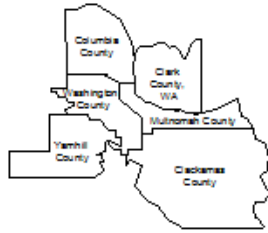




Portland Area HIV Services Planning Council

Advocacy and planning for people affected by HIV in the Portland metro area

Ryan White Program, Part A



Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 3, 2022

Approved by Planning Council: June 7, 2022

Grantee: Multnomah County Health Department



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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
 Virtual Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

Item**	Discussion, Motions, and Actions
Call to Order	Bri Williams called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. Bert Partin shared a Land Acknowledgement (see slide).
Welcome & Logistics	<p>Bri Williams welcomed everyone to the Planning Council meeting and reviewed meeting logistics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please say your name each time you speak • Please “raise your hand” or type questions in the chat box • We will mute and unmute folks as needed during the meeting • If you're calling in (not viewing slides), please mute yourself to minimize background noise, unless you have a question / comment • Meetings are recorded for accurate meeting minutes.
Candle Lighting Ceremony	Michelle Foley led the lighting of the ceremonial candle in memory of someone who passed away this past year. Their memory lives on in the community in which they lived.
Announcements	<p>Announcements: See slides.</p> <p>The group reviewed the Council Participation Guidelines (see slide).</p> <p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farewell to Bert Partin, who had to leave the area unexpectedly, so will no longer be able to be on the Council • May 18 is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day (watched short video) • May 19 is Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (watched short video) • Jamie Christiansen is leaving her position at Multnomah County, will be working at Providence in Vancouver • Quest Center has opened a second recovery home, which is transitional housing for those who have completed the program at the original house and are still engaged in treatment/services •
Agenda Review and Minutes Approval	<p>The agenda was reviewed by the Council, and no changes were made.</p> <p>The meeting minutes from the April 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.</p>
Public Testimony	None.

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<p>Co-Chair Election Operations Committee Election</p>	<p><i>Presenters: Julia Lager-Mesulam & Michael Thurman-Noche</i> <i>Summary of Discussion:</i> See slides.</p> <p>Positions available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Co-Chair position (currently held by Bri Williams) • 4 Operations Committee positions (currently held by Tom Cherry, Robbie Thurman-Noche, Scott Moore, and Bert Partin) <p>Co-Chair Election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One nomination – Bri Williams <p>Decision: Bri Williams is elected as Planning Council Co-Chair.</p> <p>Operations Committee Election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three at large member positions (2 years) – Tom Cherry, Robbie Thurman-Noche, Scott Moore • One at large member position (1 year) – Greg Fowler <p>Decision: Tom Cherry, Robbie Thurman-Noche, and Scott Moore are elected to 2-year terms on the Operations Committee. Greg Fowler is elected to a 1-year term on the Operations Committee.</p> <p>Next month we will hold another election to fill Jamie Christianson’s Operations Committee position for the rest of her term (1 year).</p> <p>The Membership Committee also reminds attendees that we have openings for membership on the Council, so please share with your networks.</p>
<p>Review Final FY 21-22 Expenditures & Reallocation (if needed)</p>	<p><i>Presenters: Jonathan Basilio</i> <i>Summary of Discussion:</i> See slides.</p> <p>Part A spend down = 96.9% of award Medical, Medical Case Management, and Non-Medical Case Management may have additional expenses</p> <p>Part B spend down = \$95.4% of award Medical Case Management, Housing, and Non-Medical Case Management may have additional expenses Admin/QM will have additional expenses No penalty if we don’t spend all of these funds</p> <p>CARES Act Funding spend down = 98.2% of award No carryover is available</p>
<p>Review FY 23-24 Priorities & Service Categories</p>	<p><i>Presenters: Jonathan Basilio & Michael Thurman-Noche</i> <i>Summary of Discussion:</i> See slides.</p>

