MEMBERS PRESENT
Marc Provence
Judy Tobin
Diane Narasaki (7:40-8:30)
Michael Leong, Strategic Advisor

ALSO PRESENT
Mike Heinisch
Dan Lessler
Sharyne Shiu Thornton, Strategic Advisor
Marguerite Ro, Public Health (Until 8:30)

Chair Marc Provence called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. A quorum was present. There was no public comment.

Minutes
The Committee voted to approve the March 6, 2013, meeting minutes (Moved/2nd, Tobin/Lessler, 4 of 4 in favor).

2013 Planning Committee goals and work
Educational: Disparities in Health. Opportunities, Gaps and more
Dr. Marguerite Ro of Seattle King County Public Health joined the meeting to discuss disparities in health. After brief introductions, she provided an overview of several disparities – in access, risk factors, and health outcomes. She also discussed the importance of considering both race and place in looking at policies and programs to address disparities. She noted that programs also often should be implemented or introduced differently in different areas, as things like community capacity and resources significantly impact the pace of change and effectiveness of interventions.

Dr. Ro then discussed opportunities she sees to address some of these disparities. She discussed the Affordable Care Act and the fact that outreach programs could provide assistance for those that might qualify for expanded benefits but might not be able to easily access them. She also discussed the impact of community health workers and community health needs assessments, which can provide understanding of the needs and assets of a community.

Grant making
Quarterly report-2012-13 Project Access Northwest (PANW) dental case management grant
Mike Heinisch discussed the Project Access NW dental program report for October-December 2012. He noted that they are progressing well on most of their goals, and have in fact surpassed several of them with four months remaining in the grant. He noted that no-show rates are higher than PANW experiences with their medical case management, but the Executive Director stated that in her conversations with program partners, they told her that this is a very good rate for dental care. The Planning Committee voted to approve the Oct-Dec 2012 PANW Dental Report (Moved/2nd, Tobin/Lessler, 4 of 4 in favor).

2013-14 Project Access Northwest (PANW) dental case management grant renewal and grant increase request
Mike Heinisch discussed a grant renewal request from PANW for their dental program, which PHPDA has funded since 2011. The request is for 14 months covering May 2013 through June 2014. This 14 month term is being done in order to get the funding on a regular quarterly schedule. PANW also has plans to expand the program, from the current 1.15 FTE case managers up to 1.9FTE. This will
correspond to the Swedish Community Specialty Clinic increasing to 5 days of operations per week later in the summer (currently, the clinic runs 2-3 days per week). Mr. Heinisch noted that PANW have adjusted their goals for this grant based on their experience with the program over the last year, as well as the increased capacity that will result from increased funding ($128,000 requested for 14 months).

The Finance and Program Analyst then discussed the implications that approval of this increased grant would have on the PHPDA budget for 2013. As it is higher than the amount budgeted for this program, it would require use of some of the funds budgeted for “other program” expenses. The Committee discussed these implications as well as PANW’s requested grant budget. They then discussed the implications of PHPDA continuing as the sole funder of this project.

The Committee voted to forward the grant request to the Governing Council and recommend approval, with the addition of language to the grant agreement regarding the need for PANW to work with the other partners in the project to develop a plan to sustain the dental program and its funding (Moved/2nd, Lessler/Tobin, 4 of 4 in favor).

FINAL 2012 Project Access Northwest (PANW) Medical case management grant report
As the Planning Committee wanted to have sufficient time to discuss the details of the report and they had already gone past the time schedule for the meeting, discussion of the final PANW 2012 Medical Case Management grant report was delayed until the May Committee meeting.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Minutes approved: __________________________    _________

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