

Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council

Planning Council Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Questions to Presenters

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Clinical Quality Management Program

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1. Why Hospice services this year? What rationale did you use to select these services? If there are a substantial number of areas for improvement, why not quantify them as was done to the areas of strengths?

Answer: Hospice is reviewed every 4 years as with the other categories except primary care, which is reviewed annually.

2. What is the difference between residential substance abuse and transitional housing since both are in-house?

Answer: Residential substance abuse services have drug treatment requirements stipulated by the state in COMAR regulations. Transitional housing does not include a drug treatment focus, but simply houses the client short term.

3. In regards to resistance testing under primary medical care, what types of resistance testing are you planning for next year?

Answer: For resistance testing, we are simply recording if an HIV resistance test was conducted during the review period. We will be able to link this to the client's viral load to see if resistance testing is done more in clients with detectable or non-detectable viral loads.