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	<p>The Council reviewed a list of needs expressed in various ways / venues over the course of the year.</p> <p>When we look at spending, some of the major needs identified also have unspent funds. We may need to expand our contractors. In addition, hiring has been extremely challenging</p> <p>Questions? Needs or priorities missing? What items are most important/impactful? Q: Does RW pay for medical care of people without insurance? A: RW Part B program (CAREAssist) will help pay for insurance costs. We (Part A) also does pay for medical care at one specific HIV clinic and that clinic would not turn anyone away for services due to lack of insurance. Q: I don't understand why stock of HIV medication for corrections is out of scope. A: Generally Part A funds have not paid specifically for medications; that has been health insurance or CAREAssist. We can look into it further to make sure, but there does not appear to be a Part A category that fits. Q: Why is non-medical case management a support service? A: It's not very clear, there is a lot of overlap. Based on documentation, NMCM helps PLWH connect to services, including connecting to MCM. Generally, when clients get a MCM, they discontinue services with NMCM. Comment: For corrections, we need to think not just about medication, but about larger transition teams/services, as well as MAT (medication assisted treatment) Comment: There is a need for housing with housing-first harm reduction focus for PLWH. Comment: When looking down the road, having services outside the City of Portland and in the suburbs is important, which I've experienced working with clients outside of Multnomah County. Location is a huge gap as people are moving to suburbs and beyond. Comment: Mental health & housing-first is important; love the idea of caregiver support. Q: Is there funding for transportation to go to medical and other appointments? A: Transportation is an approved RW service category. We had made the decision many years ago to take it out as its own separate category, and allow agencies that receive funding for all of our services to allow a transportation line item. In addition, for OHP covered individuals, transportation to medical appointments for OHP covered services is covered.</p>
Annual Report: Outcomes Data	<p><i>Presenters: Marisa McLaughlin & Jenna Kivanç</i> <i>Summary of Discussion:</i> See slides.</p> <p>Marisa McLaughlin presented an overview of the Ryan White Client Annual Report.</p> <p>Questions / Comments: Q re slide 34: What that an increase in Part B funds, or a switch in Part B funds in specific types of services A: Increase in MCM in Part B. There are definitely clients that received both Part A and Part B funding. EFA also increased in Part B services in the past year. Q: Is the decrease in newly diagnosed cases due to decrease in testing, or a trend overall?</p>

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	<p>A: Not sure we can say until we look at numbers overall, but those won't be available until summer. Our hunch is this is due to pandemic, and decrease in testing during that time.</p> <p>Q: Do they have to have the CD4, or can just the VL itself count?</p> <p>A: Yes, it is either/or.</p> <p>Q: Have you seen a steady increase in people over 50 living with HIV? Both in general, and newly diagnosed?</p> <p>A: At the June meeting we will be taking a look at epidemiological data, and that might shed more information on this question.</p> <p>Comment: I'm pleased to see that in general things weren't so dramatically impacted as we thought it might be with regards to the pandemic.</p> <p>Q: Does there continue to be a steady increase in POC testing positive for HIV?</p> <p>A: We don't have the 20-21 numbers currently, but Marisa will take a look at the previous numbers and bring answers back to the next Council meeting.</p>
Evaluation and Closing	<p><i>Presenter: Michael Thurman-Noche</i></p> <p>Thank you for participating in this meeting. If you have feedback / comments / ideas, please include them in your evaluation.</p>
Adjourned	6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Members	Present	Absent*	Members	Present	Absent*
Emily Borke, she/her	X		Scott Moore, he/him	X	
Tom Cherry, he/him	X		Jamal Muhammad	X	
Jamie Christianson, she/her	X		Laura Paz Whitmore	X	
Carlos Dory, him/his	X		Troy Preble	X	
Michelle Foley, they/them	X		Diane Quiring, she/her	X	
Greg Fowler, he/him	X		Jace Richard, he/him	X	
Taylor Gleffe, she/her	X		Tessa Robinson, she/her	X	
Dennis Grace-Montero, he/him			Michael Thurman-Noche, he/him (Co-Chair)	X	
Shaun Irelan, he/him	X		Robert Thurman-Noche, he/him	X	
Toni Kempner, she/her	X		Sam Wardwell, they/them	X	
Julia Lager-Mesulam, she/her	X		Joanna Whitmore, she/her		
Heather Leffler, she/her	X		Abrianna Williams, she/her (Co-Chair)	X	
Marisa McDowell, she/her			Michelle Wilson	X	
PC Support Staff			Guests		
Lisa Alfano			Dennis Torres (Community Liaison, Gilead Sciences)		
Jonathan Basilio	X		Jake Schmeider (Quest)		
Laura Bradley			Clay Robbins (Cascadia)		
Aubrey Daquiz, she/her	X		Marissa Freeman (CAP)		
Jenny Hampton, she/her (Recorder)	X		Kevin Hockley (Optum 340B)		
Amanda Hurley, she/her	X		Vanessa Leja, Gilead		
Jenna Kivanç	X		Sydney Dutton		
Marisa McLaughlin, she/her	X		Heather Hargraves		
Kim Toevs, she/her or they/them			Robb Lawrence, he/him	X	

* A = Unexcused Absence; E = Excused Absence; L = On Leave