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## Minutes ☿ January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

4pm-6:30pm

*Virtually through Zoom & in-person @ the Chinook Building downtown*

**Council Members Present:** *Hector Urrunaga-Diaz (Public Health-Seattle & King County), Andrew Ashiofu (Council Co-Chair), Alma Garcia-Santos (Lifelong), Sam Jackson (Madison Clinic), Genie Sheth, Ron Padgett (+Caucus Co-Chair), Ray Harris (System of Care Co-Chair, WA State Dept. Of Health), John Rodriguez (Dominican Association of WA), Lina Stinson-Ali, Gladys Wiessner*

**Council Members Absent:** *Eve Lake (Membership/Operations Co-Chair, Madison Clinic), Patricia Ogunmola-Nazzal (WA Dept of Corrections),*

**Planning Council Staff Present:** Karen Chung, Wilson Pipkin

**Recipient Staff Present:** Linda Coomas

**Visitors Present:** Bruno Giraldi (Spanish/English interpretation), Kiasha Taylor (YWCA), German Galindo, Sue Walburg Smith (Community Liason Merck)

*Italics denote Planning Council Membership.*

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### I. Welcome, Meeting Rule Reminder, Introductions and Announcements

*No announcements*

### II. Meeting Agenda

*Names of co-chairs were corrected from an old template.*

*The agenda was approved as amended by acclamation. Gladys abstains.*

### III. Meeting Minutes

*The December minutes were approved as written by acclamation. Hector abstains.*

### IV. Public Comment

*None*

### V. Staff Updates

- Staff created a graphic representation of what work the Council accomplished in 2023 and what is ahead in 2024. 2023 was a very busy year despite not being a prioritization year.

**<Ron Padgett joined the meeting.>**

- This year is a prioritization year, and work is already in progress on the needs assessment.
- Interest has been expressed in holding another Golden Girls based event and staff may have capacity for this around thanksgiving after **Priority Setting & Resource Allocation (PSRA)** is over.
- The lived experience stipend for unaligned consumers goes live March 1<sup>st</sup> with the new grant year and will be based on attendance in February. Regular member unaligned consumer members will receive \$60/month and unaligned consumer member co-chairs will receive \$90/month in gift cards. There will be clearly written policy regarding this once the program is approved, and staff will gather input on what is required of members to receive this stipend. This program was heavily advocated for by the +Caucus, and staff is excited to get it up and running. The goal is to increase recruitment of consumer members.

**<Gladys Wiessner joined the meeting.>**

- Staff will send out the road map poster.

**<John Rodriguez joined the meeting.>**

- This committee has held an exercise to gather input from those who cannot attend a Monday Morning meeting previously, but doing this with the full Council before general standards review was suggested. Staff will place this on future Council agendas before general standards review.

**VI. Recipient Report**

- Agency site visits have been finished, and the Recipient Team is providing site visit letters with findings to agencies.
- Year-end spending is being monitored, and funds being rapidly reallocated to maximize spending and avoid penalties.

**<Ray Harris joined the meeting.>**

- Since this is a renewal year for 2024-2025, award letters are being written to inform agencies of funding awards.
- Linda Coomas is retiring April 1<sup>st</sup> after over 35 years working in HIV and Ryan White Part A. Extensive gratitude was expressed for the significant work and community care Linda has provided throughout her career. She will be replaced by someone selected from the standard King County hiring process, hopefully with time for cross training by Linda.

**VII. Executive Committee Report**

- This committee did not meet in December.

**VIII. Membership/Operations Committee Report**

- This committee did not meet in December.

**IX. Needs Assessment, Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Committee Report**

- This committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

**X. +Caucus Report**

- The +Caucus has discussed meeting every other month or maybe quarterly. This is due to low attendance and trying to remove barriers to attendance.
- The next meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup> and a half hour later at 5pm and will be hybrid, with in-person participation for the first time since COVID-19.
- Stipends were discussed to finalize what consumers want.
- Staff is looking into holding the February +Caucus meeting at Star Coffee next to SeaTac Airport. Concerns were expressed regarding confidentiality of personal information in a public setting like this. Staff will check in with each individual and will shift away from this plan if trepidation is expressed by anyone. The Tukwila Community Center was suggested, and staff will research hours.

**XI. System of Care Committee Report**

- This committee did not meet in December.
- Go Huskies!

**XII. Adjourn**

**XIII. Action Items**

- **Staff will send out the 23-24 roadmap.**
- **Staff will implement input gathering from the full Council for the upcoming, and all following, General Standards review.**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 virtually through Zoom and [downtown at the Chinook Building](#).