

Boston EMA Ryan White

Planning Council Meeting

Thursday, April 13th 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Welcome, Moment of Silence & Attendance Patrick Baum, PC Chair	4:00 pm
Review & Approve March Minutes Patrick Baum, PC Chair	4:05 pm
Committee Reports & Agency Updates Executive Cte, NRAC, SPEC, MNC, Consumer Cte, Agency Reps	4:10 pm
Needs Assessment Update Beth Williams, PCS Intern	4:20 pm
Priority Setting Results & Vote PCS and Patrick Baum, PC Chair	4:35 pm
FY23 SWEEPS Presentation & Vote NRAC/PCS	4:55 pm
Kahoot Knowledge Check PCS	5:40 pm
Announcements, Evaluations & Wrap Up Patrick Baum, PC Chair and PCS	5:50 pm



Planning Council Meeting Thursday, April 13, 2023 Zoom 4-6 PM

Summary of Attendance

Members Present

Daniel Amato Stephen Batchelder Patrick Baum

Yvette Perron

Lamar Brown-Noguera

Henry Cabrera Stephen Corbett Sandra Custodio Larry Day

Sandra Custodio Larry Day Damon Ganes Beth Gavin Melisa Hector Darian Hendricks Wendy LeBlanc Jordan Lefebvre Kathy Lituri

Margaret Lombe Allan McClendon Ericka Olivera Mahara Pinheiro Manuel Pires Luis Rosa Nate Ross

Mairead Skehan Gillis Michael Swaney Bryan Thomas Catherine Weerts Karen White

Kim Wilson Tim Young

Darren Sack

Robert Giannasca Bryan Thomas

Members Excused

Amanda Hart

Members Absent

Justin Alves Adam Barret Barry Callis Joey Carlesimo Jerome Hazen Brian Holliday Lorraine Jones Allison Kirchgasser

Keith Nolan Ethan Ouimet Arielle Pierre Serena Rajabiun Naika Williams

Staff

Claire Karafanda Tegan Evans Melanie Lopez Eileen Merisola Claudia Cavanaugh Clare Killian Vivian Dang

Guests

Topic A: Welcome and Introductions

The Chair of the Planning Council called the meeting to order and led a moment of silence. PCS team took roll call.

Topic B: Review Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Stephen Batchelder

Second: Kim Wilson

Result: The meeting minutes were approved by 83% with 3% opposed and 14% abstained.

Topic C: Committee Reports and Agency Updates

MNC

- There was a recruitment event at Bayard Rustin
- Sent incumbent applications to members that need to re-apply for the next Planning Council term. Incumbent Applications are due April 27th.

Consumer Committee

• There was a Cabenuva panel today, with providers and consumers talking about their knowledge and experience with Cabenuva. Thank you to all the panelists!

NRAC

- Preparation for All Day Meeting
- Needs Assessment is in the works, will be updating today.

SPEC

- Priority Setting was due today
- AAM is almost complete presenting results at the May meeting

MA DPH

Not updates.

NH DHHS

• They have been busy updating the policies and procedures, updating forms to be PDF fillable, focusing on policies and procedures.

Mayor's Office

• One of the things they've been looking at the past few months at the commission is fulfilling their anti-racist policy, entailing data updates on reports of health of Boston by implementing training and workshops for all employees throughout the city. Implementing anti-racists training and worships within the council, still on baby steps but it is in the work and soon to come.

MassHealth

- MassHealth like all Medicaid agencies is now required to do annual redetermination for members, and they start that April 1st, will be staggering sending the packets over the next 12 months. If anyone has any questions, call MassHealth to determine when they will receive packets. Be on the lookout for blue packages, and respond as soon as possible to stay on MassHealth.
- House budget was just released, will be more updates on next meeting.

BPHC

- RWSD received full award for EHE funding, 6 providers will be funded, there are plans to do an RFP.
- Just got the full award for Part A, it is close to the level funding.

Topic D: Needs Assessment Update

Stopped the collection in collecting data, there is 175 Consumer Surveys, 35 Provider Surveys, and 5

Focus Group Discussion.

Data Analysis and Plan

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Topic E: Priority Results & Vote

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 - o PDF emailed to PCS
 - Survey Monkey
 - o 39 Responses (83% of Council)

Chair gives a reminder on how Priority Setting works and shows the FY24 Priority Setting Results.

