

STRATEGIES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE



Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
County Operations Center
5560 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123
(Training Room 171)

A quorum for this meeting is six (6).

Committee Members Present: Amy Applebaum | Dr. Beth Davenport | Moira Mar-Tang | Shannon Ransom (Chair) | Dr. Winston Tilghman | Michael Wimpie

Committee Members Absent: Allan Acevedo (Co-Chair) | Lucia Franco | Joseph Mora | Jeffery Weber

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order, roll call, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	Shannon Ransom called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM and noted the presence of a quorum in person.	
2. Public comment	A member of the public expressed their concern for procedures on how individuals can enroll in the Ryan White system. There was information shared about how it is supposed to be the agency responsible for enrolling individuals to Ryan White. It was stated that there is a service standard requiring that agencies verify enrollment of Ryan White for clients.	
3. Sharing our concerns	None	
4. Review and approve the agenda for October 3, 2023	Motion: Approve the agenda for the October 3, 2023 meeting with Mental Health Services discussion to 7a. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Tilghman / Applebaum / 7-0 Abstention(s): None Motion carries	
5. Review and approve the Minutes for August 1, 2023	Motion: Approve the minutes for the August 1, 2023 meeting as presented. M/S/C: Tilghman / Wimpie / 8-0 Abstention(s): Applebaum Motion carries	

STRATEGIES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
6. Review follow up items from last meeting:		
a. Recipient's Office to reach out to Dr. Samantha Tweeten regarding data on predictors of nonviral suppression.	There are currently no updates from the Recipient's office.	Item to remain on the agenda as a follow-up.
7. Old Business		
a. Getting to Zero (GTZ) Community Engagement Plan		
i. Progress and next steps	<p>Dr. Delores Jacobs discussed eligibility of services and how there has been a challenge with receiving timely access.</p> <p>A member of the public commented on the difference between PARS and Emergency Financial Assistance, and both cannot be used simultaneously unless in a particular situation.</p>	
b. Review draft changes to Universal Standards:		
i. Discussion: Review draft changes to Trauma-Informed care (Shannon Ransom/Rhea Van Brocklin)	<p>The draft changes to Trauma-Informed Care are in progress.</p> <p>It was reminded from the previous discussion that the group had decided on having two (2) separate standards on Cultural Humility and Trauma-Informed Care.</p> <p>Volunteers from the committee will assist with the Trauma Informed Care standards are greatly appreciated.</p> <p>The group hopes to review a draft by the December meeting.</p>	Draft changes of Trauma Informed Care will be brought to next meeting
c. Consider changes to Transportation Standards	The Recipient's office reported that they have received approval from the HRSA officer on how to deploy transportation services. Guidance	The Recipient's office will bring forward

STRATEGIES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
	<p>has reported that transportation is an allowable cost to any service category. A memo will be sent out to notify subrecipients that they will be able to amend their existing budget to add additional funding for transportation.</p> <p>There is support for mass transit; however, authorization for monthly transit passes is not allowable and is only for core medical and support services. The Recipient's office will continue to investigate the issue for transit passes.</p> <p>It was also noted that there is support for any mass transit trip that would require more than one hour to or from the destination and that ridesharing is allowable. It was suggested to survey Ryan White clients who are over the age of 50 as they might have different transportation needs as well as look into the use of the Pronto ticketing system for public transit.</p>	<p>changes to the Transportation Services standards at the December meeting.</p>
<p>d. California Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan</p>		
<p>i. Next steps</p>	<p>Jurisdictions under the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant met on October 3, 2023 with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to discuss the integrated strategic plan. California's Integrated Statewide Plan is focusing on social determinants of health such as stigma, medical mistreatment, racism, and systems on how to address that.</p>	<p>Recipient's office may invite members from CDPH to report on the statewide plan as well as invite The Recipient's Office staff to present information.</p>
<p>e. Mental Health Services – Request from Priority</p>	<p>Dr. Jacobs provided overview on the consumer recommendations and</p>	<p>The Recipient's</p>

STRATEGIES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
<p>Settings and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)</p>	<p>ongoing consumer comments that consider challenges with mental health services and substance use treatment. There are several primary challenges for individuals, including information regarding availability of services allowable by Ryan White and other communications to let people know that the services are available.</p> <p>Another challenge is timely access, which refers to the limits for how long you must wait for a service in California. It was iterated that mental health treatment is not exclusively for people who are using substances. Ryan White services are used for those who are diagnosed with HIV and experiencing mental health issues. Substance use treatment is used for individuals using any substances. Medical standards should address screening so long as there are those qualified for screening.</p> <p>It was recommended to include standards regarding response time from initial contact until that intake appointment occurs. There is a suggestion for aligning standards with the standards set by the California Department of Healthcare Services.</p> <p>Opportunities to screen people for mental health services and substance use treatment – should be a recommendation made in areas where Ryan White clients are most likely to be encountered such as Emergency Financial Assistance. It would be helpful to have a standard, that at least for Ryan White Services, that there is a</p>	<p>office will bring forward changes to the Mental Health Services standards for review at the December meeting.</p>

STRATEGIES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
	<p>dedicated space available in which to provide those services. The Recipient's office had reported on a grant that was awarded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for Status Neutral Approach. One of the objectives is working with the HIV Planning Group to create universal standards regardless of people's HIV status.</p>	
8. New Business		
<p>a. Discussion: Additional recommendations from PSRAC:</p>		
<p>i. Emergency financial assistance</p>	<p>Dr. Jacobs asked what the criteria are for people who may feel an urgent need for the same-day financial assistance. There needs to be specific eligibility for same-day or next-day assistance so that everyone understands what is required for that to happen. A member of the public brought up that PARS and Emergency Financial Assistance are two separate entities and cannot both be used except in extremely rare cases.</p>	
<p>ii. Reevaluate eligibility criteria for basic needs support categories</p>	<p>Dr. Jacobs provided an overview of the eligibility criteria for basic needs support categories and clarified the importance of keeping the terms for basic support simply in effort to ensure that the categories do not negatively impact someone's ability to prioritize their health care and remaining care.</p>	
<p>b. Discussion: Service Standards to be updated:</p>		
<p>i. Testing Standard</p>	<p>Testing Standards have not been completed yet.</p>	
<p>ii. Emergency Financial Assistance and Housing</p>	<p>Discussed in Item 7e.</p>	

STRATEGIES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
iii. Mental Health Services	Discussed in Item 8a.	
9. Recommendations to HPG, HPG committees and requests of recipient	No recommendations.	
10. Suggested items for the future committee agenda	<p>It was recommended for discussion on the committee workplan for the year 2024 and to include the following topics: HIV and Aging, and the Consumer Needs Assessment.</p> <p>Dr. Davenport and Shannon Ransom are the co-chairs for the committee overseeing the review of the tool utilized for surveying the community.</p>	Discussion on Needs Assessment committee to remain on agenda for next meeting in December.
11. Announcements	<p>Acceptance of Truax Awards nominations have been extended to October 13, 2023.</p> <p>A committee member thanked the HIV Planning Group support staff for keeping them updated and uplifted while being a member of the committee.</p>	
12. Next meeting date	<p>Date: December 5, 2023 Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM</p> <p>Location: Southeastern Live Well Center 5101 Market St. San Diego, CA 92114 Tubman Chavez Room A</p> <p>And remotely/virtually via Zoom.</p>	
13. Adjournment	4:30 PM	