



**Allocations & Evaluations Sub-Committee Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.**

The Allocations & Evaluations committee of the HIV Planning Council convened in a special-called session on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 1520 Rutherford Lane, 1st floor, Austin, Texas.

In attendance: Planning Council members: Christopher Hamilton – chair, Paul Hassell, Courtney McElhaney, and Joseph Collins; City of Austin staff – Kimberly Pemberton, Brenda Mendiola, and Mark Peppler.

The Meeting began at 6: 15 p.m. with introductions. Christopher Hamilton invited community input pertaining to agenda items. No community input was made, as there were no community members in attendance.

A packet entitled, “Resource Allocations Guidelines” was provided to the committee, which included requested data and information for the allocations process.

Mr. Hamilton proceeded with reviewing the resource allocations process with committee members, citing policies related to methodology, criteria for decision-making, and conflict of interest issues.

A concurrence was reached of the committee to accept the recommended steps to the allocations process according to the principles outlined and reviewed, followed by a motion made by Paul Hassell and seconded by Courtney McElhaney to formally accept the process. Vote passed unanimously with all 4 committee members casting votes.

A brief discussion ensued on identifying funding sources and how to use information derived from the 2009 Provider Survey.

The most recent (September 7, 2010) Administrative Report was requested in order to identify current service expenditures.

Christopher Hamilton led a discussion on the historical methodology of allocating resources, and suggested the possibility of going through the list of service categories and determining which should or should not be funded, based on the data.

Mark Peppler suggested the committee explore other sources of information in their process, including health insurance reformation.

Paul Hassell offered information about health insurance pool premiums and Medicaid

The committee proceeded in reviewing the taxonomy report, in conjunction with the data, and made decisions to fund the following services:



Note: Items with N/A were likely not discussed during this meeting session.

PART A ELIGIBLE CORE SERVICES	Will service be funded this grant cycle? Other relevant information discussed, if applicable
1. AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)	N/A
2. AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)	Yes
3. Early Intervention Services (EIS)	Maybe, upon additional information and clarification from HRSA.
4. Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance	Yes
5. Home Health Care	No
6. Home and Community-based Health Services	N/A
7. Hospice	Yes, with evaluations of mortality rate and physician certification. Consideration of funds being used in housing.
8. Medical Case Management	Yes
9. Medical Nutritional Therapy	Yes, discussion of significance in epidemic changes and wasting management.
10. Mental Health	Yes
11. Oral Health	Yes
12. Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care	Yes
13. Substance Abuse – Outpatient	Yes
PART A ELIGIBLE SUPPORT SERVICES	
1. Non-medical Case Management	N/A
2. Child Care Services	No
3. Emergency Financial Assistance	Maybe, extensive discussion on use of funds and extent to how it is used, particularly in the rural counties.
4. Food Bank	Yes
5. Health Education/Risk Reduction (HERR)	No
6. Housing Services	Service has not been previously funded since 2005. Recent carryover funding. Additional information needed such as 1) progress made on waiting lists, 2) HUD status, 3) homeless funds status, etc.
7. Legal Services	No
8. Linguistic Services	No
9. Medical Transportation	Yes
10. Outreach Services	Yes
11. Permanency Planning	N/A
12. Psycho-social Support Services	Yes
13. Referral for Healthcare/Supportive Services	N/A
14. Rehabilitation Services	N/A
15. Respite Care	N/A
16. Substance Abuse – Residential	Yes
17. Treatment Adherence Counseling	N/A



Christopher Hamilton requested an update on Minority AIDS Initiative performance and an expenditure update on housing (HOPWHA) and carryover funds.

Kimberly Pemberton suggested that the committee review the current utilization data provided to identify any possible issues with services.

Brenda Mendiola noted additional information could affect Planning Council allocations: **expanded Medicaid coverage for substance abuse services expected in 2011.**

Hearing no objections, Christopher Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.