

Ryan White EMA Planning Council

New Haven and Fairfield Counties



Heidi Jenkins & Joanne Montgomery, Co-Chairs

Strategic Planning & Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 4, 2016
Start Time: 9:31 am
End Time: 11:37 am
Location: Burrough's Community Center
Presiding Chair: Heidi Jenkins
Recorder: Sara Seaburg

Summary of Committee Business Votes

- Approval of Minutes from the June 9, 2016 meeting

Council Member Assignments

- Attend Committee/Council meetings as outlined in the Council Bylaws

Staff Member Assignments

(1.0) Moment of Silence

Heidi called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of all who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

(2.0) Welcome and Introduction

All participants introduced themselves.

(3.0) Co-Chair Announcements

There were none

(4.0) Approval of June 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the June 9, 2016 SPA committee minutes was made by Chris Cole and Roberta Stewart seconded it.

For: (5) Tierney, Cole, Briggs, Stewart, Torres

Against: (0)

Abstain: (1) Jenkins

(5.0) New Business/Old Business

- **Review the Strategic Planning and Assessment Planning Council Activity Timeline**

The Committee reviewed the Planning Council Activity Timeline and determined that everything was on track.

- **Review implementation of Health Care Reform/National HIV/AIDS Strategy and its impact on RW**

Jeff presented the data request from the CT Department of Public Health regarding the HIV Care Continuum and New HIV cases by sex, race, age group and risk. He also mentioned that 1% of our clients are uninsurable and therefore this shows the importance of funding in MCM as a service category since there are no other funding sources for this service and EIS as well. A question was asked, "Are there people who are uninsurable who are not in our



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system for a variety of reasons and should there be a different type of outreach for these individuals? “. The data is showing that 30% of HIV+ people in CT are out of care and this was discussed. Is the number accurate? How can we reach out to them? Heidi has (6) new DIS employees that she is going to bring to the Planning Council meeting next week and their roles will be explained.

The committee also discussed the MCM Health Insurance Coverage Survey and ways to improve upon it:

1. Simplify the survey
2. Consistency within regions on how they are administering this survey.
3. Unduplicated client count – we discussed how to come to this number. Could we take the MCM unduplicated count from the Resource Allocation Spreadsheet? Or, could Arvil run a report from CAREWare for Unduplicated Client Count by Region and then pass that number along to each region. They could also receive a client list as well referencing their client number.
4. Total number on the ACA – not necessary to capture individual plans.

- **Review Framework of PSRA**

- a. We discussed the feedback from the Special Planning Council meeting for PSRA. Overall feedback was very good. Jeff presented the approved Priority Settings and also the approved Resource Allocations. He also reviewed all the funding that was approved and the total ask for GY 2017.
- b. We also discussed that there is not a Federal Poverty Level for Medical Case Management and that HRSA lets local jurisdictions set their own. The question was asked as to why the CT DPH set the FPL is 300%? Should we align with CADAP at 400%? Also, is the FPL set the same for all services or can you pick and choose?
- c. Since Medicaid pays for mental health and substance abuse services, can we find out how many clients receive these services? This may be helpful when identifying what services to fund more.
- d. A comment was made that it makes sense to focus on the AOMC funding sources as well and reduce the percentage of funding that this service receives since it has other strong funding sources other than Ryan White.
- e. It was also said that we should apply for a core medical waiver (75% vs 25%) if we are seriously considering reducing the allocation percentage for AOMC.
- f. How many clients who were eligible for the ACA who are not enrolled?
- g. A questions was asked: in 2015 there were 803 clients in AOMC, how come we are paying for this? Why is there no other funding available for these clients? It was explained that a percentage of the staff salaries for this service is paid for by Ryan White funding.
- h. We may need a long term plan and short term plan to consider all of these questions and concerns. We also may need technical assistance from HRSA for input into this.
- i. FQHC vs. non FQHC was discussed as well. How much does Medicaid pay for these different types of providers?
- j. Is there a way we can look at the undocumented client by region number?

