



Meeting of the
HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York
May 15, 2008
3:00-5:00 PM
LGBT Center, 208 W. 13th Street, NY, NY

MINUTES

Members Present: J.C. Park, MA, MPA (Governmental Co-chair), E. Telzak, MD (Chair, Finance Committee) S. Adams (for M. Brune), V. Benadava (for A. Etienne), R. Bramble Weed, J. Edwards, L. Fraser, I. Gamble-Cobb, T. Hamilton (for A. Aviles), J. Irwin, V. Jarvis, MD, G. Joseph (for T. Mack, MD, MPH), F. Laraque, MD, MPH, P. Laqueur (for I. Feldman), J. Leandry-Torres, J. Lehane, PhD (for T. Petro), D. Marder, MD, D. Ng, G. Philip, S. Self, PhD, R. Spellman, E. Viera, Jr.
Members Absent: B. Backofen, M. Bacon, L. Bishop, E. Camhi, R. Canosa, F. Carroll, S. Elcock, T. Faulkner, A. Hardman, R. Jackson, M. Lesieur, G. Mercado, L. Freddy Molano, MD, W. Okoroanyanwu, MD, MPH, A. Perry, A. Quinones, A. Richardson, L. Scaccabarozzi
Staff Present: *DOHMH:* J. Hilger, D. Klotz, R. Molina, T. Noletto, N. Rothschild, DrPH, A Santella, DrPH, D. Wong.
PHS: R. Miller

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Opening/Introduction/Minutes

Mr. Park opened the meeting and members introduced themselves.

Mr. Benadava, (alt. for *Antionettea Etienne*) introduced the moment of silence and *Mr. Park* reviewed the Rules of Respectful Engagement.

Mr. Park reviewed the agenda, the meeting materials and led the review of the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting; motion was made to accept, seconded, voted & minutes accepted. A Spanish language translator was made available.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment, Part I

M. Gold: I have been using a wheelchair for the past six years and am visually impaired. The gaps in service and needs for the differently -abled are not being addressed. This is a cross-cutting issue which affects everyone.

J. Livigni: The Planning Council should always be cognizant of the work it is charged to do and the population it is charged to serve.

Agenda Item #3: PLWHA Advisory Group Report

Mr. Benadava: The Advisory Group met this past Saturday at which back to work and job training programs were presented, from agency and client perspectives. Three transgender individuals spoke of their personal experiences and challenges in accessing care, especially when there is so little epidemiologic data available to drive initiatives for this underserved population. The Primary Care & Support Service, Policy and Recruitment and Membership Sub-Committees met in breakout sessions. There will be a PWA Advisory Group table at AIDS Walk on May 18, 2008.

Agenda Item #4: “HIV Continuum of Care: From Intake in Jail to Community Providers”

Alison Jordan and Dr. Maria Gbur of the Division of Health Care Access and Improvement presented on HIV testing and care in NYC jails. For details of the presentation, please refer to the handout “HIV Continuum of Care: From Intake Jail to Community provider”.

Agenda Item #5: Grantee Report

JoAnn Hilger reported that we are closing out Year 18 which ended on February 29, 2008; with year end report to be submitted this month. We utilized an aggressive Reprogramming plan and it appears that we are on target with respect to not exceeding the 2% threshold (\$1.4 MYN). Later this summer we will be looking at how programs spent their funds and determining the impact of the fee for service model on spending. We are examining the operationalization of the 2008 plan which authorized funds for a number of additional service categories, and we will be looking at how we can best apply these funds to these categories. At the end of May, we must submit an allocation plan to HRSA using the spending plan which apportioned the funds to core and non-core categories. The implementation plan is the plan for each of the service categories and estimates how many programs are funded, how many clients will be seen, what kinds of services are being delivered, and how much is allocated to each category. We are required to have an outcome plan, with benchmarks and indicators for each service priority, as opposed to the past when only MAI initiatives required an outcome plan. 2008 renewals are underway and all but 31 of the contracts have been executed. Services are being delivered and contractors are being paid.

