



Meeting Minutes
INTEGRATION OF CARE COMMITTEE
Lisa Zullig and Christopher Joseph, Co-Chairs

October 15, 2014
McSilver Institute at NYU
41 East 11th Street in Room 741
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members Present: Christopher Cunningham, Michael Ealy, Deborah Greene, Tracy Hatton, Zach Hennessey, Velia Hernandez (for Brenda Starks-Ross), Christopher Joseph, Jun Matsuyoshi, Jan Carl Park, Andresa Person, David Price, Bobby Rallakis, Leonardo Vicente, Lisa Zullig

Members Absent: Peter Campanelli, PsyD, Joan Edwards, Dorothy Farley, Janet Goldberg, Terry Hamilton, Graham Harriman, Daphne Hazel, Peter Laqueur, Julie Lehane, PhD, Gina Quattrochi

NYC DOHMH Staff Present: Matthew Lee, Michael Pantano, Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Ben Tsoi, MD, MPH, Wilbur Yen

Public Health Solutions Staff Present: Stefani Janicki

Others Present: Billy Fields

Material Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the July 16, 2014 IOC Committee Meeting
- Presentation: Overview of Service Categories Under the RWCA: Definitions and Integration
- Ryan White Service Category Information in the NY EMA
- Presentation: NY EMA Ryan White Part A Portfolio Planning
- NY EMA FY 2015 Base and MAI Spending Plans for the HRSA Application Approved by Planning Council on July 31, 2014

Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting Packet/Review of the Minutes: Christopher Joseph welcomed meeting

participants. Committee members introduced themselves. Jan Park introduced Lisa Zullig as the new IOC Committee Co-Chair replacing Nancy Cataldi whose term expired on August 31, 2014. Zach Hennessey led the moment of silence. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet. The minutes from the July 16th IOC Committee meeting were accepted for posting on the Planning Council website at nyhiv.org.

Overview of Service Categories Under the Ryan White Care Act: Wilbur Yen, Program Planner in the Care and Treatment Program, provided an overview of service categories under the Ryan White Care Act. The presentation is posted on the Planning Council website at nyhiv.org. The Planning Council's federal funder, HRSA, allows grantees to fund numerous service categories. The New York EMA funds some of these services and does not fund other services. IOC Committee members raised several points/asked questions about the service categories:

- What is the difference between ADAP and LPAP?
- What is the difference between home and community based health services, and home health care?
- What is the process for exploring whether there is a need for one or more additional service categories to meet the needs of PLWHA in the NY EMA? (Response: IOC will work with the Needs Assessment Committee to determine whether a need currently exists.)

Portfolio Planning: Wilbur Yen delivered a presentation on portfolio planning in the NY EMA for the HRSA grant application. The presentation is available on the Planning Council website. The IOC Committee will discuss two service categories during the current community planning cycle: Early Intervention Services (EIS) and Legal Services.

Early Intervention Services:

- 16% of EIS funds were unexpended at the end of FY 2013.
- We need to focus on linkage to care and why people drop out. Linkage is a payment point for organizations funded to provide services. The goal is to have 85% of clients who test positive linked to care.
- For people who are tested for HIV at community based organizations but want to receive their care elsewhere, linkage is poor. What can we do to help with the linkage – which strategies are working/not working?

Legal Services:

- In this service category, performance exceeds service category allocation.

- We are revisiting legal services because of timing: this service category was last examined in 2009.

HIV Testing and Linkage Services in the New York EMA: Dr. Ben Tsoi, Director of HIV Diagnostics in the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, expressed interest in engagement with the community and led a discussion about testing services.

- CDC recommends offering the HIV test to all individuals between the ages of 13-64.
- The total amount of money allocated to HIV testing in the NY EMA from CDC and HRSA is approximately \$10 million. One possibility in restructuring HIV testing services is to use the CDC funding for routine testing in clinical facilities and the HRSA funding for linkage.
- The social network strategy operates on the premise that people tend to socialize with similar peers and are friends with other individuals who are also positive. The social network strategy for testing requires more experienced staff at more experienced agencies to coach people who have tested positive to promote testing in their own social networks. Some agencies have really struggled with this approach.
- Couples testing is another option.
- Incentivized testing can be a double-edged sword. Some people come just for the incentive and don't really buy into treatment and care. Some people also test multiple times, just for the incentive, when they already know their status. Currently, the only incentive provided by the NYC DOHMH for testing is a MetroCard.
- At the end of the day, 50% of people who are tested are never linked to care.
- The people who provide testing should counsel individuals who test positive about linkage in order to build a sense of connectedness. The individuals charged with this responsibility could be called linkage navigators.
- Peer educators can accompany patients to provider visits and facilitate retention in care.
- The current service model in the NY EMA reimburses for one attempted linkage (whether or not completed). Payments could possibly be restructured to reimburse for up to three attempted or completed linkages.
- The new Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, made his reputation with venue-based testing – e.g., at bathhouses. He was there at 3:00 am and used his computer to link people testing positive to their first appointment at Bellevue, thereby building a sense of connectedness.

Public Comment: No members of the public commented.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Items for Follow Up:

- Planning Council staff will do a lit search on successful linkage strategies and check the Kaiser Foundation website regarding linkage.
- Planning Council staff will look into another HRSA service category not presently funded in the NY EMA -- referral for health care/supportive services – and see whether linkage services could reside within this category.