

Memphis TGA

Quality Management Committee Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2017

American Red Cross

*Meeting was called to order at 11:36am. Quorum was established.

Members Present: Jesse Dubard, Marquette Beechem, Trina Morgan, Winfred Rankins, Mardrey Wade, Malcom Barnes, Jennifer Pepper, Lauren Robinson, Fedoria Rugless, Mark Vortice, Dr. Katherine Knapp, Felicitas Bey-Israel, Melissa Farrar, Tomekicia Wren, Lauren McCann, Parrish Oglesby, Jimmie Samuels, Rashida Patterson, Steve Overman, Venus Jordan, Leroy Springer, Sean Jeans, Lisa Brisendine, Gwen Bankhead, Fredrick Linsey, and Chuck Kolesar.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chuck Kolesar facilitated introductions of every one present including special guest Dr. Fedoria Rugless. Everyone participated in the activity.
- II. **Update on part B-** Jennifer Pepper (in place of Maria Sutton): Jennifer shared that Part B was holding their annual Centers of Excellence and Formulary & Medical Services committee meetings later in the day and provided contact information for the meetings. She indicated that several new medications would be discussed to potentially include them in the Part B formulary.
- III. **Update on Part D-** Lauren Robinson: Lauren shared data related to their program working with HIV positive pregnant mothers. She reports that their retention is much higher now but that their viral suppression measures remain a concern. Jimmie Samuels asked question about the project and applauded the work that Part D is doing with pregnant women.
- IV. **Update on the Memphis CAB-** Jimmie Samuels and Gwen Bankhead: Jimmie and Gwen shared their recent experience with speaking at a Feast for Friends event as members of the Memphis Consumer Advocacy Boards Speakers Bureau. They shared their experience and were pleased with the outcome of their presentations.
- V. **National HIV Behavioral Survey Results-** Dr. Fedoria Rugless: Dr Rugless presented results from the last year's survey which focused on heterosexual individuals, noting the high risk people are putting themselves at by not using condoms. She noted that both men and women were involved in high risk sexual activity with multiple partners. The group discussed how these findings may impact the epidemic at large. Dr. Rugless also presented

preliminary findings on this year's survey which focuses on men who have sex with men and transgender individuals, which sparked further conversation by the committee.

- VI. Memphis TGA Quality Plan Update-** Chuck Kolesar: Chuck thanked the QM plan sub-committee members Steve Overman, Ellyn Daniel, Melissa Farrar, Lauren Robinson, Ace Brooks, Jimmie Samuels and Jennifer Pepper for their work to update the QM plan. Suggested edits and updates were presented to the committee at large, and the final copy of the TGA's QM plan was approved as presented, by the committee via common consent.
- VII. Memphis TGA Performance Measures: Drilling Down the Data-** Chuck Kolesar: Data was presented which examined performance measures (viral suppression, medical visit frequency, prescription of ART, and Gap) at each medical provider site by age, gender, and race. The exercise was used to introduce to the committee how the data could be used to identify problem areas at each specific site such as retention of youth in care, so that the committee could make suggestions for quality improvement projects. Disparities among youth, transgender individuals, and racial minorities were noted and discussed by the group.
- VIII. Announcements:** Memphis CAB meeting 7:00 at the Kroc center, World Aids Day celebration Friday, Dec. 1st, at Tiger Lane from 5:30-7:30pm. Next QM meeting is Feb. 1, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.