Dr. Julie Lehane of WCDOH reported that on May 21, a preliminary meeting will be convened with the new Medical Case Management / Treatment Adherence programs and the NYSDOH AIDS Institute to introduce the Quality Learning Network trainings. A fee for service pilot test with the Medical Case Management programs will possibly occur this year. The Tri-County Network has been increased from 3 counties to 7 counties. There are currently two vacancies in positions formerly held by Eileen Fitzgerald and Basil Reyes.

Agenda Item #6 Committee Updates

Policy (delivered by Mr. Park): Six letters and accompanying reviews of legislation were presented in members’ packets for approval:

- Federal: Letter Addressing Immigration and Travel Ban (PEPFAR, Section 305, see also HR3337/S2486)
Motion made and seconded to approve the letter. Vote taken: Motion approved
- Federal: Letter Addressing Moratorium on Medicaid Changes (HR5613)
Motion made and seconded to approve the letter. Vote taken: Motion approved
- Federal: Letter Addressing Medicare Part D and ADAP Policies in support of ADAP spending to count towards TrOOP
Motion made and seconded to approve the letter. Vote taken: Motion approved
- State: Letters Addressing 30% Cap on Share of Rent for Low-Income PLWHA (A5473/S2890)
Motion made and seconded to approve the letters. Vote taken: Motion approved
- City: Letter Addressing CTL-funding for Health Systems Agencies
Motion made and seconded to approve the letter. Vote taken: Motion approved

Priority Setting & Resource Allocation (delivered by Mr. Park): An extended session of the PSRA Committee will be held on June 5 during which the Committee will focus on the selection of data and information sources to be used in ranking and prioritizing service categories of the PSRA tool.

Integration of Care Committee (delivered by Ms. Gamble-Cobb): The next meeting of the Committee will occur on May 28 at Public Health Solutions where the Transportation category will be further discussed and there will be a presentation on Special Needs Plans.

Needs Assessment (delivered by Ms. Irwin): The Needs Assessment Committee met on May 12 where emerging needs were prioritized (Young MSM of Color, Women/Young Women of Color, LGBT individuals, the Over 50 population,

Immigrants) and service gaps were prioritized (Housing, Re-entry for Prison Releasees, Closures of Medical/Dental Clinics) that will populate the PSRA tool.

Consumers Committee (delivered by Edilberto Viera, Jr.): The Consumers Committee met on May 14 at which time there were presentations on job/vocational training, Employment and Economic Well-Being (CHAIN study) and the Leadership Training Institute, the election of Gregory Cruz as the At Large Consumer Member and distribution of 2008 Planning Council Membership Applications.

Rules & Membership Committee (delivered by Mr. Park): The Rules & Membership Committee has approved the 2008 HIV Planning Council Membership Application which is due on June 13. Outreach & recruitment activities are underway.

Finance Committee (delivered by Dr. Telzak): The Finance Committee will meet on May 29 at which time grant expenditures and contract takedowns will be reviewed.

Agenda Item #7 Public Comment, Part II

Mr. Soares stated that he would like to see a Ryan White Service Directory on the Planning Council website which would include a consumer input/satisfaction component. In view of funds spent on HIV services at Rikers Island, there should be financial incentives for individuals at Rikers Island to be tested for HIV.

M. Orduna reported on the first meeting of the Manhattan HIV CARE Network, which occurred on May 15. The Consumer Involvement Committee will meet on May 20.

Mr. Franklin, who has been living with HIV for 10 years, asked for the Planning Council's letter of support to maintain Positive Life, a support group of which he has been a member for 5 years, which is slated for closure.

D. Miller invited members of the Planning Council to attend the PWA Advisory Group Meeting.

R. Bramble Weed advocated for the continued funding of programs, such as Positive Life (serving HIV+ undocumented immigrants) which are tentatively ending on June 30.

Minutes approved by the HIV Planning Council on June 19, 2008.



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