



**Meeting of the Planning Committee**

Wednesday March 2, 2011

7:30-9:00 a.m.

Quarters 2 Building, Beacon Hill Campus  
1200 12<sup>th</sup> Ave South Seattle, WA

MEMBERS PRESENT		ALSO PRESENT
Wendy Watanabe		Rosemary Aragon, ED
Dan Lessler	Tom Wood	<b>On telephone</b>
Marc Provence		Linda Ruiz

Chair Wendy Watanabe called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. A quorum was present. There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

The Committee voted to approve the February 2 meeting minutes. (Moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, Lessler/Wood, 4 of 4 in favor).

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**Interpreter Service Contracting Options**

The Planning Committee discussed the financial issues facing the Safety Net, including State funding of Medicaid interpreters through the broker program. There was some discussion about the mix of non-English speaking patients and the varying extent to which interpretation was needed by different safety net clinics. They discussed the purpose of PHPDA Interpreter Services funding: to provide interpreters for Medicaid patients, thus resulting in more access for those patients. Note: the current contract with PMC provides interpreters for both primary care and specialty care services provided by PMC to Medicaid patients.

There was consensus that any change in Medicaid Interpreter contracting would be a competitive process (including the safety net and PacMed/PMC).

Committee members expressed a belief that the timing of any change to the current Interpreter Services contract should be based on changes in the PHPDA's revenue stream and/or require readiness to implement a competitive process. The committee agreed that the use of the undesignated \$49,000 approved in the 2011 budget should be raised at the next Council meeting.

*Next steps:*

- The Governing Council will be asked about its willingness to expend the \$49,000 still remaining in the adopted 2011 Budget for undesignated programs.
- The Executive Director to follow up with PacMed/PMC to determine the primary care versus specialty care usage by Medicaid patients.
- The Executive Director is to start a process to develop data to inform the PHPDA about future needs and uses of interpreter services funding.



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- The Planning Committee will consider whether to revisit the PHPDA mission focus to include more primary care.

## **ACCESS TO CARE**

### **Dental Service Pilot Metrics and MOU**

The draft metrics were reviewed and approved, pending follow-up by the Executive Director. (Lessler/Provence. 4 of 4 in favor). Committee members had questions which they asked the Executive Director to clarify. The Committee will present the dental pilot metrics as information to the March Governing Council.

#### *Action requested:*

- Ascertain is the number of patients served is “unduplicated” patients
- Discuss whether more monthly reporting is desirable in the early phases of this project.

The Committee felt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developing nicely. They made a few small editing changes. Since both the Seattle-King County Dental Society board and the Seattle-King County Dental Foundation board are reviewing the MOU, it is likely to undergo further modification. At a future date, it will be brought back to the Planning Committee.

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **2010 Annual Report to the City**

A few changes were made to the report, including formatting for ease-of-reading. The report, with changes was referred on to the Finance Committee and recommended for Governing Council approval (Moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, Provence/Lessler, 4 of 4 in favor).

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.



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Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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