FY24 Priority Setting Results:

- 1. AIDS Drug Assistance (ADAP/HDAP)
- 2. Medical Case Management
- 3. Housing Services
- 4. Non-Medical Case Management Services
- 5. Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals
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- 7. Oral Health Care
- 8. Mental Health Services
- 9. Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing
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- 24. Outreach Services
- 25. Referral for Health Care & Support Services

- 26. Hospice
- 27. Rehabilitation Services
- 28. Respite Care

Analysis:

- There was a 0.62 difference in average rank with Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals and Emergency Financial Assistance
- There was a 0.36 in average rank with Mental Health Services, Health Insurance Premium & Cost-Sharing, and Medical Transportation Services
- 0.3 difference in average rank with AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance and Psychosocial Support Services (AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance ranking slightly higher)
- 0.08 difference in average rank with Home Health Care and Substance Use Services (Outpatient)
- 0.2 difference in average rank with Services Referral for Health Care and Support Services

There was a discussion on ways to hold Council Members accountable for completing Priority Setting, since there were 17% of Council Members who did not do Priority Setting.

Motion to approve FY24 Priorities

Motion: Henry Cabrera Second: Tim Young

Results: The FY24 Priorities were approved by 88%, with 4% opposing and 8% abstained.

Topic F: FY23 SWEEPS Presentation & Vote

Member introduces a quick review with the funding process. HRSA awards the money to BPHC who is the recipient, then they wait for directives on how to allocate the award to specific service categories.

Terms Used:

- *Unexpended money or carry over* is the money that is leftover from the grant at the end of the year to be carried to the next year
- Under-expended money or sweeps is the money from agencies that are spending at a slower rate
 than they were supposed to. This money can be swept up throughout the year to be reallocated to
 other agencies.

Consequences of Unexpended (Carry over):

- Reduction in future awards if greater than 5%
- Less flexibility to reallocate dollars
- Requires a request to HRSA to get the money back
- Reduces time to spend money if request is granted
- Reduces services in the Boston EMA

Consequences of Under-spending (Sweeps):

- Start-up delays in new programing
- Staffing vacancies
- Utilization of other sources of funding
- Changes in the funding environment

Benefits of Sweeps Process:

- Maximizes services in the Boston EMA
- Maintains local control and flexibility of dollars
- Responds to changes in the EMA
- Respects the work of the Council by following funding priority

• Rapidly re-allocates money

Needs, Resources & Allocations Committee (NRAC) Recommendations for conducting the sweeps process:

- To expend the sweeps dollars first within the category from which they came, if the category can absorb them
- To expend sweeps based upon need within and among categories, then feed the remaining dollars in accordance with the priorities we established last year, FY23

Motion to support NRAC recommendations

Motion: Robert Giannasca Second: Bryan Thomas

Results: This motion was approved by 91%, 4% opposed, and 4% abstained.

Topic G: Kahoot Knowledge Check

Members play a game of Kahoot to test their SWEEPS knowledge.

Topic H: Announcements, Evaluation & Adjourn

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Announcements

- PCS applied for and was awarded EHE funding to continue and expand the Anti Stigma Campaign: Someone You Know and Love!
- Incumbent Applications are due April 27 if you are incumbent, an email was sent out.

Announcement from a Council Member:

Braidwood Management V. Becerra decision, U. S. District Judge Reed O'Connor ruled Preventative Services Task Force do not have to comply with, and blocked the federal government from enforcing the task force's recommendations. The task force issues recommendations for preventive care services that insurers are then forced to cover, as dictated by the provision of the Affordable Care Act, meaning the ruling means insurance companies will no longer be bound to cover the preventive service affected. Among the preventive services affected by O'Connor's order are screenings for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, cervical cancer, and lung cancer, diabetes screenings, various screenings and interventions for pregnant people. The ruling deals a particularly cruel blow to the communities most impacted by our state and nation's ongoing health disparities, including HIV, especially for Black and Latinx Communities. The Biden Admin is expected to appeal O'Connor's ruling, which mean there's still the possibility of a higher court could overturn it. Insurance coverage contracts generally run through the end of the year, making any changes to insurance policies and what services they cover unlikely before 2024. That means if the case is reversed when it's appealed, there ultimately could be little impact to Americans' coverage - though it still remains to be seen how higher courts, including potentially the Supreme Court, will respond to the case. Our understand of the implications for Medicaid is still evolving. Just putting this update in writing to save time for today's meeting

Meeting to Adjourn Motion: Bryan Thomas Second: Kim Wilson **Result:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.



Planning Council

April 13, 2023 Patrick Baum, Chair Darren Sack, Chair-Elect

Moment of Silence

At this moment, let's take a moment of silence in remembrance of those who came before us, those who are present, and those who will come after us.

