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- Mark Pepler stated that the Ryan White Part A grant is one of the more complex grants probably in the federal government.
- A guest asked how is the money and if we are still going to be funded.
- Mark Pepler responded and said yes. He stated that is very rare were recipients had to return money or did not receive a full award. HRSA's interest is for Ryan White Program gets as much as the money that is available. The Ryan White program has been flat funded for many years. The Ending the Epidemic initiative are new monies coming out of the federal government, which is separate from the Ryan White program and does not have the restraints how that money is used. There is a lot more flexibility with these monies, HRSA's interest is making sure communities have as much flexibility as possible when using these funds, to have impact and reach folks who have not been reached in the past to get them identified if they do not know their status and getting them into care. These funds will be used towards prevention projects, for prep at our community health centers and getting services to clients.
- Eric Shell stated at the end of this site visit they will have a report on HRSA's findings.

Announcements

- Joseph Mims announced that on 3/12 the State Health Office will be at the Department of Health to have a listening session regarding Ending the Epidemic, focusing on our community members and how we can present these services better. This event is open to the public. We are adding a page to our website (hivcarenow).
- Jacqueline Dowdy (CEO of River Region) announced they will be hosting an Opioid symposium on 3/18 noon to 2:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm

Approved by: _____
6/25/2020
(Date)


Debbi Carter, Planning Council Chair