



Meeting of the  
**NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

H. Daniel Castellanos, Dr.PH & Carrie Davis, Co-Chairs

January 12, 2017  
LGBT Community Center  
208 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm 301, NY, NY, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

**Members Present:** H. Daniel Castellanos, DrPH (Co-Chair), Carrie Davis (Co-Chair), Fay Barrett, Mark Browne, Randall Bruce (Consumer At Large), Billy Fields, Timothy Frasca, Jennifer Irwin, Rosemary Lopez, Frank Machlica, John Schoepp, Marcy Thompson, Maiko Yomogida, Ph.D.

**Members Absent:** Angela Aidala, Ph. D., Maria Caban, Ph.D., Pedro Carneiro, Guillermo Garcia-Goldwyn Ph.D., Sabina Hirshfield, Ph.D., Julie Lehane, Ph.D., Glen Phillip, Mary Poupon,

**NYC DOHMH/PHS Staff Present:** Nasra Aidarus, Amber Casey, Jose Colon-Berdecia, Jan Carl Park, Darryl Wong, Nagla Bayoumi (PHS)

**Materials Distributed:**

- Meeting Agenda
- December 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- Draft Timeline for 2017 NA Community Briefing
- January & February 2017 Planning Council Calendars

**Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting Packet/Review of the Minutes:**

Co-Chairs *Carrie Davis & Daniel Castellanos* opened the meeting, followed by member introductions. Rosemary Lopez led the group in a moment of silence, acknowledging the passing of former Planning Council and Integration of Care Committee member *Gina Quattrocchi*, CEO of Bailey House. Gina was a pioneer in advocating for the housing needs of PLWHAs nationally and in NYC. Darryl Wong reviewed the meeting packet and the minutes from December 15, 2016 were accepted as presented.

**PLANNING FOR THE 2017 HALF DAY COMMUNITY BRIEFING**

*Carrie Davis* opened the discussion with an overview of the format of the briefing: 1) providing an overview of changes in the housing landscape in NYC and the Tri-County region, 2) addressing the housing needs of special populations and 3) identifying barriers to housing and the implications on prevention, treatment and care. Comments from the committee addressing #1, *providing an overview of changes in the housing landscape in NYC and the Tri-County region* included:

- It might be helpful to include a speaker who can discuss forecasting of trends in housing need and access;
- Housing and the lack of inventory has been a major priority for clients;
- Barriers to maintaining housing should also be addressed;

- Are there provider-generated case studies available on client experience with housing?
- Client perspectives on housing availability (client panel) are necessary to give a full picture;
- Availability of legal services, i.e., eviction prevention, given the rate of privatization in the private housing inventory;
- The service implications and impact of HASA for All ;
- The changes in the HOPWA formulary and the implications for our clients;
- The different types of housing/housing models currently available/accessed;
- Affordability/subsidies for different housing models;

*Jan Park* distributed scorecards developed by the grantee and Public Health Solutions on two of the three Part A-funded housing service categories: Transitional Housing & Housing Placement , detailing the demographics of clients i.e., age, gender, race/ethnicity, HIV status, numbers of contracts, allocations, expenditures and units of service.

With respect to #2, *addressing the housing needs of special populations*, there should also be a focus on:

- How families with children access housing services;
- Issues related to incarceration/experience with the criminal justice system;

With respect to #3, *structural and policy barriers to access to and retention of housing*, it was suggested that there is a need to address:

- The various funding streams available for housing services, including HASA for All, HOPWA, Section 8;
- Systemic stigma and discrimination impacting access;
- Policy issues which address the potential loss of housing for those who are in re-hab or in hospital for > 30 days;

*Co-Chair Daniel Castellanos* suggested that we begin addressing logistics and format of the Community Briefing. The following comments were made:

- It was suggested that Tuesday, April 4 or 25 and Wednesday, April 5 or 26 be explored for possible dates at venues;
- The panel presenters should be visible to the audience;
- Guiding questions should be verbalized by consumers during the panel;
- The briefing should include Dan Tietz from HRA;
- The guiding questions were shared with panelists and then reviewed by consumers;
- We may wish to have two speakers (instead of three) on the panel, allowing for more audience questions (reflected in last year's briefing evaluation);
- Audience responses should be limited in length;
- Rather than expand the briefing to eight (8) hours, keep the briefing focused and limited to four (4) hours;
- The data presentation portion of the briefing should be limited to 10 slides, no longer than 5-8 minutes in length and should focus on trends, forecasting and challenges rather than solely on accounting of #s of clients served, demographics, etc.;
- Housing issues have not yet been implemented in the legal services directive;

- Data requests should be submitted with sufficient advanced notice, i.e., 6-8 weeks before the event so that there is enough time to review and synchronize with presenters and their presentations;
- It was suggested that there are rich resources available through DOHMH and the Housing Unit at DOHMH;
- A subcommittee call will be scheduled within 2 weeks;
- ACQC can speak to legal representation;
- Details regarding the timeline of activities will be discussed during the Subcommittee calls;
- A request was made to review previous presentations, esp re: legal services.

### **HIV PREVENTION & CARE INTEGRATION – WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

*Daniel Castellanos* suggested that at the current and subsequent committee meetings we address 1) the encouraging data cited in the 2015 HIV Surveillance Report regarding higher rates of viral suppression, decreases in new infections and the absence of vertical transmission and 2) the role of NYCDOHMH STD clinics. The following issues, questions and concerns were voiced:

- Where does HIV testing fall? Prevention or Care? What are the implications for our work, at the planning level and the service delivery level?
- The DOHMH has been convening exploratory conversations over the past six months regarding the structural and functional “merger” of the HIV Planning Group (prevention) and the HIV Planning Council (treatment), although our HRSA Program Officer was not personally enthusiastic about such a merger;
- The Bureau is engaging in discussions with other EMAs with combined prevention and treatment arms;
- The committee would like to have a discussion/presentation with EMAs which have undergone mergers regarding the structural and functional challenges and risks of moving towards an integration?
- The HIV Status Neutral paradigm developed by BHIV Assistant Commissioner Demetre Daskalakis can address the service integration and should be presented to the committee;
- There has been no presentation to date regarding the “lessons learned” from DOHMH and Ryan White activities which have resulted in the most recently-released data;
- Requests for speakers and related presentations should be made with sufficient advance time.

### **CHAIN UPDATE**

It was reported that the CHAIN project team, represented by Peter Messeri, is exploring the feasibility of conducting an ecological analysis of Part A services in our EMA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM