

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Health Services Planning Council

Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties
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Planning Council Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Westshore Opportunity Center

9830 Lorain Ave., Cleveland

Start: 5:36 pm

End: 6:58 pm

Facilitating Co-chair: M. Gordon

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions

Public Comment Opportunity (agenda items only) 5 minutes

Presentations from new PC members/trainees :

J. Patterson, S. Washington, L. Lovett, C. Elrod, B. Gayheart, F. Ross, and J. Mazo

Approval of Agenda: January 22, 2020

Motion: C. Ritter Seconded: R. Rolling

VOTE: In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 20, 2019

Revise the section highlighting trophy recipients, correct the name Ronald Watkins with Robert Watkins

Motion: R. Rolling Seconded: C. Barnett

VOTE: In Favor: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 2

ODH Update – C. Elrod

The Part B Administrator Vacancy.

ODH released solicitation for a contractor to help with the Ending the Epidemic efforts. Further updates to follow. The first week of February is slated for the designated person to be in place.

**Question:* How can ODH accommodate PLWH that want to attend the Statewide Integrated Plan meetings in Columbus? It seems that providers and stakeholders are more accommodated than PLWH. Also, maybe they should consider bringing community liaison groups to the table.

**Response:* Past methods have not proven the best and it appears the current system has let PLWH down and excluded them from discussions on PLWH matters. ODH is actively looking for ways to alleviate this issue.

HRSA Policy Announcement on Community-based Correctional facilities – HRSA now allows service to jails, but jurisdictions must develop specific policies for how services are provided. The ODH Jails Workgroup (also incorporated into the Integrated Plan) is developing guidance on this issue.

**Question:* How are or will jails pay for the medicines of PLWH?

Previously, there has been no help for imprisoned PLWH, but ODH has loosened up guidelines and are looking to see how to implement this endeavor. ODH is also working with prevention people, care

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people, and other outsiders who can offer advice and guidance on this issue, as well as input from incarcerated individuals.

Medicaid Update – C.Nicholls

The 2020 year brings some changes with Medicaid and food assistance.

Regarding food assistance, for all able-bodied adults with no dependents, now effective April 1, changes to include work requirement. For SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), individuals are now required to work 20 hrs. per week/80 hrs. per month. If they don't meet these requirements, they will only be eligible for assistance three months over the next three years. This requirement will impact about 7,000 individuals that fall into that category. There were approximately 70-80,000 individuals eligible for health care under the Medicaid expansion. Also the Medicaid backlog has increased from 500-700, largely from the federal marketplace new enrollees.

For further information/updates, contact Cuyahoga County Jobs and Family Services at: (216) 987-6789. A link will also be sent out with further updates.

Cuyahoga County is also hiring caseworkers. There are currently 53 vacancies, and 33 in training. For interested applicants with disabilities, there may be exemptions available if verification of need can be provided.

Grantee Report – M. Rodrigo - January 2020 – Planning Council

1. Grantee Report

- a. ODH reorganized goals in State Integrated Plan. There are four main goals to include: Achieve Viral Suppression, Reduce New Infections, Strengthen Data Coordination and Reduce Disparities. The majority of state committees have been meeting. If you volunteered and have is not been included thus far, we can get your information to ODH. ODH is updating the Newsletter.
- b. Clinical Quality Management committee continues to meet with the efforts focusing on disparities in viral suppression. November 18th CQM projects were presented to the group. The presentation is up on our website. Meeting dates have been established with all providers to identify and start 2020 projects. The meetings are scheduled to take place in January.
- c. Grantee team received our full award for the FY19 grant. The total award is \$4,769,668.00. The estimated carryover was submitted to HRSA. There is an additional reallocation presented for January. CCBH released the Direct Service RFP which closed on January 7th. There were 14 agencies that submitted proposals to provide services starting March 2020. CCBH is preparing for the March 1st 2020 start.
- d. ODH sponsored needs assessment update. OU completed the demo survey at the Consumer Liaison Committee. There was great feedback provided to OU from the committee. Vino sent a summary to OU contact with the detailed notes. OU is received IRB approval. The survey is currently being translated into Spanish and Somali. The goal is to get the survey started by the end of January.
- e. Grantee completed version four of the newsletter. The newsletter is posted on the website. Feedback welcome.
- f. Trainings completed in FY2019 included: Completed Domestic Violence training with an HIV focus on July 29th and a combination JFS, OHDAP and Part A overview on August 21st; Trauma Informed Care training on September 23rd; the Cleveland Housing Network completed the financial

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management training for EIS, Non-medical and MCM case managers as the PC Directive on November 4th. There will be an additional survey completed for 2020.

