

DENVER HIV RESOURCES PLANNING COUNCIL RESTRUCTURE April 2019

After much thought and careful consideration, the Denver Department of Public Health Environment (DDPHE), Office of HIV Resources has invoked the immediate cancellation of all Planning Council Committee meetings for a minimum of 120 days. Below are the most frequently asked questions about this move.

Q1: Why are we having a Planning Council Restructure?

The Denver Department of Public Health Environment (DDPHE), Office of HIV Resources decided to restructure the Planning Council to strengthen the Council's impact on people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in Denver's Transitional Grant Area (TGA). With nearly a new team onboard, this is an opportune time to move forward with a restructuring plan that realigns the Planning Council's mission with the work at DDPHE. This decision is part of a larger effort to implement a high-quality, culturally responsive program that empowers all Planning Council members to drive the Planning Council processes from the knowledge and tools afforded to them by DDPHE and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Q2: Are all Planning Council activities on hold?

Yes, all Planning Council activities are on hold at this time. Once the restructuring is completed, all Planning Council activities will resume.

Q3: What role will the Planning Council play in the restructuring process?

DDPHE has created a workgroup comprised of eight members of the Denver HIV Resources Planning Council members. This group is a combination of existing members who are experienced and have a good understanding of the PC's roles and responsibilities and new members who provide an innovative and creative point of view without being restricted to prior historical knowledge. The subject-matter expert advisory group is comprised of four representatives of DDPHE Office of HIV Resources and one DHRPC co-chair. Please refer to the *Restructure Workgroup Guidance and Duties* document for more information.

Q4: What opportunities are there for community input throughout the restructuring process?

The Planning Council will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month. There will be an open comment period at the beginning of each meeting for community members to make their voices heard.

Q5: How does the restructure affect member terms?

Currently, terms will remain the same. However, this is subject to change and may require reapplication by all Planning Council members for FY2020. With guidance from the Director of Boards and Commissions, DDPHE will revisit reflectiveness and representation in November 2019 to ensure compliance with HRSA legislative mandates.

Q6: Can a communication be sent out to the larger HIV community to make the Planning Council restructure more well-known?

DDPHE notified its collaborative partners of the plan for restructure on March 13, 2019. Planning Council members are encouraged to share the communication email with their networks.

Q7: As a Planning Council member who is not on the Restructure Workgroup, what should I do during the restructuring process?

Planning Council members are expected to attend all DHRPC monthly meetings to stay updated on the progress being made by the restructure workgroup and to participate in HRSA Technical Assistance activities.

PC members are encouraged to attend community events to promote the Denver HIV Resources Planning Council. As we move forward in the restructuring process, creating a culture around the Planning Council will increase the effectiveness of PC activities. The community should know who we are and what we are doing.

Q8: What is going to happen with the linguistic services and other professional services service categories?

Linguistic services and other professional services will be tabled until FY2020. DHR will be working diligently to draft the Service Standards for these categories to ensure a strong RFP for FY2020 and beyond.

Q9: What is going to happen for FY2020 Priority Setting and Resource Allocations?

As it stands today, DHR will administer the Ryan White Part A funds in FY2020 in accordance with the priorities and allocations which were approved and adopted for FY2019.