

NoFLAC Priorities and Allocations Committee

December 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM at the Escambia County Health Department, Pensacola, FL by Anne Hall Chair. Eleven members of the Northwest Florida AIDS Consortium (NoFLAC) were in attendance (one consumer). 2014-2015 Ryan White budget is expected to remain \$1,092,420.00.

The Needs Assessment completed by Susan Walsh, PhD (2011) was reviewed and current gaps in service discussed. The most frequently identified and most important services are Ambulatory Care, Medications, and Case Management. These needs are being met. Those needs that are not being met were identified as Oral Health, Health Insurance, Legal Services. Financial Assistance, Transportation and Housing.

There was increased emphasis on Dental Care the past year in Escambia County and broadened services available through the ECHD dental clinic and two Pensacola dentists to include not only extraction and prophylaxis but some restorations. Lutheran Services (LSF) needs to secure a Dental Contract in Okaloosa County as transportation to Pensacola for Dental Care by cab is expensive.

Medical Nutrition now mandates a Dietary Consult before Ensure prescription is filled by Trif-T Drugs. A contract with Escambia County Health Department for Dietary Consult is in process. It was assumed that any reserve Ensure and Glucerna is made available through Appetite for Life. Ryan White Part C process is unknown.

Transportation for Support Services was brought to attention by Debra DuBose, LCSW who is providing Mental Health services at OASIS and Pathways for Change. She was not aware that transportation monies were available for Ryan White services other than Ambulatory Care and has to enlist volunteers to bring consumers in for care. Much of her care and the care by UWF grad students under her supervision is volunteered and has filled a much needed gap in Mental Health services. LSF staff will work with Ms. DuBose to assist in transportation needs for Ryan White eligible consumers.

Legal services have been available via computer service at OASIS for basic documents such as powers of attorney, do-not resuscitate orders, living wills, etc. The staff person responsible is no longer with OASIS and the program is not being used. Josh Menge volunteered to speak to a Pensacola attorney re the needs of the consumers.

Linguistic Services was identified an ongoing need by the Case Managers with increased Hispanic consumers that speak little or no English. Committee will recommend limited funding while LSF secures volunteers or service to provider linguistic service.

Appetite for Life continues the Home Delivered meals for those clients on Medicaid and in need of those services. Food Bank through Manna Food has increased in utilization. OASIS continues with monthly program for eligible consumers.

With not knowing how the Affordable Care Act will impact the Ryan White programs and all HIV/AIDS healthcare, Health Insurance line needs to remain funded to assist with insurance premiums, co-payments and deductibles to assure continuity of care.

Recommendations for changes in the 2014-2015 budget:

- Continue to fund AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance at the \$11,000 as revised in 2013
- Reduce the Emergency Financial Assistance to the \$15,000 as revised in 2013
- Linguistic service to be added to budgeted support services with \$250 allocation
- Reduce Substance Abuse Services, which continues to be under utilized, to \$250.

The P&A Committee approved the budget changes and recommendations. This report will be forwarded to Lutheran Services' Ryan White program and the HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator. It will be presented to the NOFLAC at the January meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hall, Chair

Recommendations for Ryan White Part B Budget 2014-2015

Direct Care:

Ambulatory /Outpatient	604,461.00
Pharm Assistance	11,000.00
Oral Health	62,058.00
Health Insurance	7,000.00
Mental Health	34,300.00
Medical Nutrition therapy	10,000.00
Medical Case Management	95,550.00
Substance Abuse Services	<u>250.00</u>
	824,619.00

Support Services:

Case Management (Non-Medical)	222,950.00
Emergency Financial Assistance	15,000.00
Food Bank	17,800.00
Linguistic Services	250.00
Transportation Services	<u>9,800.00</u>
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<u>Direct Care Subtotal</u>	<u>\$1,090,419.00</u>
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