



Meeting of the  
**NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

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

February 9, 2017, 9:30AM -11:30AM

**By Conference Call – 1-866-213-1863, Access Code 3587454#**

**Members Present:** H. Daniel Castellanos, DrPH (Co-Chair), Carrie Davis (Co-Chair), Randall Bruce (Consumer At Large), Sabina Hirshfield, Ph.D., Jennifer Irwin, Julie Lehane, Ph.D., Frank Machlica, David Martin, John Schoepp, Marcy Thompson, Maiko Yomogida, Ph.D.

**Members Absent:** Angela Aidala, Ph. D., Mark Browne, Pedro Carneiro, Billy Fields, Timothy Frasca, Guillermo Garcia-Goldwyn, Ph.D., Rosemary Lopez, Jan Carl Park, Glen Phillip, Mary Poupon

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

**Materials Distributed:**

- Meeting Agenda
- 1/12/17 Meeting Minutes
- NYCDOHMH Sources of Data on HIV+ Individuals in the NY EMA - Powerpoint
- 2017 NA Community Briefing Activities/Recommendations

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

Co-Chair *Carrie Davis* opened the meeting, followed by member introductions. Darryl Wong announced that a new staff person, Laura Hernandez, has joined HOPWA, and has been invited to participate in the call, as well as Adrian Guzman, HIV Policy Analyst, to provide Federal, State and Local policy updates regarding housing in the NY EMA. A moment of silence was led by David Martin in honor of those affected, those working on behalf of PLWHAs and in commemoration of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The meeting packet was reviewed and the minutes from January 12, 2017 were accepted as presented.

**NYCDOHMH Sources on Data on HIV+ Individuals in the NY EMA:**

Due to the lack of quorum resulting from the snowstorm, this presentation was postponed until the March 2017 meeting.

**2017 Community Briefing Sub Committee Update:**

Darryl Wong reviewed recommendations/feedback from the SubCommittee call convened on Tuesday, February 7. Comments included:

- The briefing should be limited to 3 ½ hours of panelists' time, within the allotted 4 hour time period.
- We should try to limit audience responses to allow for maximum of questions.

- The briefing will take place at the NYU Kimmel Center on Wednesday, April 26, from 9AM-1PM (breakfast will be available at 8:30AM).
- Dan Tietz, Chief Special Services Officer at the NYC Human Resources Administration and his staff, Jacqueline Dudley, HASA's Deputy Commissioner and John Ruscillo, HASA's Director of Housing Services are available on the date of the briefing.
- There should be two to three panels, with two speakers on each panel, allowing for more time for audience questions.
- There should be a final group panel consisting of all presenters, allowing for questions to be answered by all available panelists.
- Presentations should be no more than 10 slides, 5-8 minutes in length.
- The focus of presentations should ideally be on trends, forecasting, emerging populations and challenges to access, in contrast to solely reporting on client service levels and demographics.
- Data requests should be submitted to the Research/Evaluation Unit with 6-8 weeks advance notice.
- Data resources at DOHMH (HOPWA Unit) should be explored for inclusion in the briefing.
- Different types of housing/housing models that are available and being accessed (or not accessed) should be addressed, as well as affordability and subsidies.
- There should be provider-generated case studies on client experience with housing.
- Client perspectives on housing policies and experience with availability should be addressed through inclusion of consumers on the panel (if not an entire consumer panel).
- Families with children and their experience(s) in accessing housing services should be addressed.
- Challenges due to experience with the criminal justice system/incarceration need to be included.
- Challenges/barriers/threats to getting/accessing and keeping/maintaining housing and thriving while housed, should be addressed.
- Client access to legal services/recourse/representation by legal service providers should be addressed and the Integration of Care Legal Services Service Directive should be reviewed.
- We need to further prioritize the issues to be addressed and to prioritize the questions emanating from these issues.
- The themes of the panels should also address current policies regarding immigration and HASA For All.
- Quality of services among different housing models and related compliance, oversight and standards of care issues should be addressed (as well as perhaps ancillary services available to clients and positive clinical outcomes experienced by clients, once housed).
- Each panel should also include the perspectives and experiences of Tri County clients and providers.

### **Federal/State/Local Policy Updates**

Adrian Guzman provided an update on policy developments as they relate to housing in NYS. A NYS bill has been introduced by Assemblymen Hevesi and Hoylmann supporting the expansion of HASA For All for all New York State residents, including the 30% rent cap and has been referred to the Social Services Committee and to be coordinated by Office of Temporary Disability, with the State providing 50% reimbursement for populations greater than 5 million people and 100% reimbursement for populations less than 5 million people. With respect to the threat of withholding/reducing Federal funding to cities identified as "sanctuary cities", the

Mayor has been vocal in support of undocumented law-abiding New Yorkers. The departments which stand to lose the most are the Department of Homeless Services, NYCDOH, the Administration of Children's Services and the NYPD, totaling \$ 930 million. NYCDOHMH HIV/AIDS budget totals \$195 million of which \$183 million is Federally funded. However, in order for funding to be cut, the Federal government must demonstrate relevant reasoning for instituting the funding cuts. It is also important to remember that the Ryan White Program has enjoyed longstanding bi-partisan support, although the PSRA committee will begin scenario planning shortly.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10AM