Understanding Allocations

Where does the money come from?

Feds grant funds based on epidemic and grant application

Federal Government



Recipient/DHH

DHH requests for proposals

Planning Council Allocates to Service Categories

Community
Service
Providers

PLWHA 2023 NUMBERS

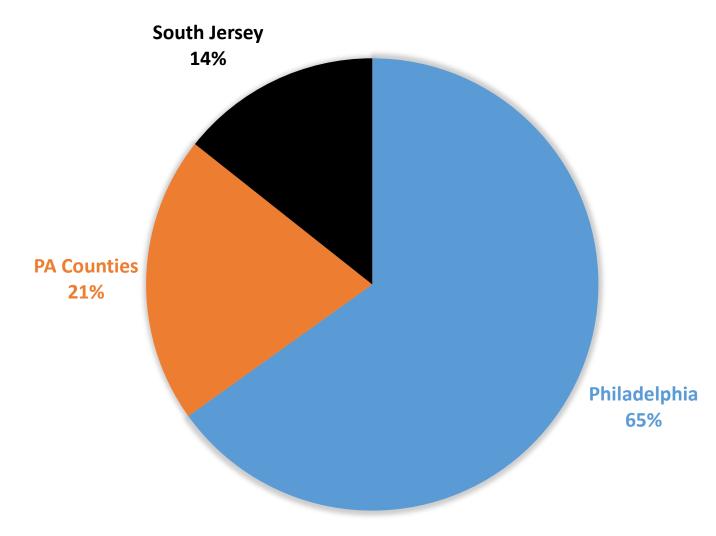
New Jersey Counties (4):

Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, & Salem Counties

Pennsylvania Counties (4):

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, & Montgomery Counties

Philadelphia County



Dividing Funding

Region	2023 PLWDH		Total Service Funding
Philadelphia	18,545	65.1%	\$11.8 M
PA Suburbs	5,853	20.6%	\$3.5 M
South Jersey	4,084	14.3%	\$2.4 M
EMA	28,482	100%	\$17.7 M

What we review:

- Finance Committee members chair the meeting
- OHP staff reviews process and handouts in order to provide background information and to facilitate the allocations process:
 - Pie charts with funding for the region
 - Allocations packet (per service category)
 - Funding by Ryan White Part and other federal funding
 - Data on unmet need
 - Allocations/spending over time



Making decisions:

- Finance Committee members chair the meeting
- OHP staff reviews spreadsheets with budgets to make decisions for:
 - Level funding budget
 - 5% increase budget
 - 5% decrease budget
- OHP staff discusses and solidifies any directives to the recipient



Directives to the Recipient

Specific subpopulations

- Specific geographic areas
- How services should be provided (service provision)
- ➤ Types of organizations (e.g. agencies that receive funding for and link both care and prevention services, CBO that service a particular subpopulation, nonprofit agencies, etc... NEVER naming specific agencies)

Budget Approval

 Each region's budget is presented to the planning council members for final approval during the August meeting. Only planning council members can vote on the region's drafts

Planning council makes changes and adjustments to drafts before approval

 Members also take this time to ask questions to gain a better understanding about the process and the final budget projections

 The regional budgets are combined into one EMA budget that is included in the Part A grant application which we send to the federal government.

Ch-ch-CH-changes

 Any changes or updates to the allocations must be presented to the HIV Integrated planning council by DHH (if over 10% threshold)



Members as Advocates & Planners (cont.)

Members must learn when/how to be Planners:

- Consider the entire community all PLWH
- Seek Win-Win versus Win-Lose
- Listen and ask questions
- Come prepared review data and reports
- Make decisions based on data not "impassioned pleas"
- Understand boundaries

Your Role

• If you are a planning council member you have the option to vote on motions that are passed during allocations meetings.

All allocation meetings are open to the public.

 You are encouraged to ask questions, make suggestions, and offer ideas.