Attendance



- Say here or present when your name is called!
- Who would play you in a movie about your life?



Today's Agenda

1) March 9th Minutes Review

2) Agency Updates & Committee Reports

3) Needs Assessment Update

4) FY24 Priority Setting Results & Vote

5) FY23 Sweeps Presentation & Vote

6) Announcements & Evaluation



Meeting Objectives:

- Receive updates from our agency representatives and our Council leaders to reflect on the past month's meetings and upcoming action items
- Receive updates on the final steps of the Needs Assessment
- Discussion and Vote on FY24 Service Category Priorities
- Presentation and Vote on the FY23 Sweeps Process/Funds
 - Understand the upcoming Planning Council meeting activities
- Learn something new! (hopefully ©)



Respect the mission
Respect the space
Respect each other
Respect people living with HIV

March 9th Minutes Review

Steps in approving minutes:

- •Review minutes
- •Make a first and second motion to approve minutes
- Vote(Zoom poll)

Approve: Yes, I approve the minutes

Oppose: No, I do not approve the minutes

Abstain: Decline to vote



Committee Reports

MNC Michael Swaney

- Recruitment Bayard Rustin was on Saturday!
- Incumbent Applications due April 27th

Consumer Committee Robert Giannasca

• Cabenuva panel was today - thank you to all of our panellists!

Executive Committee Patrick Baum

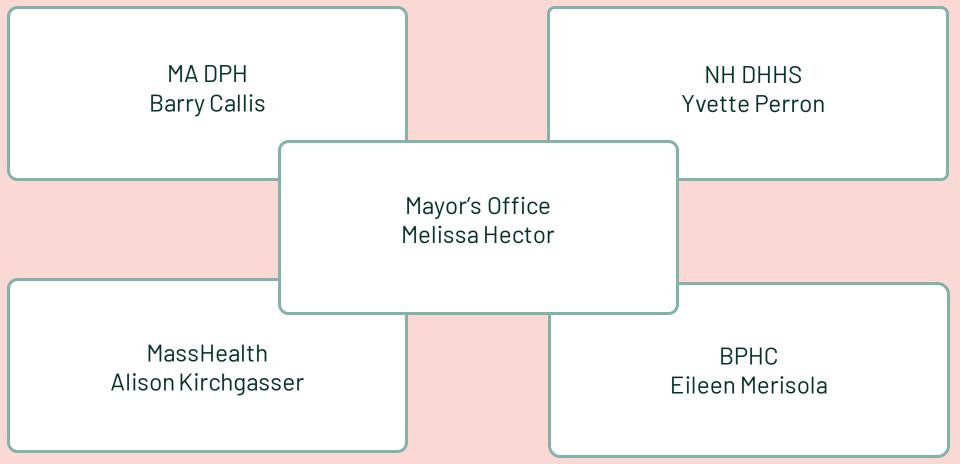
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How did we set priorities?

- Review past data presentations on existing funding streams, spending and utilization of services
- Review the service category definitions
- Review Needs Assessment and other Boston EMA needs data
- Utilize knowledge from personal and professional experiences

Remember - Ranking does not determine the amount of funds allocated

DRUM ROLL PLEASE!



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Priority Setting Vote

Steps in approving FY24 Priorities:

- •Review priority setting results
- •Make a first and second motion to approve priority setting results as determined by the averages of all Planning Council members who voted independently and as discussed here in this Planning Council meeting

Vote(Zoom poll)

Approve: Yes, I approve the FY24 Priorities

Oppose: No, I do not approve the FY24 Priorities

Abstain: Decline to vote

FY23 SWEEPS Funding Recommendation

Karen White, Catherine Weerts and Joey Carlesimo NRAC Representatives

Funding Process Review



Awards \$\$ to the Boston EMA to spend during the FY



Directs BPHC to allocate award to specific service categories



Awards \$\$ to providers according to Council directives

Terms Used



Unexpended Money (CARRY OVER): Money left over from the grant at the end of the year



Under-expended Funds (SWEEPS): Money from agencies spending at a rate less than they are supposed to that can be 'swept up' and reallocated to other agencies that can spend it.

