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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SONOMA COUNTY
COMMISSION ON AIDS/HIV CARE CONSORTIUM
HIV HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
July 29, 2009
490 Mendocino Avenue

Members Present: Steve B., Glenn S., Ron K., Susan C., Alix. S., Shari B., Rick D., Lisa A., and Anna B.
Members Absent: Herb L., Lynn C., Dwayne Z., Ruben C., Cerrissa M., Marion D., Celia B., and Harold L.
Staff: Kelly E., Ellen S., and Claire E.

1. **Call to Order** – The Chair called the meeting to order.
2. **Memorial Moment**
3. **Public Comment/Announcements**
 - The Chair requested a change in the meeting time for the August 12th meeting.
 - Staff thanked everyone who participated in the survey (14 started the survey, 4 completed the full survey). Many requested a discussion on acuity, acknowledging the need to serve the most in need first and be consistent with the reconnect model of utilizing other services in the greater community. Many had questions about the proposed Office of AIDS model which is why this special meeting was called to identify what information is needed to provide answers.
 - Staff announced the new Healthy Sonoma Website www.healthysonoma.org is available.
 - A member of the public expressed concerns; in order to provide primary medical care, the support services like food and other services are necessary to contribute to better medical outcomes. It is also critical that factual information is given to the public so that misperceptions are kept to a minimum.
4. **Minutes from the July 8, 2009 Meeting** – A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved as written.
5. **Discussion of Questions needed to be answered before the August meeting to discuss modifications to the HIV services plan**
 - Staff distributed information describing the different roles and responsibilities of the Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the Health Department with regard to making recommendations for services, receiving funds and authorizing contracts, and managing and monitoring the agencies that provide the services.

- Staff provided an update from an Office of AIDS conference call that was held yesterday after the California Budget was signed. There were many documents distributed to provide backup information. All are available on the Commission website.
- Staff distributed the current HIV Services Plan FY07-09, the HOPWA Plan, and the approved HIV Services plan for FY09-13. The FAWG also provided non-funding recommendations to prioritize as recommended by HRSA, the most in need, and focus on life extending life saving services, and to fund core medical services at no less than 75% and supportive services at no more than 25% of the total Ryan White funds. The FAWG also recommended that the Services Plan be consistent with the reconnect philosophy of encouraging client independence and self fulfillment. Sonoma County AIDS cases have not met the HRSA requirement to qualify as a TGA. Unless the legislation changes there will be a significant drop in funding. Regardless of changes to TGA status there is an approved plan through to 2013.
- Staff reminded Commissioners that the special meeting was called due to the large amount of information that needed to be understood to make recommendations based on information given at the July 8th meeting. At tonight's meeting, staff will chart all questions and then Commissioners will prioritize the ones that are necessary for staff to research so that Commissioners have the information necessary to make recommendations at the August 12th meeting.
- Questions were taken from Commissioners and the public. Commissioners identified the questions that were most pertinent to the consideration of a revision of the services plan. Staff will email the answers to this subset of questions before the next Commission meeting.
- Suggestions were made to receive input from the community via a needs assessment or online survey, town hall meetings or community forums or make fact sheets available. It was also suggested that agency staff provide information to clients who are unable to participate in formal meetings and distribute information via confidential email lists.

6. Items for the August 12, 2009 agenda

- The meeting will begin at 4:15 as scheduled and begin with the Distinguished Service Award acknowledgements. A group of Commissioners will meet to determine the process for the next meeting. The final reading and vote of the revised Bylaws and the homeless services count and has been postponed until the September meeting.

7. Closure – Meeting was adjourned at 5:30

***The next meeting is on August 12th, 2009 at 4:15 p.m.
625 Fifth Street, City View Room, Santa Rosa***