



Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 1:00 – 3:30 PM
Bridging Access to Care (BAC), 2261 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Planning Council Members Present: Matthew Lesieur (Community Co-Chair), Billy Fields (Co-Chair), Katrina Balovlenkov (Co-Chair), Randall Bruce (Consumer At Large), Maria Diaz, Saul Reyes, John Schoepp

Planning Council Members Absent: Lisa Best, Altirik Harper, Harry Jackson, Jesus Maldonado, Antonio Munoz, Carlos Rosario, Kim Watson

Appointed Community Members: Ron Joyner, Glen Phillip

Guests: Spencer Casseus, David Matthews, Kenneth “Prometheus” Williams

NYCDOHMH: Darryl Wong

MEETING MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- Meeting Agenda & Rules for Respectful Engagement;
- March 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes;
- NYS AI HIV Planning Bodies Workgroup Draft Title & Data Source Listing;
- NYS AI HIV Planning Bodies Workgroup Local Data & Priorities Worksheet;
- Remembering Ryan White, the teen who fought against the stigma of AIDS, PBS Newshour, 4/8/16;
- Firm to Pay AIDS Activist for Denying Him Housing, NYTimes, 4/11/16;
- NYS AIDS Advisory Council Ending the Epidemic (ETE) Subcommittee Meeting Announcement;
- NYDOHMH HIV/AIDS Bi-Weekly Update, 4/18/16;
- NYS AIDS Budget Sign On Joint Letter, Latino Commission on AIDS and the Hispanic Federation;
- NY HIV Planning Council April 2016 calendar; and
- Consumer Committee March 2016 & April 2016 Meeting Evaluations.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/REVIEW OF MINUTES

Darryl Wong, Planning Council Staff to the Consumers Committee, opened the meeting pending the arrival of the committee Co-Chairs, who were delayed due to transportation difficulties. After participant introductions, *Mr. Wong* led the group in a moment of silence in honor of Ryan White who died on April 8, 1990. The meeting agenda, meeting packet and Rules of Respectful Engagement were reviewed and the March 2016 meeting minutes were accepted as presented. The Committee thanked David Matthews (Brooklyn ETE Coordinator) and Spencer Casseus of Bridging Access to Care (BAC) for providing the venue for today’s meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

In response to *Ron Joyner’s* inquiry as to whether the results of the Committee’s work on the ETE initiative will be incorporated into the recently-released NYCDOHMH/Public Health Solutions Ending the Epidemic RFP, *Mr. Lesieur* noted that this nearly \$7 million funding stream consists of City Council funding; several initiatives focus on PEP/PrEP and viral load suppression and the remaining initiatives focus on harm reduction and LGBTQ Coalition building, organizational support and capacity building. It was emphasized that this funding will not impact Ryan White Part A funding. *Mr. Wong* stated that NYCDOHMH staff is not permitted to discuss the RFP and directed all inquiries to

Kenneth Williams reported to the committee that he has witnessed programmatic anomalies at several AIDS Day Treatment programs in NYC, although they are licensed by the NYS Medicaid Office. Mr. Williams was advised to attend the full Planning Council meeting and to voice his concerns during the public comment period. For other grievances, Mr. Williams was advised to work directly with the agency/organization directly in order to resolve the issue locally; only if there is not resolution should it be brought to the Planning Council's attention.

HRSA/CDC INTEGRATED PREVENTION & CARE PLAN DISCUSSION

Mr. Wong reviewed the HIV Planning Bodies Workgroup Source and Data List instructions for responding to the series of 8 (eight) questions in Local Data and Priorities Input worksheet.

