

# Planning Council

**Date of meeting:** October 21, 2014  
**Time started:** 6:40 p.m.  
**BCHD Staff:** C. Skipper  
**PCSO Staff:** D. Gorham L. Laird  
 C. Lacanienta A. Onyeabo

**Present:** L. Bank M. Moiforay  
 A. Brown M. Reese  
 B. Fitzsimmons M. Scriber  
 J. Hailey J. Simmons  
 C. Harvey, Sr C. Smith  
 S. Johnson L. Sowah  
 G. Jones-Childs L. Tatum  
 P. Kurowski  
 H. Lambert  
 V. Lathan  
 L. Lucas

**Absent:** A. Bradford T. Hawkins  
 D. Brewer S. Jackson  
 T. Brown D. Kelly, Jr  
 W. Commander F. Poindexter  
 A. Fowlkes D. Rivera  
 K. Gray K. Rogers

**Visitors:** K. Arbaugh E. Nicholson  
 S. Bosley R. Parrish  
 T. Davis L. Sanders  
 N. Guest

**Handouts:**

- Planning Council Packet (IGS & PC, October 2014).
- Chair’s Report (IGS & PC, October 2014).

## Introductions

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- The meeting convened with quorum at 6:40p.m and introductions were made.

## Review of Minutes

Council

**Discussion:**

- The council reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

**Motion:** To approve the September planning council minutes

**Made by:** C. Smith

**Second:** J. Simmons

**Action:** Passed

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## Chair Report

M. Reese, Chair

- M. Reese presented the chair report to the council.
  - The FY15 Part A grant application was submitted in September. Thank you to the grantee’s office, support office, and planning council committees for all their work leading up to the submission.
  - The EMA still plans to pursue a core medical services waiver for FY2015. The grantee and support office staff have been working with council leadership to complete the requirements for the waiver application.
  - The PLWH/A committee hosted a community forum on the Affordable Care Act and access to care in September. It

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was well attended and provided a learning opportunity for community members

- o The Executive Committee at their meeting this month discussed ways to better serve clients and expend funds. Based on these discussions, the committee will provide a report to the council tonight and ask that the council make decisions regarding Ryan White eligibility, carryover funding, and reprogramming of funds.
- M. Reese announced that following tonight’s meeting she is resigning from her position as Chair of the planning council due to increasing work commitments.

## Ryan White Part A Report

**C. Skipper,**  
**Baltimore City Health Department**

- C. Skipper presented the Part A Report to the council (see attachment 1).
- HRSA has requested additional justification for the FY14 carryover.
- 7-month reprogramming has been scheduled for November 6 2014.
- The grantee is continuing to work on the core medical waiver submission. Nearly all documents have been received; the grantee is expecting another letter from the states AIDS director. The next core medical waiver meeting is scheduled for October 29.
- The categories for bid this year are Primary Medical Care and Medical Case Management.

**Discussion:**

- P. Kurowski asked if the RFP covers MAI funds in the category of Medical Case Management.

## Planning Council Updates

**Executive Committee**

**L. Sowah**

- L. Sowah presented the Executive Committee updates.
- The committee discussed the possibility of raising the federal poverty level (FPL) guidelines for Ryan White Part A eligibility in the Baltimore EMA.
- C. Lacanienta stated that the recommendation for raising the FPL is important because core medical services covered under Medicaid expansion will result in unspent funds.

**Motion:** To increase eligibility from 300 to 500 FPL in the Baltimore EMA

**Made by:** C. Smith

**Second:** J. Simmons

**Discussion:**

- o B. Fitzsimmons asked what the capacity for increasing the FPL is in terms of infrastructure.
- o C. Lacanienta stated that capacity would need to be determined by each provider.
- o B. Fitzsimmons stated that awareness should be raised especially among larger organizations if changes are made to the FPL.
- o P. Kurowski stated that most patients served at Chase are at or below 300 FPL, and an increase in GFPL may affect categories such as EFA and copayments. Guidelines from the grantee will be needed however on the Ryan White Cap.
- o A. Brown asked if any EMAs have made changes to their FPL after the ACA implementation. C. Lacanienta stated that San Francisco has lowered and increased its FPL.
- o A. Brown stated that additional discussion about the changing the FPL needs to occur.
- o C. Lacanienta recommended that the discussion be moved to the CPC for a panel of case managers to share their perspectives.

**Action:** Withdrawn

**Opposed:**

**Abstain:**

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**Motion:** To recommend that the Baltimore EMA not request carryover for FY 2013 funds but instead use the reprogramming exercises to address funding needs.

**Made by:** L. Sowah

**Second:** C. Smith

**Action:** Passed

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Motion:** To recommend that the grantee be given five percent leeway to shift funds across categories without prior planning council approval until PSRA, with the grantee reporting any funding shifts to the planning council at the next meeting following the movement of funds.

**Made by:** L. Sowah

**Second:** C. Smith

**Action:** Passed

**Opposed:** 1

**Abstain:** 3

## Comprehensive Planning Committee

C. Smith

- C. Smith presented the Comprehensive Planning Committee report.
- The committee debriefed from priority setting and reviewed evaluation comments. The committee also discussed the ACA and its impact on the Ryan White system. The committee forwarded a number of health literacy items to the PLWH/A committee for discussion.

## Nominating Committee

C. Harvey

- C. Harvey presented the Nominating Committee report.
- The committee reviewed two screened applications and distributed two applications for screening.

**Motion:** To send E. Watson to the mayor’s office for appointment to the council.

**Made by:** C. Harvey

**Second:** C. Smith

**Action:** Passed

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstain:** 1

## PLWH/A Committee

H. Lambert

- H. Lambert presented the PLWH/A Committee report.
- The committee hosted a forum on the Affordable Care Act and Access to Care. A panel of case managers presented as well as a representative from Medicaid.

### Discussion:

- M. Scriber asked how to access the information shared at the panel. C. Lacanienta stated that the panel discussion was recorded and would be posted on the planning council website.

## Planning Council Support Office

L. Laird, PCSO

- L. Laird presented the PCSO report.
- The support office has been working with the grantee’s office to write the narrative for the 75/25 core medical services waiver application.
- The support office worked with the PLWH/A committee to put together the community forum. Support staff also facilitated breakout sessions and gathered data from participants.

## New Business

- M. Reese announced that the Living Red Ribbon event would be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am at Morgan State University.
- C. Smith announced that the Bridging the Gap and Harm Reduction conferences would be held at the Renaissance Hotel from 9am – 5pm on October 22nd.
- S. Johnson stated that the House Baltimore Coalition “Know Your Status Ball” would be held on November 15 at the Patapsco Arena from 7pm-1am.
- P. Kurowski announced vacancies for a social worker at the Chase Brexton Easton Branch and two case managers in the Mount Vernon and Anne Arundel County offices.

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Adjournment

Presenter

- The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Made by:** C. Smith

**Second:** P. Kurowski

**Action:** Passed

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

Time adjourned:	Date of approval:
Signature:	Electronic signature of chair (PC Minutes only):

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Minutes

Final

Attachment 1: Grantee Report