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3 Meeting of the
4 **NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**
5 Carrie Davis, MSW and Daniel Castellanos, DrPH
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7 March 10, 2016
8 NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
9 42-09 28th Street, Room 18-25, Long Island City, NY
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11 **Members Present:** Fay Barrett, Randall Bruce, Pedro Carneiro, Daniel
12 Castellanos, DrPH, Timothy Frasca, Jennifer Irwin, Rosemary Lopez, Frank
13 Machlica, Antonio Munoz, Jan Carl Park, Glen Phillip, John Schoepp, Marcy
14 Thompson, Maiko Yomogida (for Angela Aidala, PhD)
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16 **Members Absent:** Maria Caban, PhD, Jeanine Costley, Carrie Davis,
17 Guillermo Garcia-Goldwyn, Graham Harriman, Sabina Hirshfield, PhD, Anne
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20 **NYC DOHMH Staff Present:** Nasra Aidarus, Kate Penrose, Nina Rothschild,
21 DrPH
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23 **Public Health Solutions Staff Present:** Romulo Armas
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25 **Others Present:** Billy Fields
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27 **Material Distributed:**
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- Agenda
 - Minutes from the February 11, 2016 NA Committee Meeting
 - Questions for Structured Discussion
 - Planning Council Calendar for March 2016
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34 **Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting**
35 **Packet/Review of the Minutes:** Dr. Daniel Castellanos welcomed meeting
36 attendees. Participants introduced themselves. Glen Phillip led the moment
37 of silence. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet.
38 Committee members agreed to defer the review of the February minutes until
39 the April meeting.

1 **Community Briefing Follow-Up:** Committee members discussed the event
2 sponsored by the Needs Assessment Committee on February 23rd.

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- 4 • This was the first of a series of community briefings with a policy
5 purpose.
- 6 • We should have more representation of NA Committee members on
7 each of the three committees that prepared for the panels.
- 8 • We should think about the audiences we are missing – e.g., young
9 adults – as a way of engaging additional participants.
- 10 • Agencies, not consumers, were the primary respondents to the
11 questions. Next time, more consumer participation should be
12 encouraged.
- 13 • We may want to consider making the next community briefing shorter.
14 Some attendees left before the third panel.
- 15 • The presenters and panelists were prepared.
- 16 • The data presented prior to each panel helped to focus people, but too
17 much data was presented.
- 18 • Was there a clear thread from data to discussion?
- 19 • Building in more time from delivery of the data request to delivery of
20 the data would allow research staff to make a preliminary presentation
21 to the committee to ensure that they are producing useful data and
22 would ease the work of the researchers.
- 23 • People sitting in the back of the room couldn't see the speakers clearly.
24 Consider seating the speakers on stools or having them visible on a
25 screen.
- 26 • At the end of the meeting, Jan Park had only three minutes to
27 summarize. At the next briefing, someone should summarize after each
28 panel: this is the take-away message and this is the plan.
- 29 • The meeting did not include any especially revelatory information but,
30 rather, was a confirmation of what we expected. Moving forward, we
31 will go through the transcript.
- 32 • We want something concrete to come of our efforts: there are
33 opportunities in each area for us to do something.
- 34 • What is the potential impact of changes in the political environment on
35 our work? We will not immediately feel the impact of the next
36 President because our budget is already set. Unfortunately, though,
37 our long-term plans can be stymied by politics.

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39 HIV and HCV Co-Infection:

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- 41 • According to a recent news article, the New York State Medicaid
42 Program is able to obtain Harvoni, one of the new HCV meds, for
43 roughly \$28,000. Can ADAP arrange to provide it at the same price?
44 We will ask Christine Rivera, director of the NYS ADAP Program.

- 17 other jurisdictions pay for the new HCV medications for ADAP clients. Planning Council staff will follow up with those jurisdictions to ask how they finance the provision of these meds.
- Dr. Shuchin Shukla's criticism of drug pricing and the impact the prices have on access for consumers was a bit of a surprise but, for some committee members, was the high point of the gathering.
- We have a fiduciary duty to the City, State, and Federal government to question Big Pharma.

Socioeconomic Vulnerability with an Emphasis on Employment:

- HRSA has issued a clarification about vocational rehabilitation services.

Housing Instability in the Tri-County Region:

- The topic remains murky, but there are opportunities to assist a handful of people who are still struggling.
- PLWHA in Tri-County are vocal about the challenges associated with obtaining housing and other services. Providers agree that there are difficulties in obtaining housing but that there are options. The same thing happens in New York City. A dissonance occurs across the board – people say different things. Agencies talk to agencies and don't hear that much about consumer perspectives.

Community Briefing Follow-Up:

- Planning Council staff will send out an email questionnaire to briefing attendees asking them to evaluate the meeting.
- Committee members will divide into three groups, each of which will review the transcript from one of the panels and focus on content in order to come up with a set of recommendations for the Planning Council and its committees. The NA Committee will develop three documents – one per panel -- with recommendations.
- Planning Council staff will create a template of questions for each group to use as it reviews the document.
- The Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRA) has to complete its work, including making any decisions about reallocating a portion of the portfolio to pursue new initiatives, by July.

Update on Data Requests on Immigration and Incarceration:

- Immigration: Dr. Castellanos submitted a request last month for data on immigration. E-Share, however, only collects data on country of origin, not on status (documented or undocumented). By the next meeting in April, we should have a clearer knowledge about a data delivery date.

- 1 • Incarceration: The Planning Council spends \$4 million on transitional
2 care at Rikers Island. We can invite Alison Jordan, who oversees
3 transitional care, to speak to the NA Committee about services, but
4 someone else might be more helpful if we want to know about the
5 impact of incarceration history on job prospects. Kate Penrose noted
6 that knowing more about what NAC members want to know regarding
7 incarceration would be helpful.

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9 **Public Comment:** No members of the public commented.

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11 **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

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