- g. The grantee is incorporating U=U language into standard of care requirements for OAHS and MCM.
- h. Data to Care discussions continue with ODH and community partners. Meeting was conducted March 11th to obtain provide input about direction of the project. Providers are interested. CCBH commented on state guidelines. CCBH received an approval for a data sharing consultation from Johns Hopkins and the Network for Public Health Law. ODH requires CCBH to get an MOU with CDPH to implement D2C for the region. MOU was passed at the October 17th CCBH Contract Review Committee. CCBH is sent email to medical providers for Data Sharing Agreements. On October 21st, CCBH hosted a webinar with all medical providers to review the D2C protocol and review next steps with the medical providers. CCBH completed the review of the 210 clients on the NIC list. All NIC lists were provided to medical providers. The 1st cycle for the NIC lists has been completed locally. The 2nd cycle should be released by March 2020.
- i. CCBH continues to work with sub-recipients in regards to data completeness and productivity for the FY19 grant. The 2019 data submission is due to HRSA within the next two months. We are also upgrading to CAREWare 6 in order to complete the report.
- j. The FY2020 grant application was submitted.
- k. The Ending the Epidemic application was submitted.
- l. Ending the Epidemic update:

ODH organized an event for the state in conjunction with the CDC Director on August 1st. Local representatives were present. The state submitted an Ending the Epidemic planning grant to obtain a contractor to write a plan for the three counties identified in the state. Part A provided feedback on the application. ODH received the funding to write the EtHE plans. ODH is releasing an RFP to obtain a contractor to write the EtHE plans for the three designated areas. Part A submitted the EtHE application for Care. CCBH conducted two listening sessions for the County to gauge community input for potential projects.

- 2) The FY2019 grant. Current split is 75.97% Core and 24.03% Support. Total spent is 60.70% should be at 75.00%. All requests for additional funds are met with the approval of the PC reallocation. Contracts are being updated as well as budgets. Only one contract not impacted. There are a total of 58 budgets and 41 are impacted with the reallocation for the October reallocation. The January reallocation is going to meet all additional requests for funding as well as decrease providers not spending funding.
- 3) Green = underutilization, White = on target, Red = Over utilization

FY 2019 Utilization Update

Upgraded CAREWare system and moved to web-based application. The HRSA Ryan White Services Report (RSR)'s can now be submitted, all info goes in for the calendar year, providers have impeccably cleaned data and it is ready for submission.

The Grantee is still awaiting results of Ending the HIV Epidemic (EtHE) grant request.

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Members were reminded that the Grantee conducted listening sessions to solicit consumer input on potential projects to include in the grant proposal. March 1st start date if awarded, which is also the start of the 2020 grant year.

For the Current Part A grant, all contracts and service categories are opened to providers. This is the beginning of the next 3-year contract cycle. Also, a partial award for Part A grant will be received this year.

Vote on Reallocation Request

Review of allocation documents.

The Committee was reminded that a minimum of 75% of Part A Direct services funding must be spent on core services and no more than 25% of funds can be spent on support services.

Motion: To approve reallocation as proposed by grantee.

Motion: C. Ritter Seconded: C. Barnett

Vote For: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

CCBH Overview for Region 3 HIV/STI Prevention Program – C. Boettler

This Prevention grant is an opportunity to bring both Prevention & Ryan White Care programs together. City of Cleveland was the former grant recipient. A competitive RFP which was released Nov 27th for Region 3 – prevention. Proposals were due by the end of Dec and CCBH submitted a proposal response on Dec. 22, 2019. Several focuses of the grant include: Comprehensive screening, post exposure PREP, high risk and rapid point of contact testing, working with newly diagnosed, education, condom distribution, and participation in statewide planning groups.

