

Proposed Action Item: Modification of the FY09-10 HOPWA Plan and the FY13:

Summary: Based on FY08-09 experience, changes in utilization and need, the currently approved FY08-10 HOPWA plan does not reflect the best use of HOPWA funds. A modified HOPWA plan (attached) would reduce the need to amend the grant application and better reflect the housing-related needs of HIV+ individuals and the resources needed in the provision of these services. (The FY09-10 HOPWA application is due to the State Office of AIDS August 7.)

Background: At its April 2009 meeting the Commission on AIDS adopted a procedure to allocate funds outside the ranges of the FY1009-2010 and FY2010-2013 HOPWA Services Plan

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the HOPWA Housing Services Plan for FY08-09/09-10 be modified to increase funds to Housing Search Assistance and Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), to be offset by reduction in Short-Term Emergency Assistance and by eliminating the Long-Term Housing Assistance/Pre-Development Cost category (which was not able to be allocated or spent in the current fiscal year).

Staff also recommends that the total funds requested match the HOPWA contract budget of \$374,040.(including admin.), Although eligible for up to \$422,960, Sonoma County has historically returned significant amounts of HOPWA funds each year, which are reallocated to all jurisdictions by the State in the following year . By requesting the amount that can actually be expended, there is less administrative time spent on Board items, State contract revisions, accounting changes, and subcontractor contract revisions, and this frees up funds to be better spent by another jurisdiction for persons living with HIV/AIDS .

**HOUSING SERVICES PLAN FY09-10 HOPWA FUNDING PROPOSED
FOR AUGUST 2009 ADOPTION**

Eligible Services	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5
25%	55,000	67,500	80,000	92,500	99,250
1 Hsg Search/Hsg. Placemt. Asst	40,000	47,000	58,600	70,000	73,000
2 Long-Term Housing /TBRA Short Term Emerg.Help for Hsg,	75,000	96,000	116,000	135,757	145,000
3 Deps	50,000	60,000	74,000	88,100	91,000
4 Housing Case Management	38,000	47,100	50,000	53,943	54,000
5 Other Elig. Activities Supp Srvs	0	0	0	0	34,000
Subtotal services	203,000	250,100	298,600	347,800	397,000
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Commission on AIDS Planning Documents 2004 - 2009

Work of 2004

November 6, 2004 Retreat to “makeover” the funding and decision process for times of reduced funding (review 05-07 Plan in light of future funding realities)

Work of 2005

July 19, 2005 Review of HRSA Core Services in Title 1 & Title 2, Trends in HIV Treatment – Implications for HIV/AIDS Services in time of changing client need.

November 19, 2005 “Scary Things” retreat. Who’s eligible for services in climate of less funding? Moving towards client self sufficiency. Learning from other chronic illnesses.

Work of 2006

June 2006 Sonoma Core vs. HRSA Core Decision

April 2006 Summary of Public Transportation options available in Sonoma County (Svcs)

Work of 2007

March 2007 Framing our work for the next six months
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/coa/20070301documents.pdf>

November 3, 2007 Fear to Hope Retreat: Planning for 2010; developed our Vision, our Current Reality, our individual commitments, key actions and developed the Living Calendar to prepare for the next 26 months.

Work of 2008

May/June 2008 Services Organizational Chart- Services for Individuals in 2010
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/services/20080515documents.pdf>

July 2008 PAC revision to Organizational Chart – Services for Individuals in 2010
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/paac/20080710documents.pdf>

June 9, 2008 FAWG Recommendations to Commission re: HOPWA Plan Modification
2008 Project ReConnect accomplishments
Medical Case Management definition
Quarterly Epidemiology update for HIV
HIV Prevention Plan 2008 – 2011
http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/prev/pdf/hiv_prevention_plan.pdf

September 10, 2008 Project ReConnect fact sheet – CDC new HIV estimates

Fall 2008 Services Organizational Chart- Services for Individuals in 2010

November 19, 2008 Quality Management update for Sonoma County
Needs assessment; distribution plan for agencies
Citizenship rules Fact Sheet
Medical Transportation clarification

