

## **Services Committee Proposed Action Item: Modification/Addition of Scenario 5 to the Extended FY2008-10 HIV Services Priority Plan: Unexpended HOPWA funds to Services**

**Background:** At its January 2008 meeting the Commission on AIDS adopted a procedure to modify the extended FY2008-10 HIV Services Priority Plan and make changes based on new information brought to the Commission by a committee of the Commission.

The process is that any committee can propose a revision based on their review of a proposal for adjustment to the Plan. The proposing committee sends the proposal and its recommendation to the Commission for review and vote. If passed, it then goes to a group of unconflicted consumers to review the changes and recommend action to the Commission, who takes up the topic at their next meeting. Consensus results in an amended Services Plan; no decision results in an unchanged Plan.

The HOPWA Housing Services Plan for FY08-09/09-10 Long-Term Housing Assistance/Pre-Development Costs service category was to be used for Pre-Development Costs for low income housing units dedicated to PLWHA. These funds were allocated after the May 2008 FAWG Lite to provide stable housing for persons living with HIV. For a variety of reasons a contract could not be developed with the builder of the units. As a result, up to \$80,000 in HOPWA funds may become available for services. [Other Long Term Housing funds provide ongoing monthly rental subsidies (Tenant Based Rental Assistance) to eligible HIV+ individuals.]

### Non-Funding Recommendations from FAWG Lite 2008 include:

1. Carry out a six-month review of the long-term and short-term assistance expenditures so that adjustments can be made at that time if necessary.
2. Reallocate funds to a different core service based on demonstrated service need, fiscal agent assessment of the service area and other data. Locally, the [Part A] core services are: Primary Medical Care, Dental Care, Mental Health Psychiatric Assessment and Counseling, Medical Case Management, Medical Nutrition Counseling and Chemical Dependency Counseling/Outpatient Tx.

### **Recommendation:**

Convene a FAWG Lite to create a Scenario 5 of the HIV Services Plan FY08-09 and 09-10 (Part A, B, etc) in order to allocate any additional funds that are available (HOPWA). Allocations of funds to services in this Scenario 5 to existing service categories will be based on available data regarding need for services.

Other available additional or unexpended funds may be allocated per existing COA policies.

### **Clarification to the 2008 Adopted Action Item**

All community members who have participated in the previous full FAWG or are graduates of the AIDS Leadership Academy 1 or 2, and are unconflicted about the issue being proposed at the time of the meeting, will be invited review the proposal. This group, which will include no less than four consumers will meet once to review the proposal and will make recommendations to the Commission. Reconnect Advocates and County Interns are considered unconflicted.

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