



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

God's Love We Deliver
166 Avenue of the Americas in the Board Room
March 23, 2016

Members Present: Christopher Cunningham, Michael Ealy, Dorothy Farley, Janet Goldberg, Deborah Greene, Graham Harriman, Daphne Hazel, Christopher Joseph, Jan Carl Park, John Schoepp, Claire Simon, Lisa Zullig

Members Absent: Peter Campanelli, PsyD, Joan Edwards, Terry Hamilton, Zach Hennessey, Peter Laqueur, Julie Lehane, PhD, David Price, Gina Quattrochi, Bobby Rallakis, Brenda Starks-Ross

NYC DOHMH Staff Present: Nasra Aidarus, Nina Rothschild, DrPH

Public Health Solutions Staff Present: Bettina Carroll

Others Present: Randall Bruce, Billy Fields (Planning Council Members)

Material Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the January 20th Meeting
- Draft Master Service Directive
- Elements of Master Service Directive by Service Category
- Planning Council Calendar for March 2016

Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting Packet/Review of the Minutes: Lisa Zullig and Christopher Joseph welcomed attendees. Meeting participants introduced themselves. Ms. Zullig led the moment of silence. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet. The minutes from the January 20th IOC meeting were accepted for posting on the Planning Council website.

Half-Day Community Briefing: Jan Park provided some reflections on and updates to topics covered in the Needs Assessment Committee's half-day community briefing on Feb. 23rd. The event included panels on HIV and HCV co-infection; socioeconomic vulnerability with an emphasis on employment; and housing in the Tri-County region.

- Seventeen jurisdictions provide HCV medications to co-infected Ryan White clients.
- Approximately 9% of our Ryan White clients are unable to obtain HCV medications.
- The Planning Council (specifically, the PSRA Committee) may want to invite the Director of the New York State ADAP Program, Christine Rivera, to discuss her negotiations regarding drug prices.
- The remarks of the panelists on employment about what happens to PLWHA benefits when PLWHA take a job were sobering – but obtaining a job while retaining benefits is a possibility.
- More information is needed on stigma and discrimination against transgender individuals.
- HOPWA funding has been reduced while caseloads have grown. We are trying to figure out an N – the number of individuals who are unstably housed.
- The Needs Assessment Committee will issue a recommendation regarding unmet need. IOC will have to figure out a structure, and PSRA will have to figure out how to fund the proposed structure.

Master Service Directive: Committee members reviewed and made adjustments to the draft master service directive, intended to be applicable to all service categories. They engaged in an extensive discussion about the following statement at the top of the 4th column on page 2: “Organizations must be able to address, either directly or through referral, the needs of clients with physical, behavioral, psychosocial, or sensory impairments.”

- Should all funded agencies be required to accommodate every kind of disability, even if the accommodation requires extensive and expensive modifications?
- If NYC DOHMH requires all contractors to be compliant, might we lose some small agencies that do good work but simply cannot afford the cost of extensive renovations?
- Equity is the issue.
- HRSA does not allow Ryan White funds to be used for capital improvements.
- Are there capital improvement funds to which we can link providers whose services aren't available to the handicapped?

- Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, an organization has to have reasonable accommodations. The organization cannot simply tell an individual to go somewhere else for services.

Committee members will finish reviewing the master directive at the next meeting and vote on it.

Public Comment: No members of the public commented.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.