

Roberta Stewart & Chris Cole, Co-Chairs

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**Planning Council Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Friday, September 12, 2025  
**Start Time:** 12:05 pm  
**End Time:** 1:23 pm  
**Location:** Burroughs Community Center & Zoom Teleconference  
**Presiding Chair:** Roberta Stewart  
**Recorder:** Sara Seaburg

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**Summary of Committee Business Votes**

- Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Renewal Application to the Planning Council

**(1.0) Moment of Silence**

Roberta called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of all who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

**(2.0) Welcome and Introduction.**

Roberta welcomed everyone and requested that all Planning Council and guests introduce themselves, their town within the EMA and their Planning Council leadership role, if applicable.

**(3.0) Co-Chair Announcements**

- There is a project officer call on September 16, 2025 at 10:00am

**(4.0) Community Input**

There was none

**(5.0) Approval of June 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes.**

A motion to approve the June 13, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Joanne Montgomery and seconded by Inthiany Ardila

**For: (11):** Ardila, Bigby, Cole, Datcher, Geter, McNair, McNeil, Pennacchia, Radocchia, Walton

**Against: (0)**

**Abstain: (3)** Johns, Montgomery, Stewart

**(6.0) Planning Council Committee Reports**

Quality Improvement and Strategic Planning Committee (QISPA)

Anthony gave the following report:

Here is a summary of our meeting that was held on September 4, 2025:

1. We voted on and approved the June 5, 2025, meeting minutes, the July 29, 2025, Priority Setting Process meeting minutes and the July 31, 2025, Resource Allocation process meeting minutes.
2. We also reviewed the Planning Council Activity Timeline (PCAT). This tells us what activities the committee is responsible for completing each month. All activities are right on target.
3. We reviewed the EMA's CQM Performance Measure Portfolio presented by Ella.
4. We reviewed the framework for PSRA which included reviewing feedback received from both meetings as well as follow-up items for process improvements. Staff will be sending out the full summary report for review to all PC members. Also, there will be an ad hoc group formed to review/implement areas for improvement. This item will be added to the agenda each month moving forward.
5. We discussed the structure of this committee and would like to consider adding it to all committee agendas.

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6. Our next meeting will be on October 2, 2025.

Membership/Finance Committee (M/F)

Christopher Johns gave the following report:

1. We have 1 renewal application to review:

Robert Stewart made a motion to approve the renewal application of Joanne Montgomery.

**For: (14):** Ardila, Bigby, Cole, Datcher, Geter, Johns, McNair, McNeil, Montgomery, Pennacchia, Radocchia, Stewart, Walton

**Against: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

2. We still need a 'Hospital planning agencies or health-care planning agencies' representative to fulfill the HRSA requirement. We continue to work on this.
3. We have 20 Planning Council members with 40% being community members.
4. Our training today will be a debrief session on the PSRA process.

**(7.0) Recipient's Office Report**

Ella Pluchino gave the following report:

- They received the final award, noting a decrease of approximately \$170,000 from the previous year's, representing a 3.2% cut.
- They are working on finalizing contracts through February.
- They have hired a new quality assurance manager starting on 9/22.

**(8.0) New/Old Business**

• **Planning Council Training**

Discussion of the Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Process. Attendees focused on reviewing the priority-setting and resource allocation process, with emphasizing the need for feedback on what worked well and what didn't. A positive change was noted by limiting online comments and encouraging hand-raising for better engagement. The data was more up-to-date and well-organized compared to previous year. However, some attendees expressed confusion about the process, particularly regarding real-time changes and the presentation format. Also highlighted was the need for better transparency and historical context to aid future budgeting decisions. The group agreed that a recap of last year's decisions and their rationale would be beneficial for future planning.

• **Jeremie Burdock, Presentation on SNAP Benefits**

This included upcoming changes to SNAP and Medicaid programs, including new work requirements and eligibility restrictions for non-citizens. He explained that the state is still determining how to fill the gaps left by these federal changes, with no immediate solutions in place. Jeremie also outlined the new requirements for Medicaid recipients, including a monthly work or community engagement requirement of 80 hours for adults aged 19-64, effective December 31, 2026. The state is working on implementing these changes and determining how to verify compliance, particularly for volunteer work and community service.

He also discussed eligibility criteria for Medicaid, including categories such as pregnancy, foster youth, Native Americans, veterans, medically frail individuals, substance abuse disorders, parents of dependent children, and recently released inmates.

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He also explained upcoming changes to Medicaid and CHIP eligibility, including restrictions on non-citizen coverage effective October 1, 2026, which will affect refugees and other groups but not lawfully residing children and pregnant women. He detailed changes to retroactive coverage, limiting it to one month for adults and two months for children, while also introducing two months of retroactive coverage for the CHIP program.

He explained that states will impose cost sharing on Husky D adults over the federal poverty level, with co-pays ranging from \$0 to \$35 per medical service, not to exceed their family income. He clarified that this is different from the spend down program, which requires meeting a financial threshold over a 6-month period before coverage kicks in, and explained that Medicare recipients face additional challenges due to the 20% coinsurance requirement.

**(9.0) Community Input**

There was none

**(10.0) Announcements**

There were none

**(11.0) Parking Lot Items**

There are none

**(12.0) Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 1:23pm

**Attendance Record – 2025**

	Council Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Sept	Oct	Nov
1.	Inthiany Ardila	X	X	X	A	A	X	X		
2.	Maria Bigby	A	A	X	X	X	X	X		
3.	Jeremie Burdick	X	X	X	X	X	A	X		
4.	<i>Christopher Cole PC Co-Chair</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
5.	Brian Datcher	A	X	X	X	A	X	X		
6.	Libra Davis	X	A	X	X	X	X	A		
7.	Kasima Geter	-	-	-	-	-	X	X		
8.	Christopher Johns	X	X	X	X	X	A	X		
9.	Clara Johnson	X	A	X	X	X	A	A		
10.	LaTonya McNair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
11.	Gloria McNeil	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
12.	Joanne Montgomery	X	X	X	X	X	A	X		
13.	Mitchell Namias	X	X	X	X	X	X	A		
14.	Ruth Pennacchia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
15.	Richard Radocchia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
16.	Carmella Ricciardelli	X	X	X	X	A	A	A		
17.	Eddy Rodriguez	-	-	-	X	X	A	A		
18.	Anthony Santella	X	X	X	X	X	X	A		
19.	<i>Roberta Stewart PC Co-Chair</i>	X	X	X	X	X	A	X		
20.	Sophie Walton	-	-	-	-	X	X	X		
	Ryan White Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Planning Council Staff	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	% of Council present:	80%	70%	85%	76%	81%	65%	70%		

Guests: Jean Brown, Jennifer Dagrassé, Afrika Hinds, Nitza Agosto, Nida Butt, Clunie Jean-Baptiste, Sofia Swaby, Angie Matthis, Laura Adams, Jamelia Beckford, Rebecca Rioux, Ditas Villanueva, Dr. Virata, Joshua Heggier, Unique Williams, Penny Alesion