained that it is mandated by HRSA to do a Planning Council refresher annually. She then reviewed the roles and responsibilities of being on the Planning Council. Daniel Driffin presented on the B.L.O.C training program, which is sponsored by HRSA, for consumers who wish to receive training on how to be leaders in their community. They are looking for PLWA who are also People of Color and wish to serve in a meaningful role on planning councils, advisory boards, etc. It is a 2-3 day training.

### Affordable Care Act Presentation - Darie Wolfson, The Health Initiative

Darie gave an update on the changes to the Affordable Care Act that the current administration has implemented. She told the attendees that a team of individuals will be stationed at different community organizations in the EMA to assist consumers during the Open Enrollment period. She explained that the Individual Mandate is no longer in affect and Cost Sharing Reductions will no longer be offered. In-person assisters were significantly reduced due to national budget cuts to the navigator program and premiums were still on the rise. For more information, she can be contacted at [info@thehealthinitiative.org](mailto:info@thehealthinitiative.org)

### ADAP/HICP Presentation - Satin Frances, Georgia Department of Health

The Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP) is a state-administered program which assists eligible PLWH who need help with health insurance payments. This program pays a maximum monthly health insurance premium of \$1,100.00, Basic eligibility requirements for the HICP include a positive HIV status, proof of Georgia residency, and Income at or below 400% FPL.

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is a state administered program that provides HIV/AIDS medications to low-income individuals living with HIV disease who have little or no coverage from



private or third party insurance. There are currently 74 medications on the GA ADAP Formulary, including 7 medications for Hepatitis C treatment.

**HRSA H.O.M.E.S Presentation- Erik Moore and Veronika Kozman, Positive Impact Health Centers**

The HRSA H.O.M.E.S program is a Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) that supports the development of innovative models of HIV care and treatment to quickly respond to emerging needs of clients served by Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs. The overall goal of this coordinated program is to decrease the impact of the social determinants of health (such as unmet housing or employment needs) that affect long-term HIV health outcomes for PLWH impacted by employment and housing instability in racial and ethnic minority communities.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Public Policy - Jeff Graham**

Jeff strongly encouraged people to be informed of the upcoming governor's race. He announced that everyone should be registered to vote and provided information about all the voter registration drives coming up before October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessment - Steven Bales**

Steven explained that the Assessment committee is anticipating the hiring of a new epidemiologist for the Planning Council before it begins having its regularly scheduled meetings in order to move forward with the Needs Assessment process.

**Comprehensive Plan - Katherine Lovell**

Katherine announced that the committee has requested a copy of the recipient's Ryan White application to HRSA which spells out various indicators that were being tracked. Committee members are expected to be assigned specific tasks.

**Council Procedures - Larry Lehman**

No update.

**Evaluations - Barry Sermons-**

They will be meeting next month to go over questions for evaluations.

**Housing - Spencer Burton-Webb**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, the Housing Committee meets at Fulton County Health and Human Services. Currently the committee members are working on creating a resource guide that does not only include HOPWA resources. It will also include rules and regulations, written in layman's terms, to make them easier to understand. There will be a HUD Housing Choice Voucher Listening Tour on Thursday, September 27, 2018 (10AM – 12PM) at the Atlanta Apartment Association. It is only available to landlords and home owners who need information on accepting vouchers for housing.

**Motion to Extend Meeting**

There was a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes and it was passed unanimously.

**Membership - Stephanie Laster**

Stephanie reminded everyone to sign-in. The next meeting is September 28<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-2pm at Fulton County Health and Human Services.

**Quality Management - Nicole Roebuck**

Fourteen (14) Standards of Care are completed. The EMA screen and the Quality Management plan are finalized. The committee meets every first Thursday of the month. Nicole and Jocelyn McKenzie will be presenting the Ryan White All Parts Conference in Maryland.

**Recipient update – Jeff Cheek, Rachel Powell, Georgina Hamilton**

Rachel reviewed the EMA Performance Measures and Screening Measures. She explained that every three (3) years clinical chart reviews for outpatient ambulatory services are carried out and they are scheduled for October or November.

Georgina reviewed the budget report for the quarter.

Jeff explained that the HRSA application will be submitted on Friday, which was three weeks earlier than the deadline. The recipient is also in the process of hiring a Technical Liaison and Data Management Specialist. Jocelyn McKenzie has been promoted to Quality Management Program Manager, and the department will be expanding its capacity with the hiring of two more positions.

**Adjournment:**

Reggie Dunbar II made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Katherine Lovell. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Date: September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Minutes Approval Date:

Attested By: *Izvor Pearson*

