



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

McSilver Institute at NYU
41 East 11th Street in Room 741
June 10, 2015

Members Present: Peter Campanelli, PsyD, Michael Ealy, Dorothy Farley, Deborah Greene, Daphne Hazel, Zach Hennessey, Peter Laqueur (by phone), Bobby Rallakis, Lisa Zullig

Members Absent: Christopher Cunningham, Joan Edwards, Janet Goldberg, Terry Hamilton, Graham Harriman, Tracy Hatton, Christopher Joseph, Julie Lehane, PhD, Jan Carl Park, David Price, Gina Quattrochi, Claire Simon, Brenda Starks-Ross

NYC DOHMH Staff Present: Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Anna Thomas

Public Health Solutions Staff Present: Stefani Janicki

Others Present: Randall Bruce, Billy Fields, Barbara Graves-Poller, JD, Saul Reyes, Lily Vaamonde, JD, Kate Webster, JD

Material Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the May 27th IOC Committee Meeting
- Draft Legal Services Directive
- PSRA Scorecard for Legal Services
- Correspondence between Members of the NYC Bar Association's AIDS Committee and Dr. Deborah Parham Hopson of HRSA Concerning Ryan White-Funded Legal Services in the NY EMA
- Copy of Grantee Staff Presentation on Ryan White-Funded Legal Services in the NY EMA (Previously Delivered)
- HASA Fact Sheet from April 2015
- Planning Council Calendar for June 2015

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

Packet/Review of the Minutes: Lisa Zullig welcomed meeting participants. Attendees introduced themselves. Zach Hennessey led the moment of silence. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet. The minutes from the May 27, 2015 meeting of the IOC Committee were accepted for posting on the Planning Council website at nyhiv.org.

PSRA Scorecard for Legal Services/Draft Legal Services Directive: Anna Thomas explained the service category scorecard for legal services. The scorecard shows how much money was allocated to the service category, how much was spent, units of services delivered, and client information such as membership in special populations, gender, race and ethnicity, and age. Committee members discussed the scorecards and the draft directive:

- A bit less than \$4 million is allocated to legal services.
- The NY EMA recently learned of a reduction in its award from HRSA. Reductions will be distributed proportionately across all service categories, including legal services.
- The special populations on whom data is collected in the scorecards do not include transgender individuals because they were not identified by the Needs Assessment Committee several years ago as a special population in particular need of attention. The identification of special populations can be revisited during the drafting of the next comprehensive plan for HIV/AIDS services after we receive guidance from HRSA and CDC. Currently, client data by gender is collected, including transgender female and transgender male.
- This service category has more male than female clients because there are other funding sources for legal services for women and children.
- Some clients with domestic violence issues who are not eligible for Ryan White-funded legal services are referred to Sanctuary for Families and Safe Horizon.
- Enhancements come from underspending and are distributed to over-performing contracts, including legal services.
- When working on the legal services directive, broad language is generally better. Fewer restrictions are helpful.
- A PLWHA is at risk of pre-deceasing a dependent, whether from HIV or from another illness. Generally, conducting permanency planning for all clients and any dependents is advisable, whether the client may die from HIV or from another cause. Currently, Ryan White funds can be used to do permanency planning.

Next Meeting: Several items are on the agenda for the next IOC meeting, scheduled for June 17th:

- Grantee staff member Anna Thomas will present data from e-Share about topics discussed during Ryan White-funded legal services encounters and will address some questions regarding legal services for dependents.
- Although IOC members previously agreed that a cost analysis would be provided for all service categories, the costs for legal services are a bit different. Grantee staff will provide information about the average per-hour reimbursement.
- Planning Council staff will provide information on crisis intervention.

Public Comment: Billy Fields noted that the draft legal services directive does not contain any information addressing legal services for transgender individuals. Planning Council staff noted that the last five directives have not identified any special populations because the special populations become a laundry list and that Ryan White funds can be used for transgender individuals – but only for issues directly related to their HIV status. Ryan White funds could not, for example, be used for legal services related to a transgender individual’s name change unless that name change were directly related to the individual’s HIV status. Some language, however, could be added regarding the need for staff at funded organizations to have knowledge and skills related to the legal needs of populations served.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.