Commission on AIDS Planning Documents 2004 - 2009

Work of 2009

- January, 14, 2009 Needs Assessment Summary Document
http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/ha_na_final_report.pdf
Needs Assessment Results presentation
Sonoma County Comprehensive Plan
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/compplan09.pdf>
Action Item to reorder the Priority Plan for HIV Services to comply with HRSA Core Services and provide guidance for FAWG for under-utilized services
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/coa/20090408documents.pdf>
- March 11, 2009 Action Item Unexpended HOPWA funds
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/coa/20090311documents.pdf>
- April 8 2009 Non Funding FAWG Recommendations 2001-2006 Summary
Draft HIV Services Plan FY2010-13 Parts A/B/MAI/HOPWA for FAWG
Summary Grid of utilization information for FAWG
Action Item Allocation of Unanticipated funds
- May 13, 2009 Annual Sonoma County AIDS Update presentation
Sonoma County Epidemiology Report October 2008
http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/report_2008.pdf
Full Summary document of Utilization (expanded Grid information)
- June 10, 2009 FAWG Presentation
FAWG Summary Document
Action Item to adopt 2010 2013 HIV Services Plan
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/coa/20090610documents.pdf>
- July 8, 2009 Action Item to adopt 2010 2013 HIV Services Plan
All FAWG and HIV Services Plan and Utilization documents
Office of AIDS Proposed Care Program Model (3 tiered system)
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/coa/20090708documents.pdf>
- July 29, 2009 Sonoma County 211 Resources for: AIDS/HIV general, Benefits counseling, dental, housing, transportation, Drug/Alcohol treatment, mental health resources, housing
Brief Assessment Documents – original 2005, updated 2006, summary 2007
Requested pie charts and bar graphs of Sonoma County HIV Funding
Office of AIDS Proposed Care Program Model (3 tiered system)
Office of AIDS July 28th conference call notes
FY08-09 and FY09-10 Priority Plan for HIV Services
FY08-09 and FY09-10 HOPWA Plan
Overview of Commission roles in relation to Board of Supervisors/Grantee
NOTE: all July 29 documents available:
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/hiv/pdf/coa/20090729documents.pdf>

	Commission on AIDS Process Task Force
Date	Wednesday, August 5, 2009 1:30 –3:00 PM
Location	490 Mendocino Avenue, Mariposa, Santa Rosa
Present	Ellen, Kelly, Rick, Ron, David, Lisa
Meeting Outcome Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Procedure for changing the services plan • Draft Action Item if necessary • Develop timeline • Develop August 12 agenda

1. Public Comment
 - There was no public comment, staff reviewed the objectives, there were no additions made.

2. Review meeting outcome objectives
 - Staff reviewed the roles and responsibilities that the Commission asked of this task force. The group was asked to develop a procedure for the Commission to make a decision about whether or not to change the services plan, and how to make the change.
 - It is the task of the full Commission to vote on a process and any changes to the Services Plan in a way that is responsive to the system of care in the County as stewards of the publics' interests.

3. The timeline for changes was reviewed. There is a process for making adjustments to the FY09-10 plan during the mid year review. In order to make changes (if necessary) to the FY10-13 plan there will probably need to be additional meetings in the fall to meet external deadlines.

4. The steps necessary for a planning process were reviewed. The history of how the Commission has prioritized will be reviewed at the next COA meeting. For five years the Commission has planned to provide quality services with substantial reduced funding. There needs to be a distinction made by Commissioners about the priorities we have decided are valued and the specific allocations within the Services Plan. The group decided to bring the recommendation to the Commission to accept the priorities in the HIV Services Plan; although there may not be unanimous agreement in the priorities of the HIV services plan, it has been approved. The group will bring the history of how this plan was developed and voted on by the Commission and suggest that an allocation review based on utilization and other factors be undertaken if necessary.

It is also necessary to look at all available resources in the Sonoma County support system. The tier model from the Office of AIDS was discussed in relation to the approved HIV Services Plan. The group decided to hold that model until further in the process as it confuses the basic issues of the Sonoma values, priorities, and allocations. The recommendation is to focus on the allocations not the priorities of the 10-13 HIV Services Plan.

There was discussion about the need to hear from the service providers on impacts on services. The Commission will discuss the format to receive that information. A main question for the Commission will be about determining if there has been a funding impact on the basic level of HIV medical services available in the County.

5. Next Steps

- The August 12 Commission agenda includes the Distinguished Service Awards and a HOPWA Action Item. The process group will present information to the full Commission and ask questions about how they wish to proceed.
 - The Public Health Officer and Deputy Public Health Officer will be at the meeting to present. This task force has asked that the following questions be addressed, if possible:
1. Have the HIV providers of medical services gotten together to discuss their capacity to deliver services?
 2. What is the funding needed to provide basic care (if there is a loss of state funding, what is needed from other funding sources to provide the basics)?
 3. Where is the County currently with providing a system of care to PLWH/A?
 4. Where will they be once Office of AIDS makes cuts (what are the services that will and won't be provided)?
 5. What is the plan for medical care in the County in FY2010-2013?
 6. How does the AIDS Unit fit in with Kaiser, WCHC, Southwest and private doctors like Dr. Urskine? Should representatives from providers be at the meeting?
 7. Is the county going to managed MediCal? How will that impact clients?