Consequences of Unexpended Money (Carry over)

- Reduction in future awards if greater than 5%
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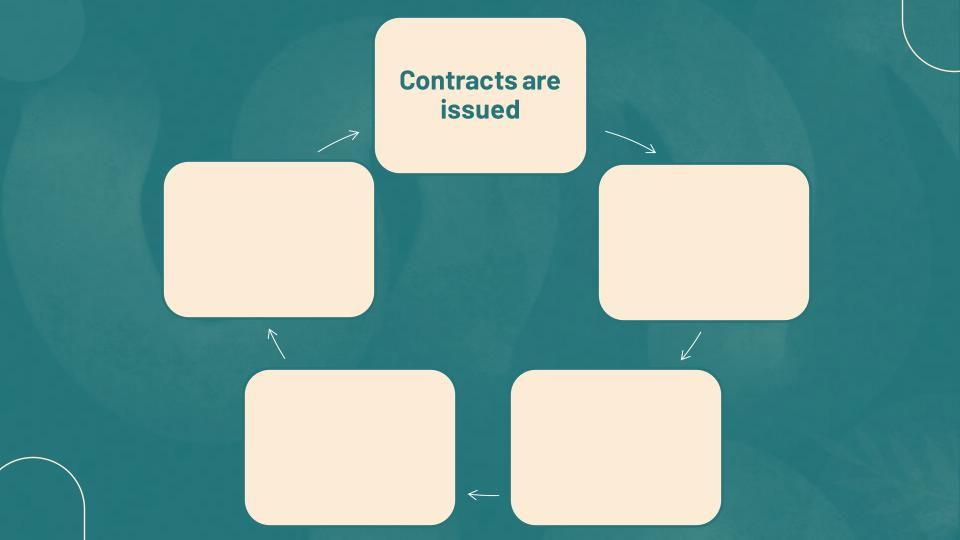
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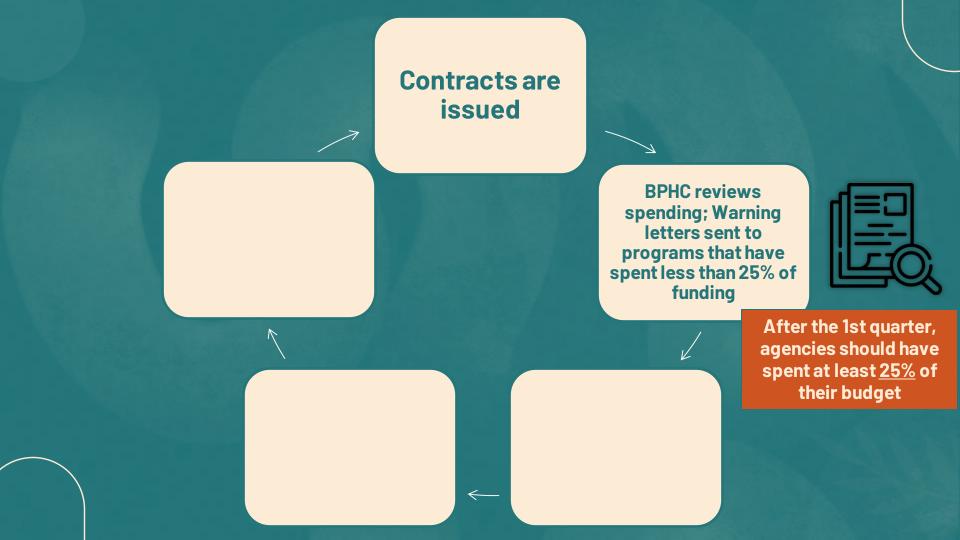
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Contracts are issued

Eligible candidates for sweeps are those who have spent less than 50% of their current budget by the end of the 2nd quarter (6 months into the fiscal year)

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After the 1st quarter, agencies should have spent at least 25% of their budget

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Agencies receive notice from BPHC that they may be targeted for sweeps

BPHC conducts a sweeps meeting to reallocate underspent dollars

BPHC reviews which agencies still are underspending



At the end of the sweeps process, new contracts are sent out for those who had their overall funding reduced and those who received additional dollars due to identified need

Contracts are issued

This process can be repeated if underspending continues

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Needs, Resources & Allocations Committee (NRAC) recommendation for FY23 Under-Expended (Sweeps) dollars:

- Expend the sweeps dollars first within the category from which they came, if the category can absorb them.
- Expend sweeps based upon need within and among categories, feed the remaining dollars in categories in accordance with the priorities established by the Planning Council for the current year, FY23.

SWEEPS VOTE!

Approve – You support the NRAC recommendation

Oppose - You are against the recommendation

Abstain - You wish not to vote

Vote to accept the Needs, Resources & Allocations Committee (NRAC) recommendation for FY23 Under-Expended dollars, as presented:

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Do you know your Sweeps Trivia??

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