

**Ryan White Part A Planning Council (RWPC) of the Philadelphia EMA  
Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes of  
Thursday, April 6, 2017  
2:00-4:00p.m.**

Office of HIV Planning, 340 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 320, Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Present:** Tre Alexander, Michael Cappuccilli, David Gana, Sayuri Lio, Joseph Roderick, Nurit Shein, Leroy Way, Mark Coleman

**Excused:** Kevin Burns, Keith Carter, Alan Edelstein

**Absent:** Lupe Diaz

**Guests:** Chris Chu, Ricardo Colon, Greg Seaney, Carla Fields

**Staff:** Mari Ross-Russell, Jennifer Hayes

**Call to Order:** D. Gana called the meeting to order at 2:05p.m.

**Welcome/Introductions:** D. Gana welcomed the Finance Committee. Those present then introduced themselves.

**Approval of Agenda:** D. Gana presented the agenda for approval. **Motion:** T. Alexander moved, M. Cappuccilli seconded to approve the agenda. **Motion passed:** All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes** (*February 2, 2017*): D. Gana presented the minutes for approval. **Motion:** N. Shein moved, L. Way seconded to approve the February 2, 2017 minutes. **Motion Passed:** All in favor.

**Report of Chair:** None.

**Report of Staff:** None.

**Action Item:**

- **Reallocation Request**

R. Colon stated that, at the February 9<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting, the recipient announced that they had received a partial Ryan White grant award. He noted that the Planning Council had authorized allocations based on level funding based on last year's allocations, in order to provide continued service delivery.

R. Colon explained that, on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2016, the recipient reported that the NJ Department of Health had restructured their grant programs, which decreased state funds available for outpatient/ambulatory medical care and increased funding for medical case management (MCM). He said that the change reduced the need for support for MCM from Ryan White funds. He said that greater than 60% of PLWHA had co-occurring mental health conditions. He stated that additional mental health funds would improve engagement of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in medical care.

R. Colon said the recipient requested to move a total of \$147,183, or 24% of allocated funds in New Jersey, from MCM to NJ outpatient ambulatory health services (\$103,000 or 16%) and NJ mental health services (\$44,183 or 8%). M. Cappuccilli asked if the mental health funding was intended to support a single staff position. R. Colon said this funding was for service delivery rather than staffing.

C. Fields noted that outpatient/ambulatory services received more funding than mental health. She asserted that mental health services were equally important. R. Colon stated that he agreed. However, he said that the NJ region had decided to allocate a certain amount of funding for outpatient/ambulatory health care in order to support the programs. C. Fields stated that opioid use and overdose was on the rise. She suggested placing more money into substance use and mental health programs. N. Shein pointed out that Ryan White was not the only source of funding for mental health and substance use services. R. Colon stated that NJ may at some point request a reallocation to support mental health and substance use services, particularly if there was underspending.

**Motion:** D. Gana moved that the group adopt the reallocation request and recommend the Planning Council approve it as laid out in the spreadsheets. **Motion passed:** 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements:** R. Colon stated that he would no longer be attending Finance Committee meetings. He said that Greg Seaney-Ariano would be taking his place.

**Adjournment:** **Motion:** M. Cappuccilli moved, L. Way seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:15p.m. **Motion Passed:** All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Hayes, Staff

**Handouts distributed at the meeting:**

- Meeting Agenda
- February 2, 2017 Minutes
- Recipient New Jersey Region Reallocation Request
- OHP Calendar