



Meeting of the
NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
Carrie Davis, MSW and Daniel Castellanos, DrPH

January 14, 2016
LGBT Community Center
208 West 13th Street in Room 301

Members Present: Angela Aidala, PhD, Fay Barrett, Randall Bruce, Pedro Carneiro, Amber Casey (alt. for Graham Harriman), Daniel Castellanos, DrPH, Carrie Davis, Timothy Frasca, Guillermo Garcia Goldwyn, Sabina Hirshfield, PhD, Jennifer Irwin, Julie Lehane, PhD, Rosemary Lopez, Anne Lyster, Frank Machlica, Jan Carl Park, Glen Phillip, Marcy Thompson

Members Absent: Maria Caban, PhD, Jeanine Costley, Antonio Munoz, Mary Poupon

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

Public Health Solutions Staff Present: Derek Coursen, Christine Nollen

Others Present: Billy Fields, Ron Joyner, John Schoepp, Maiko Yomogida

Material Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from December 10, 2015
- Minutes from Call on December 18, 2015 re Community Briefing
- NYC DOHMH HIV Surveillance Annual Report for 2014
- Planning Council Calendar for January 2016

Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting Packet/Review of the Minutes: Carrie Davis and Daniel Castellanos welcomed meeting participants. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Jan Carl Park led the moment of silence. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet. The minutes from the most

recent NA Committee meeting on December 10th were accepted for posting on the Planning Council website at nyhiv.org.

Half-Day Community Briefing: Committee members reviewed progress to date on and offered suggestions for the half-day community briefing scheduled for February 23rd. The intended audience includes Planning Council and committee members and consumers and some additional members of the HIV community (e.g., program managers). We expect to emerge with tools and recommendations for community planning.

HIV and HCV Co-Infection:

- Include data from the PCSI match on HCV co-infection among Ryan White clients.
- Julie Lehane will reach out to New York State for data from the Tri-County region on co-infection.
- Invite Christine Rivera to discuss HCV meds available through ADAP.
- Invite a representative of SUNY Downstate's STAR Program.
- Invite Geraldine Joseph, a PA affiliated with the Ryan Center.
- Invite a consumer.
- Invite Paul Bolter who does community outreach for the American Liver Foundation.
- Invite Tracy Swan (advocate) from the Treatment Action Group.

Socioeconomic Vulnerability with an Emphasis on Employment and Economic Well-Being:

- Include e-Share data on characteristics of employed RW clients.
- Examine CHAIN data on employment.
- Identify people who have gone back to work and discuss the process and outcomes with them.
- Invite Mark Misrok from Working Positive to discuss the challenges for consumers who are thinking about employment and to discuss federal, state, and local vocational training.
- Examine the research, policy, and service landscape
- Invite Dan Tietz from HRA to discuss how work can impact Medicaid recipients
- Invite an activist from VOCAL
- Consider inviting someone from the Fortune Society's Drop-In Center who can speak to the situation of ex-prisoners trying to obtain jobs.
- Be sure to include a focus on the transgender community and poverty, and reach out to LAMBDA Legal.
- Be sure to keep in mind the fact that clients are older, don't always have skills for today's job market, and are concerned about a loss of benefits.

- What happens to individuals who obtain jobs, leave their HASA housing and relinquish other benefits, and subsequently lose their jobs?
- Bear in mind: this panel is not a prelude to a mandatory return-to-work policy for PLWHA, nor is it part of a plan to force PLWHA to give up benefits; rather, it is intended primarily for PLWHA who voluntarily express interest in returning to work but are concerned about possible loss of benefits and feel vulnerable.
- Suggestion: Call this panel “Living with HIV and Working.”
- Reach out to the Legal Action Center and Southeast Brooklyn Legal Services to identify an attorney who can speak about the impact of returning to work on benefits as well as about the impact of imprisonment on returning to work.
- CAMBA does workforce development and prepares clients for non-peer jobs.
- Daniel Castellanos will meet with members of the Consumers Committee to discuss their interest in all three panels but especially this one.

Housing Across the EMA:

- Include data on stably vs. unstably housed Ryan White clients from e-Share.
- Dr. Angela Aidala will discuss housing needs and receipt of housing assistance; models of care; length of time on wait lists; new opportunities associated with health homes; need for supportive housing and for accessible housing for people with disabilities (e.g., for people who cannot climb stairs).
- Invite housing services representatives from the Tri-County region to speak to the number of clients on wait lists, cost of housing, amount of money needed to house all RW clients not currently stably housed.
- Discuss HASA for All.
- Discuss services provided and difficulties in placing people in supportive and transitional housing.

Public Comment:

- The LGBT Center’s youth outpatient substance use treatment program has begun.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.