

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES (P&P) COMMITTEE

September 19, 2018

Minutes

Charge: To oversee development and implementation of a process to identify needs and barriers, keep the assessment of needs current, and develop a comprehensive plan to implement the priority goals of the Planning Council.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Davidson
Woldu Ameneshoa
Christopher Webb

John Dornheim, Vice Chair
Robert L. McGee II

Robert Lynn
Donna Wilson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Evany Turk

Stacie McNulty, Chair

RWPC STAFF PRESENT

Annie Sawyer-Williams, RWPC Coordinator

Glenda Blackmon-Johnson, RWPC Manger

GRANTS MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT

Wanda Scott, Program Monitor

OTHERS PRESENT

Skylar Lange, AIN
Amanda Hebert

Helen Zimba, Afiya Center

Acquria King, AIN

I. Call to Order: John Dornheim, Planning & Priorities Committee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:18 AM with no quorum established.

II. Certification of Quorum: Quorum was established by John Dornheim and certified Annie Sawyer-Williams, RWPC Coordinator.

III. Introductions/Announcements:

- a. Donna Wilson announced a Save the Date the Texas Black Women Initiative and the Afiya Center will host the *Stop Hiding Release the Pain* event. They are seeking 16 women who are new diagnosis and may be suffering from cancer, mental illness and loneliness. They may contact Donna Wilson at (214)791-1876.
- b. John Dornheim announced Suicide Awareness Day at Dallas County Court House on 6th floor for 10:00-11:15 AM. Guest speakers will discuss how suicide has affected their lives.
- c. Skylar Lange announced Access Information Network (AIN) has a Grand Opening Tour on Thursday, September 20th from 5-7:30PM at 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 151 Dallas, TX.

Motion: *Christopher Webb motioned to change the agenda. Lori Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Approval of the June 20, 2018 Minutes:

Robert Lynn motioned to approve the P&P Committee minutes with changes. Donna Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. FY 2019 Financial Eligibility based on the Federal Poverty Level: The committee reviewed the FY2019 Dallas EMA/HSDA Service Categories Financial Eligibility Based on Federal poverty guidelines. Ms. Blackmon-Johnson reported there have been conversations about increasing the FPL in Dallas EMA/HSDA. A discussion with Houston EMA revealed their percentages are higher and service categories are bundle. The background regarding the FPL

is set in the contracts; the Administrative Agency is operating at 300% level. Ms. Blackmon-Johnson gave the committee an overview and a document that outlined Houston Federal Poverty Level (FPL) from 300% to 500%. A member asked if Dallas EMA went from 300%-400% how would that effect the number of individuals being served and how will funding be spent. Ms. Blackmon-Johnson replied going to 400% and looking at the AIDS Regional Information Evaluation System (ARIES) data the EMA will probably serve fewer individuals she feels the higher the percentage's it's more than likely the funding will be spent faster. Houston FY 2018 data was requested to provide information about increasing the level from 300% to 500% to see the outcome for the number of individual serve and the dollar amount. The committee continued to discuss the FPL and service categories. A member asked is there a timeline to work on the percentages. Ms. Blackmon-Johnson gave the committee a projection. The program years start March 1. Mr. Dornheim express concern was weather are not changes could be made before the RFP is release. It not enough data to make an accurate decision. Ms. Blackmon-Johnson stated based on changes with programing and services regarding the Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) the PC body has stipulate the EFA can only be used for medication; and there's has not been any new information regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and the Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing service category. If an individual applies, they can go to a funded provider and instead of being access at 300% of the FPL the committee can set it up where the individuals are access at 400%. A request was made to present the committee with a list of service categories that are spending down all funds. A question was asked if the discussion can be table until next month's making to gather the necessary data. The committee requested information from Houston's EMA: How services were impacted, justification for their percentages increases, the difference in individuals served with percentages between 300-500%.

***Motion:** Robert Lynn motioned to table the FY2019 Financial Eligibility based on the Federal Poverty Level discussion until next month. Christopher Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- VI. **Priority Ranking Outcome:** The committee reviewed the priority ranking and agreed to discuss in more detail at next month's meeting.
- VII. **Continuum of Care-Revisit:** Tabled.
- VIII. **How Best to Meet the Need Document:** Tabled.
- IX. **New Business:** None.
- X. **Adjournment:** *Christopher Webb motioned to adjourn. Donna Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17AM.

Submitted by:

Annie Sawyer-Williams, Coordinator

Date

Draft Certified by:

Justin M. Henry, RWPC Health Planner

Date

Final Approval by:

Stacie McNulty, Chair
John Dornheim, Vice Chair

Date

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 9:00 AM
Hickman Conference Room, 2nd floor
Dallas County Health and Human Services Building
2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX