

Grants Management Advisory Committee
Subcommittee on 2014 Statewide Community Needs Assessment
June 2, 2014

The Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC) Subcommittee on the 2014 Statewide Community Needs Assessment unanimously passed a motion to recommend that the full GMAC **embrace the four major service categories on Page 5 of the needs assessment report for the next biennium** (State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017).

- Health / Mental Health
- Family Support
- Food Security
- Support for Persons with Disabilities

In deliberation leading to this recommendation, discussion focused primarily on the following issues.

- The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid expansion may have an effect on the health and mental health needs identified in the assessment. The subcommittee considered whether more weight should be placed on services that support families and food security, neither of which is reimbursable through health insurance or Medicaid. Ultimately, however, it was agreed that it is (1) too early to determine the full impact of the ACA and Medicaid expansion and that (2) the mental health issues documented in the needs assessment will not be quickly resolved.
- Many of the new ideas listed on Page 14 of the needs assessment report were deemed promising. However, recommending these as priorities might dilute the funding available for existing programs and services. As an alternative, some of these new ideas might be considered for inclusion in the next solicitation for grant applications.
- Likewise, the subcommittee decided against recommending secondary priorities as the GMAC did in 2012. Some needs that rank below the four major service categories might be incorporated in the next application process. For instance, applicants might be asked to address client transportation barriers in their proposals.
- A request was made for census data including population by county, ethnicity and age. The purpose was to determine whether this information would have any bearing on the final GMAC recommendations.

Public comment supported food security, tobacco use prevention, transportation, respite, mental health, support for persons with disabilities, collaboration, telemedicine and other electronic methods of reaching clients/consumers. Washoe County's master plan (which includes transportation, information access, upgrading Nevada 2-1-1 and the Aging and Disability Resource Centers) was cited as a valuable reference tool. Geographic differences in ranking of the four major categories led to a suggestion to look at the results of the needs assessment county by county.

Members of the GMAC Subcommittee on the 2014 Statewide Community Needs Assessment in attendance at the meeting were Dan Musgrove (elected chair), Marcia O'Malley (elected vice-chair), Al Conklin and Deborah Campbell. Pauline Salla was unable to attend.

This report was prepared for the subcommittee by Laurie Olson, Chief of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Grants Management Unit (GMU). It does not comprise the official minutes of the meeting.