October 4, 2012

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

Committee Members Present:
Bonnie Chu
Taurus Duncan
Ylonda Dickerson
Nancy Brune
Suzanne Dessaints
Patrick Smith
E. Lavonne Lewis
Wendell Williams – Vice-Chair

Committee Members Absent:
Dr. Esther Langston, Ph.D
Linda Lera Randle El
Vida Lin
Shannon Redwine
Jackie Seip
Dean Ishman

Facilitator: Sherri Hess

Clark County Staff Present: Tim Burch, Sandy Jeantete Gina Olivares and Janet Brown

I. Call to Order:

- By Wendell Williams at 11:45am

II. Introduction of All Members

III. Public Comment

IV. Approval of the June 7, 2012 meeting summary: Approved

V. Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff: No announcements

VI. Affordable Health Care Act:

Open enrollment for Affordable Health Care is slated to start October 2013 and the Governor has not made a decision yet regarding the expansion of Medicaid. Many Governors are awaiting the outcome of the election to make their decision. If the Affordable Health Act moves forward, individuals eligible to apply for Medicaid or the Sliver State Exchange will have Navigators available to assist them and will also be able to apply on-line. Hospitals can also assist with enrollment of the uninsured.

Additionally, 100% of CCSS' medical clientele is eligible for medical care under the provisions of the Affordable Health Act. As it stands now, 94% would be eligible for

Medicaid if expanded and 6% would go to the Exchange. Given this situation, CCSS will need to examine its current operations. Many things will have to be worked out post election and legislative session.

There will be community meetings to get the information out to the public. CCSS is open to hosting a navigator training. There will be formation forthcoming about community trainings via radio, television. Group encouraged to get the word out encouraging individuals to attend these community meeting once announced due to their importance. Elected officials need to be informed so that they can communicate with their constituents through Town Hall meetings etc.

VII. Working Group Update: None

VIII. Department Update:

Asha Jones presented the Healthy Living grant project for the medically fragile.

Ryan White program update provided. The Ryan White Planning Council has some openings and anyone who has an interest or has knowledge in this area is welcome to apply.

Legislative update:
The County has put forth 4 BDRs this session. General categories are: Change to local government's wage requirements for public works projects, examine a new governance structure for UMC, presumptive eligibility for Medicaid and combining the outlying justice courts.

Salvation Army:
The news media had reported that the Salvation Army was closing its emergency shelter and housing program for the mentally ill (Safe Haven). As CCSS is the fiscal agent for the Continuum of Care grant which funds this program, we have been rushing to find an owner/agent who is willing to take over this program. If we are unsuccessful in getting someone to take over this grant, the community stands to lose approximately $800,000. Once lost, we will never be able to get this money from HUD again and the Safe Haven grant will be lost forever. We are working with Southern NV Adult Mental Health Services and had 8 community providers at the table yesterday. We will keep you updated on the progress.

CAC members agreed that they would like a brief 10-15 minutes informational introduction on different programs each meeting going forward. Office tours were offered to the members.

IX. Public Comment:

X. Adjournment – 12:57pm

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for December 6, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service office, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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