



**AIDS Drug Assistance Program
Statewide Conference Call
Emergency ADAP Update**

**Minutes
January 27, 2011
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Roll was not called for this meeting due to the number of participants on the call.

Lorraine addressed participants and stated that this call was not to work out details or logistics but to talk about where we are and to bring everyone up to speed. She stated the following:

ADAP CRISIS - WHERE WE ARE:

- There is currently a \$14M deficit. We will run out of funds by February 10, 2011. We are working on a bridge to cover clients until March 31st through a partnership with Welvista. This course sets a new precedence with other states because this has never been done before and the pharmaceutical companies fear that other states may see this as an option. This is not a popular concept with pharmaceutical companies, but they are aware that it would be the clients who will suffer if this does not occur.
- It's important to know that this is NOT a disenrollment. Our goal is to transition clients in a coordinated systematic way; however, this deal is not final. As of today, there are two manufacturers who are not on board. Dr. Watkins and Welvista have been on calls trying to make this work as well as NASTAD and the Fair Pricing Coalition. Tom Liberti and headquarters staff have worked with the Legislature, and the Governor's office to solicit assistance. DOH staff and others are trying to move the Rock of Gibraltar.
- Welvista has asked for support with the infrastructure and we have gotten the approval to assist. There are currently 9,981 clients in the ADAP program; this number changes daily. Of these, sixty percent are able to get all of their medications through Welvista. The remaining forty percent will remain in the ADAP program. The projected date for the transition to Welvista is tentatively set for February 1, 2011. On April 1, these clients will be transitioned back to ADAP.

BRIDGING THE GAP – PARTNERING WITH WELVISTA:

- The list of clients being transitioned to Welvista has been sent to CHDs with pharmacies. For CHDs without pharmacies, the list was sent electronically to Central Pharmacy. Pharmacies have been doing a great job of identifying who is up next for fills and which fills can be split to allow for partial fills.
- It will be critical for lead agencies and case managers to communicate and be involved to provide help with unforeseen needs and direction to clients.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICATIONS:

- Welvista will package medications for individual clients with their name and instructions on the bottle. They will provide a 60-day supply to ensure clients have their medications through March 31st. However, if a client only has 30 days left on their current script the local ADAP staff, or managers are asked to request a new 60-day script for the client. This means clients will only have to pick up once.
- ADAP will provide additional guidance once all the parts are ironed out. Welvista CEO, Ken Trogden, will be here today to hopefully finalize the process.

Lorraine closed by advising anyone who has ideas or can provide assistance to call their ADAP consultant. Area 15 is already working with their consultant in preparing a proposal as to how they can assist.

With no further questions the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.