

# GRANTEE REPORT

Denver HIV Resources Planning Council – October 2018

## News from HRSA

### **HRSA Site Visit of Part A Program**

Two staff from the HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) along with two HAB consultants traveled to Denver to conduct a site visit of the Part A program at the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE) on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 to Thursday, September 13, 2018. As part of the site visit, the team from HRSA and from DDPHE also visited two Part A subrecipients. Some findings and performance improvement options were disclosed at the exit conference, and DDPHE is currently awaiting the final site visit report from HRSA.

### **Clarification on the Definition of the Denver Transitional Grant Area (TGA)**

With the release of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on August 30, 2017, the Denver Transitional Grant Area (TGA) was defined in Appendix B of the NOFO as five counties (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson). This definition excluded Broomfield County which had historically been included in the six-county definition of the Denver TGA. At that time, this exclusion made clients living with HIV in Broomfield County ineligible for Ryan White Part A Services in the Denver TGA in FY 2017.

In September 2017, the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE) began diligently seeking clarity on this “change” to the TGA definition, both from the Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During a recent site visit from HRSA, DDPHE learned that the exclusion of Broomfield County was a clerical error – it does indeed remain a part of the Denver TGA. That clarity was received from HRSA in writing on September 14, 2018, a few days prior to the submission of this year’s Ryan White Part A grant application. A communication was sent to Part A subrecipients by DDPHE on September 25, 2018.

## Ryan White Grant Administration

### **FY 2019 Grant Application Submitted**

Over the past two months, Grantee and other DDPHE staff worked to craft a responsive and thorough application to the FY19 funding opportunity announcement for Ryan White Part A. Many thanks to a multitude of reviewers including the Planning Council co-chairs along with staff from CDPHE, Denver Public Health, Tri-County Health Department, and Jefferson County Health Department. The application, in the amount of \$7,997,286, was submitted via grants.gov on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 8:29 PM.

### **FY 2018 Program Submission**

The 2018 FY18 Program Submissions, due on August 21, 2018, were sent to HRSA via the Electronic Hand Book (EHB) on August 21, 2018. As required, the following items were submitted:

- a) FY18 PC Priorities and Allocations including 1) PC Endorsement Letter and 2) P&A Certification
- a) FY18 Planning Council Membership Roster and Reflectiveness Grid
- b) FY18 Jurisdictional Quality Plan
- c) FY18 LPAP (Not applicable for Denver TGA)

**FY 2018 Program Terms Submitted**

The FY18 Program Terms Report, due on August 31, 2018, was submitted to HRSA via the EHB on August 22, 2018. The Program Terms Report is submitted at the beginning of each grant year and shows the final implementation of the grant based on the final award amount and consists of the following two (2) items:

- 1. Consolidated List of Contracts (CLC)
- 2. Allocation Table

**FY 2018 Part A Subrecipient Contract Executions**

Currently, eight (8) out of 16 (50%) FY18 Part A subrecipient contracts are executed, and we are 217 days into the grant year. The HRSA requirement is to have contracts executed within 90 days of the beginning of the grant year. Grantee staff are working diligently with other City departments, including the City Attorney’s Office and the Controller’s Office, to execute the remaining subrecipient contracts as soon as possible. We are also exploring alternative methods of procurement, timeline adjustments, and other measures to ensure the future Part A subrecipient contracts are not executed late.

**2018 Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment**

Denver TGA staff will be presenting a poster presentation at the upcoming 2018 Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment in Washington, DC on December 11, 2018 through December 14, 2018.

Title	Author(s)/Presenter(s) from DDPHE
Identify Quality Improvement Projects with Client Experience Data	Molly Weinstein & Beau Mitts

**Quality Management**

**Revised Quality Plan Submitted in 2018**

As mentioned above, the jurisdiction’s updated Quality Plan was submitted to HRSA as part of the required Program Submission on August 21, 2018.

**Client Experience Survey**

Completed administration of the MCM Client Experience Survey at 10 Part A community-based and clinic-based medical case management sites on August 17, 2018. 462 client experience surveys were completed.

**Provider Experience Survey**

Completed administration of the MCM Provider Experience Survey at 10 Part A funded community-based and clinic-based medical case management sites on September 7, 2018. 32 provider experience surveys were completed.

## Medical Case Management Forum

DHR will host a Medical Case Management Forum for MCM providers on October 17, 2018. The purpose of the forum is to provide information on the Medical Case Management Initiative, present aggregate client and provider experience survey data, present health outcomes data and work with providers to identify next steps based on the survey results. This information will be presented to DHRPC in a future meeting as well.

## News from HIV Resources

### CAEAR Coalition

DDPHE is planning to officially become a member of the [Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief \(CAEAR\) Coalition](#), which is the oldest national organization with a primary focus on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Program. CAEAR is a membership organization which advocates for federal policy, legislation, regulations, and appropriations to serve the Part A, Part C and ADAP community mandates to meet the care, treatment, supportive, and prevention service needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and the organizations that serve them. Grantee staff plan to attend the in-person CAEAR Coalition meeting in Washington, DC the day prior to the 2018 Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment.