

Minutes	SONOMA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AIDS
For:	Executive Committee
Attending:	Claire, Ellen, Marion, Lynn, Lisa, David, Cerrissa
Time:	Wednesday, September 16, 2009 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	490 Mendocino Avenue, Mariposa Room, Santa Rosa

1 There was no public comment.

2 Planning for 2010

2.1 The group began discussing the time available to consider modifications to the FY2010-2013 HIV Services Plan. It was determined that waiting for additional information may delay important decisions. Incremental changes will be a more effective way to modify the system of care. Commissioners have unanimously agreed to look at the Plan immediately.

2.2 It was mentioned that a few consumers are confused about changes to the system of care. The PAC committee is working to provide accurate information but changes will be made so that there is more transparency at the commission level re: changes to the service delivery system. The group requested that staff and agencies must be as transparent as possible when discussing: services being discontinued, staff being laid off, changes in funding, and implications for client i.e. where can service be received now?

2.3 In reviewing the FAWG non-funding recommendations, the RWCA Reauthorization Principles, and the Sonoma County local Guiding Principles the group agreed that the current FY2010-2013 HIV Services Plan is not in line with the values of the Commission. With large cuts to areas that have high value and no cuts to other services.

2.4 The group was not sure how to address the potential for conflict of interest. It appears that individual's biases and agendas are being brought into discussions that must focus on the larger community and those that are the neediest.

2.5 A potential Service Plan of core services was discussed. Home and community based health is over funded due better management of the service. Since dentiCal services have been removed in the budget cut, a possible addition to that category was appropriate. The committee decided not to make any major funding recommendations but to focus on the transition work that was begun in 2005. It was unanimous that the work of the Commission should focus on providing accurate information to clients (by agency staff and through PAC) and that clients should be helped to understand the transition process (by agency staff) to non traditional HIV service providers (by agency staff). The resulting action items: (1) to begin the incremental modification process in the plan and move the category of transportation vouchers, this action item also includes a standing action item on the COA agenda which would allow for these incremental modifications to occur and (2) to recommend that current and future contracts include transition assistance for clients to utilize community services and for agencies in the larger community to be mentored by HIV service providers.

3 Membership

3.1 Nominations for the 2010 Slate of officers was discussed - Lynn, David, Cerrissa will be brought to the Commission as the slate of officers.

4 The October Commission calendar was confirmed.

Next meetings:

October 21, 2009, November 18, 2009, December 16, 2009, January 20, 2009, February 17, 2009,
March 17, 2009, April 21, 2009, May 19, 2009, June 16, 2009