



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

March 18, 2015
McSilver Institute at NYU
41 East 11th Street on the 7th Floor
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members Present: Peter Campanelli, PsyD, Christopher Cunningham, Michael Ealy, Dorothy Farley, Janet Goldberg, Deborah Greene, Tracy Hatton, Daphne Hazel, Christopher Joseph, Peter Laqueur, Jan Carl Park, Gina Quattrochi, Bobby Rallakis, Lisa Zullig

Members Absent: Joan Edwards, Terry Hamilton, Graham Harriman, Zach Hennessey, Julie Lehane, PhD, Andresa Person, David Price, Brenda Starks-Ross, Leonardo Vicente

NYC DOHMH Staff Present: Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Benjamin Tsoi, MD, Wilbur Yen

Public Health Solutions Staff Present: Bettina Carroll

Others Present: Randall Bruce, Billy Fields, Columbus Gerskins, David Martin

Material Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the March 4, 2015 Meeting
- Handouts on Trauma-Informed Care: General Information and Trauma-Informed Care Training Resources
- Early Intervention Services (EIS) Directive
- Early Intervention Services Directive Showing Track Changes
- Consumer Committee Suggestions for EIS Directive
- Planning Council Calendar for March 2015

Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting

Packet/Review of the Minutes: Lisa Zullig and Christopher Joseph welcomed meeting participants. Attendees introduced themselves. Bobby Rallakis led the moment of silence. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet. The minutes from the IOC Committee Meeting on March 4, 2015 were accepted for posting on the Planning Council website at nyhiv.org.

Legal Services Update: Jan Carl Park informed committee members that the current legal services directive permits providers to help undocumented immigrants seek PRUCOL status. The grantee will notify current legal services providers that this service is within their scope. After the IOC Committee is finished with the EIS directive, it will develop a new directive for legal services.

Hepatitis C Medical Care: IOC Committee members discussed the provision of medication for Hepatitis C (HCV) patients. The New York State ADAP Program does not pay for any of the new treatments because they are extremely expensive. It does, however, pay for the old treatment of pegylated interferon, although pegylated interferon is very tough to tolerate. Committee members discussed some ways of increasing access:

- Gina Quattrochi mentioned an op-ed in the NY Times by two physicians at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center stating that physicians at MSKCC would not prescribe certain colorectal cancer drugs because of their expense. Within a week, the drug company making the drugs lowered the price.
- Jan Park suggested that NYC workers with HCV bring pressure to bear on the City Comptroller to ensure that the new HCV treatments are included in City health plans. HCV activists are in the same place where HIV activists were in the early 1990s. Mr. Park also suggested bringing pressure to bear on the City Comptroller to divest the City of stock in companies engaging in price gouging for HCV meds.
- An activist group in Texas is compiling a list of doctors in Brazil who can prescribe HCV meds for medical tourists.
- The only real way of lowering the price is competition.

David Martin suggested adding a note about the provision of HCV testing to the EIS directive. Dr. Ben Tsoi, Director of HIV Testing in the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, thought that the Bureau asked HRSA whether HCV testing was a permissible component of Early Intervention Services and HRSA said no.

Trauma-Informed Care: Wilbur Yen of the Care and Treatment Program spoke briefly about trauma-informed care and provided handouts (available

on the Planning Council website). IOC members have already discussed trauma-informed care at length and decided that the topic was more relevant to behavioral health services than to the EIS service category. In order to bring information to the full Planning Council community, the April meeting of the Planning Council will include a panel on trauma-informed care.

DSRIP: Gina Quattrochi noted that caseloads will explode on July 1 because of the implementation of DSRIPs.

Early Intervention Services Directive: Planning Council staff met with members of the Consumers Committee on March 17th and reviewed the EIS directive with them. Consumers Committee members expressed concerns about linguistic competency of service providers; ability of providers to offer services to individuals with physical, behavioral, psychosocial, or sensory impairments; and ensuring that the lists of services to which linkage navigators may connect PLWHA are identical in different sections of the EIS directive. IOC members discussed these issues and made several changes to the directive.

Public Comment: No members of the public commented.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.