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- **Unresolved Parking Lot Items**

Parking Lot Summary

ITEM	STATUS
Present program Income information regarding reimbursement for services by region. Can we see a breakdown of program income brought into the Ryan White Part A program by service category and Region?	In process - 10/1 staff presented program by region and working with Medicaid to get data. They are still waiting on this data from DSS as of March 3, 2016. Charlotte Teel reported that DSS has been able to break down their information by region for us but is still working on grouping expenditures by service category. Charlotte will send what she has at this point to staff. 4/7/2016. We reviewed the data that Charlotte had on 5/6/2016. Staff reviewed this data again at the June meeting and it was decided that Charlotte will clarify that the towns listed under each region is where the client lives or where providers are located. The funding reflected is for Primary Medical Care only. Closed. We will begin a new parking lot item for other service funding numbers from Medicaid
Medicaid Expenditures by Service Categories from DSS	Charlotte will request this data from DSS 8/4/16
Revisit Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance Service Category	In process – Letter sent to DPH regarding CIPA issues on 10/2 and a response was received on 10/22 and will be presented at the 11/6 SPA meeting. Staff will send a letter to the Commissioner of DSS with a CC to DPH regarding the outstanding issues by November 12, 2015. We sent this letter to DSS on November 19th and are waiting on a response. No response received from DSS. Staff sent a follow up letter to DSS and a CC to DPH Acting Director Dr. Pino on 1/27. A response was received on March 1 st from Commissioner Bremby from DSS. A contact name and number was included in the letter for any providers having issues with CIPA. This was sent out to all region leads by staff. Also-we need to look at what happens when Ryan White dollars are used for insurance premiums and the clients are receiving refund checks for these premiums, what happens to those refunds and what is the MCMs responsibilities. On 4/7/16 the committee reviewed the Health Insurance Cost Sharing Assistance Service Category Definition and discussed the client refund process regarding health insurance as it relates to the service category definition. There were 3 data requests were made at the 4/7 SPA meeting to be followed up in May. We discussed this on 5/6 and more information was requested by regions to identify where the total funding for this category is going. This information will be reviewed in June. This is closed now since the service standard was updated to address this issue.
Review Our Portion of the Statewide Comprehensive Plan When it's complete	In process – still waiting on the Statewide Comprehensive Plan 8/4
Directives - What type of evidence do we have or need to prove that the regional funding allocations are working or not working	We discussed this on 8/4 and thought the number of MCM clients would be the number to focus on. A lengthy discussion was heard from all regions represented at the meeting on funding pathways for

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	services received in their region. We will continue to discuss this.
FPL Eligibility for Ryan White Services	Pending
Undocumented Numbers in CT from DPH	Pending

(6.0) Announcements

There were none

(8.0) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:37am

Strategic Planning and Assessment Committee Attendance Record – 2016

	Council Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
1.	Inthiany Ardila	-	-	A	A	A	A	A			
2.	Bradford Briggs	-	-	-	X	A	X	X			
3.	<i>Christopher Cole PC Co-Chair</i>	A	X	X	X	X	X	X			
4.	Sabrina Delgado	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
5.	Heather Garofalo	X	X	X	A	X	A	X			
6.	Pat Kelly	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
7.	Heidi Jenkins Co-Chair	X	A	A	A	A	A	X			
8.	Gerald Lewis	-	-	-	-	-	A	A			
9.	Raphael Muniz	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
10.	Joanne Montgomery Co-Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	A			
11.	Jackie Robertson	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
12.	Christine Romanik	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
13.	Mark Sanchez	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
14.	<i>Roberta Stewart PC Co-Chair</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
15.	Charlotte Teel	X	X	X	X	X	X	A			
16.	Ken Teel	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
17.	Lauren Tierney	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
18.	Dennis Torres	X	A	X	X	A	X	X			
	Ryan White Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	Planning Council Staff	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	% of Council present:	44%	33%	37%	30%	35%	37%	39%			

Guests: Sara Burns, Jim Petinelli