The committee then engaged in an exercise in which data was reviewed and responses recorded:

- **To what extent does the NYS HIV Integrated Plan list contain all relevant documents, reports, journal articles and other published information that your local planning body has already included in its needs assessment and other planning responsibilities?**
 - *In general, where there is national and/or state-level data included, comparable local level data should be available*
 - *Upper & Lower Manhattan , Brooklyn, Richmond County & Hudson Valley Regional Reports are not included in the list*
 - *Brooklyn ETE PC/CC review not included in list*
 - *Item 024 should be updated with 2016 HRSA Definition of Eligible Services*
 - *Item 043 (NYC HHC Community Needs Assessment) not included in list*
 - *Item 039 is excerpted from DOHMH Part A grant application and is not from Help/PSI*
 - *Public Health Solutions has massive amounts of data on service category utilization (in form of scorecards) which can inform discussion on service components, costs, utilization, unmet needs.*
- **Are there any more recent editions available of the items in the NYS Integrated Plan list?**
 - *N/A*
- **Are there any data from your local planning area that are expected to be published in the near future?**
 - *NYCDOHMH Part A Consumer Satisfaction Survey (BHIV, Research & Evaluation)*
 - *NYC Quality Improvement data*
- **What lessons has your local planning body learned from using the available data?**
 - *Data can be very "heady" for consumers*
 - *Data without narrative and context is not useful for needs analysis – e.g., mental health needs, documentation of Black MSM experience*
 - *Some easy to read subsets would be useful*
- **What would your local planning body like to be sure we emphasize in the plan when considering HIV prevention & care needs through 2021?**
 - *See #6*
- **What are the top 3-5 most important issues or concerns of your local planning body regarding the next 5 years?**
 - *Sustained Viral Load Suppression*
 - *PrEP/PEP increased access & availability*
 - *Hep C/HIV Co-infection, access to treatment*
 - *Housing in NY EMA, incl. Tri County*
 - *Employment Opportunities for PLWHA in the NY EMA*

- **What data and/or information would your local planning body like to have access to or use in the planning process but is not available?**
 - CMS data on Medicaid and Medicare utilization by PLWHA
 - Injection Drug User Health Alliance Annual Drug User Health Survey (accessed through Harm education Coalition website) contains a lot of prevention data
 - NYC Jail (Rikers, Detention Houses) inmate demographics (with HIV prevalence and Mental Health histories) linked to criminal justice history (not just NYS level data which includes prisons)
 - Local (New York City) NHBS, MMP & HIV/AIDS Surveillance data (links not available on “list”) for recent data on poverty, unemployment, PrEP awareness & usage at local level
 - To what degree are younger people (< 20 y.o) included in cohort for CHAIN reports?
 - Breakdown of surveillance data for Lower Hudson/Tri County Region (Westchester, Rockland and Putnam Counties are part of the NY EMA)
 - HIV/Hep C co-infection data for NYC
 - Migrant farm worker data
- **Other local comments, concerns, questions**
 - Most documents are of NYS origin, fewer from NYC
 - HRSA Feb 2016 allowable services announcement includes rehabilitative services, but it is for the formerly employed only.
 - Consumers are interested in more end-user data (improved outcomes); there doesn’t seem to be a lot of data on experience within funding/service categories.

PLANNING COUNCIL UPDATE

Mr. Wong provided the following updates for the committee:

- After reviewing > 200 resumes and interviewing 10 finalists, a candidate for the Community Coordinator position (vacated by Rafael Molina) has been identified and the paperwork for this individual’s hiring is proceeding. The committee will be notified when a start date has been assigned;
- The Planning Council Executive Committee will be reviewing the FY 16 reprogramming Plan and the Master Service Directive developed by IOC;
- The Needs Assessment Committee will be reviewing the recommendations derived from the NA Community Briefing;
- The Integration of Care Committee will be meeting to review and discuss the master service directive language.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NEW BUSINESS/BOROUGH UPDATES:

Spencer Casseus announced that the NYS AIDS Institute is developing an application for medical appointment tracking and is assembling a focus group of young people 18-34 to elicit their responses.

Maria Diaz, of VOCAL, announced that she will be going to Albany in support of lifting eligibility restrictions on HEP C DAA medications.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.