This is an opportunity already for Part A providers to fully integrate advisory capacity with established groups of experts in care. The notice of award was received yesterday, board approval was given to get things underway, in order to release of the RFP.

Since this is a new program for CCBH, additional staff will be needed including a Program Supervisor and 3-disease investigators to be in place by the end of March.

It is CCBH's hope to have all new staff in place by late May-early June 2019.

Bonus points will also be included in the RFP for those pursuing efforts in areas such as peer led models.

Planning Council Business

Review /Approve 2020 Planning Council Meeting Schedule - postponed

HRSA Site Visit Schedule & Agenda

Awaiting tentative agenda. HRSA will conduct a site visit the week of March 30-April 3. They may participate in the April 1, 2020 committee meetings.

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Committee Reports

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) None

Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM)

*Question: Do we need a waiver from HRSA to incorporate the HIV Prevention Grant?

*Response: Not according to HRSA

PC Kickoff membership campaign will be conducted beginning in February.

Strategy & Finance (S&F)

January reallocation approved.

Priority settings are the focus of S&F for the next several months.

Committee will work to better inform members on the PSRA process.

Committee will report in March and April about PSRA process.

Allocation is set for June 17, 2020 -will do overview before starting allocation discussion

For those who want to be part of the ranking process, please attend S&F subcommittee meetings. The PSRA Major work activity schedule include:

- Formulating a data workgroup to determine the data request and how data should be presented to best inform decisions (*Feb. 5, March 4th at S&F Committee*)
- Service Priority Ranking (*Feb. 5, March 4th and April 1 at S&F Committee*)
- Data Presentations (at Planning Council Meeting)
 - Epidemiology - April 15th for Epi planning
 - Consumer Presentation – April 15th
 - Part A, B and Housing – May 20th
- Directive Discussion & Vote – May 6th (at S&F) & May 20th (at Planning Council)
- Resource Allocation – June 17, (*12:00 Noon – 4:00 pm*), Vote to ratify Final PSRA decisions.

Quality Improvement (QI)

Exploring directives next month – invited other Planning Council committees for input
Housing Case management report – no update yet.

Ohio University Needs Assessment set for April - online assessment forthcoming.

Statewide Integrated Plan meeting set for June 17th – contact QI co-chair if interested.

Public Comments

R. Toth – Update – For PLWH that are having procedures requiring anesthesia, medical facilities are now prohibiting release of PLWH unless a family member physically picks them up from facility after their procedure. They will not release PLWH to a taxi or pickup service. Also, regarding compliance, it would be helpful if a service could be implemented like a text message that can check up on PLWA and find out how they are and if they are taking their meds and so forth?

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It was suggested that PLWH should consult their case managers regarding this issue, and/or contact grantee for assistance in the matter.

Announcements

B. Jones – The Sankofa application for the upcoming Healing Weekend will become available online the weekend of March 27th. The next Healing Weekend is scheduled for October 23rd. Details to follow.

Adjournment

Motion: O’Neal

Seconded: C. Barnett

Attendance:

	Planning Council	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Kimberlin Dennis – Co-Chair	20									
2	Terry Allan – Co-Chair	20									
3	Merle Gordon – Co-Chair	20									
4	Clifford Barnett	20									
5	Michael Deighan	20									
6	Clinton Droster	20									
7	Brenda Glass	20									
8	Barbara Gripshover, MD	20									
9	Tina Marbury	20									
10	Jason McMinn	20									
11	Christy Nicholls	20									
12	Naimah O’Neal	20									
13	Chris Ritter	20									
14	Marlene Robinson-Statler	0									
15	Ronald Rolling	20									
16	Robert Watkins	20									
17	Leshia Yarbrough- Franklin	20									
	Total in Attendance	16									

Staff: T. Mallory, C. Boettler, M. Rodrigo, S. Harris,

Guests: B. Jones, Jon Luc, Angela, J. Stevenson, K. Rodas, J. Citerman-Kraeger, Jeff, Robert Toth

PC Trainees: J Patterson, F. Ross, B. Gayheart, L. Lovett, S. Washington, C. Elrod, J. Mazo