



Meeting Minutes
NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Lee Hildebrand, DSW, Chair

Thursday, February 14, 2013
Ryan Chelsea Health Center
645 Tenth Avenue at 45th Street in the Board Room
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Members Present: Angela Aidala, PhD, H. Daniel Castellanos, DrPH, Carrie Davis, Guillermo Garcia-Goldwyn, Lee Hildebrand, DSW, Natalie Humphrey, PhD, Jennifer Irwin, Rosemary Lopez, Frank Machlica, Tamella McCowen, Jan Carl Park, Glen Phillip, Marcy Thompson

Members Absent: Randall Bruce, Terri Faulkner, Sabina Hirshfield, PhD, Julie Lehane, PhD, Ariel Negron, Robert Shiau, Ricardo Vanegas-Plata, DDS

NYC DOHMH Staff Present: Amber Casey, Matthew Feldman, PhD, Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Darryl Wong

Public Health Solutions Staff Present: Julie Cohen, Derek Coursen

Others Present: Felicia Carroll, Ron Joyner

Material Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the January 10, 2013, NA Committee Meeting
- Presentation on Service Needs and Utilization in New York City: 2009-2011
- Planning Council Calendar for February 2013

Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting Packet/Review of the Minutes: Dr. Lee Hildebrand welcomed meeting participants. Committee members introduced themselves and observed a moment of silence. Guillermo Garcia-Goldwyn acknowledged the extraordinary work of JoAnn Hilger, Ryan White Grant Administrator. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet. The minutes from the

January 10th meeting were approved for posting on the Planning Council website at nyhiv.org. Dr. Hildebrand called members' attention to the four questions posed at the end of the January 10th minutes.

Service Needs and Utilization: Dr. Angela Aidala, Co-Principal Investigator of the CHAIN cohort study at Columbia University, presented data gleaned from interviews conducted between 2009 and 2011. Patterns are generally similar in New York City and Tri-County. Differences occur by gender, race/ethnicity, age, and borough of residence. Unusually high need is defined as 10% or more above the need for the entire cohort. Unusually low adequate utilization is defined as 10% below adequate use for the entire cohort.

Need for non-medical case management: people who need this service have low mental health functioning (an mcs score less than or equal to 37); in the last six months had an inpatient, ER, or mobile unit visit for psychiatric or mental health; are homeless or unstably housed; used cocaine, crack, or heroin in the past year; or engaged in heavy or problem drinking during the past six months. Need has shown a slight decline from 2008-2009 to 2009-2011, but need is still substantial. For this study, the assumption is that if you are receiving a service, you need it.

Adequate utilization is defined as having a case manager revise or develop a plan for dealing with needs; provide a referral for social services; or provide help with filling out forms for benefits or entitlements in the past six months. Adequate utilization is fairly high, although unusually low utilization was observed among two groups – individuals who received medical care at a Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) facility and individuals who received care at a community health center. Overall, 80% of individuals with need for medical referral case management are not receiving it.

Need for anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment support: PLWHA with high need for this service tend to be Latino, have poor mental health functioning, and are born in Puerto Rico or foreign-bon.

Unusually low use of ARV treatment support: PLWHA with unusually low use tend to be Black, current drug users, receive medical care at an HHC facility, homeless, and born in the United States.

Dr. Aidala's report includes data on need and utilization for many other services such as mental health, substance use, food (90% of PLWHA have some need for food services), nutritional counseling (need is high and adequate use is low), housing (1 in 5 individuals at risk of housing loss are not receiving housing services), and many other services and is posted on the Planning Council website.

Regarding the need for housing services, Marcy Thompson noted that the AIDS Service Center of NYC has a housing program, but locating any housing in New York City is challenging: not much is available. Ron Joyner noted the problem of housing and food: many PLWHAs are forced to live on \$330 per month after rent and can barely afford to eat.

Dr. Natalie Humphrey recommended broadening the study population to include more adolescents and young adults. Jennifer Irwin underscored the importance of including younger people in studies such as this one. Dr. Aidala noted that the CHAIN researchers would need additional funds to do an adolescent component of their study. Marcy Thompson noted the importance of peer services in retention in care and coaching for healthier behavior.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.