



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

January 26, 2016  
10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Conference Call

**Members Present:** Angela Aidala, PhD, Fay Barrett, Randall Bruce, Maria Caban, PhD, Amber Casey (alt. for Graham Harriman), Daniel Castellanos, DrPH, Carrie Davis, Tim Frasca, Guillermo Garcia-Goldwyn, Jennifer Irwin, Julie Lehane, PhD, Anne Lyster, Frank Machlica, Jan Carl Park, John Schoepp, Marcy Thompson

**Members Absent:** Pedro Carneiro, Jeanine Costley, Rosemary Lopez, Antonio Munoz, Glen Phillip, Sabina Hirshfield, PhD

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

**Public Health Solutions Staff Present:** Nagla Bayoumi

**Others Present:** Billy Fields, David Martin

**Material Distributed:**

- Agenda
- Minutes from January 14, 2016

**Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting Packet/Review of the Minutes:** Nina Rothschild thanked participants for joining the call. Committee members and staff identified themselves. David Martin led the moment of silence. Nina Rothschild reviewed the material distributed and noted that the minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup> NA Committee meeting would be reviewed at the regularly scheduled February Needs Assessment Committee meeting.

**Meeting with Consumers Committee:** Daniel Castellanos reported on his meeting with members of the Planning Council Consumers Committee on January 19th. Dr. Castellanos and CC members discussed opportunities for collaboration and will schedule additional meetings. Consumers expressed interest in data on involvement with the criminal justice system; transportation and geographic challenges to accessing services in the Tri-County Region; and the integration of harm reduction, mental health, and housing services, particularly for individuals living in SROs.

Dr. Castellanos will discuss the availability of data on incarceration during his meeting with members of the Technical Review Team for the CHAIN longitudinal cohort study. A brief report using CHAIN data usually takes approximately two months to produce.

**Half-Day Community Briefing:** Committee members discussed the half-day community briefing on February 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Panel on HIV and HCV Co-Infection:

- Jennifer Irwin will continue to check on the availability of a clinician to participate.
- One of Marcy Thompson's colleagues at the AIDS Service Center of NYC has identified a co-infected consumer for the panel.
- A summit on HCV is taking place at the LGBT Center immediately prior to the next Planning Council meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Socioeconomic Vulnerability (with an Emphasis on Employment for Clients Interested in Returning to Work):

- Staff from the Research and Evaluation Unit in the Care and Treatment Program in the Bureau of HIV/AIDS will provide a brief data presentation on employment among Ryan White clients – but the presentation should include only data on employment, not on education.
- Dan Tietz of HASA (or his designee) should be invited to join the panel.
- One or more panelists should discuss how PLWHA who want to join the work force juggle multiple medical appointments and privacy issues.

Housing Across the EMA (with an Emphasis on the Tri-County Region):

- This panel should include at least one provider and should address the issue of health homes.
- The panel should discuss need and unmet need for housing assistance in the EMA; should also note that some clients will need housing

services on a long-term basis; and should refer to other resources that are possibly available.

- Standards of client behavior within funded housing may be a topic for consideration.
- Panelists should address disparities within the EMA and include stories of people who struggle to meet the rent.
- We need a HOPWA representative for the Tri-County region.

**Next Steps for Briefing:** Nina Rothschild, Carrie Davis, Daniel Castellanos, and Jan Park will draft questions for the panelists, vet the questions with members of the Needs Assessment Committee at the February meeting, and provide those questions to panelists prior to the briefing.

**Adjournment:** The conference call was adjourned.