



Consumers Committee Meeting

May 20, 2009, 1:30 - 4:00PM

Housing Works, 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, NY

Members Present: Victor Benadava (Co-Chair), John A. Eddie (Co-Chair), Anthony Case, Felicia Carroll, Gregory Cruz (Consumer At- Large), Gerald DeYounge, Linder Ford, Juanita Owens, Glen Phillip, Escott Solomon

Members Absent: Brent Backofen, Myron Gold, Marcelo Soares, Edilberto Viera, Jr.

Guests Present: Joseph D.V., Kristin Goodwin, Keith Kaiman, Mallory Marcus, Kielanh Roebuck, John Ruscillo (NYCHRA/HASA), Dan Tietz (NYSDOH/AI), Carol Vaughn

DOHMH: Rafael Molina, Jan Park, Darryl Wong

Meeting Materials Distributed:

- May 20, 2009 Meeting Agenda
- Rules of Respectful Engagement
- April 15, 2009 Consumers Committee Meeting Minutes
- PWA Advisory Group Resolutions in support of the Denver Principles
- HIV Positive Voices in America, CAEAR Coalition & NAPWA, April 2009
- FY 2009 Part A Grant Award
- Comparison of FY 08 and FY 09 Ryan White Part A Funding
- FY 09 HRSA/Ryan White Part A Objective Review Committee Summary Statement of NY EMA Grant Application
- NYCDOHMH Analysis of Weaknesses - FY 09 Ryan White Part A Grant Application
- Guidance
- President's FY10 Budget, NAPWA
- Proposed Program Guidance - Outreach to Homeless & Street Youth
- 2009 Consumer Focus Group Progress Update
- Needs Assessment Committee Presentation Summaries: Youth Populations (4/09), Transgender Populations (2/09)
- HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) Housing Options (handout of slide set)
- HASA Program Overview, Housing Services & Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program
- Brochures
- May 2009 Planning Council Calendar

Victor Benadava and John Eddie welcomed participants, followed by introductions. Escott Solomon led the moment of silence in memory of PLWHA. Mr. Eddie reviewed the Rules of Respectful Engagement and Darryl Wong reviewed the agenda and meeting materials.

The minutes from the April 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes noted.

HIV Planning Council Update:

Jan Park reported on the following activities:

- *The Care Coordination RFP Special Task Force* met for the first time on Monday, May 4, 2009, in response to the Planning Council March 19, 2009 resolution, which stated community concerns about the crafting of the RFP and asked that the RFP be recalled. Transcripts from the March & April 2008 Integration of Care and Planning Council meetings were made available, as will other materials distributed in that time period. The discussion focused on the planning, input and development process of the service guidance/model for Medical Case Management, 2) the respective roles of the Planning Council and the NYCDOHMH and 3) the steps that need to be in place in order to assure that future program guidances/models for service categories to be re-bid are reflective of community/provider input. The Care Coordination RFP has since been re-issued, removing the Annual Patient Load (APL) worksheets previously required. As the new RFP is currently “in play”, all inquiries must be directed to Public Health Solutions, the master contractor for the NYC DOHMH. The second Special Task Force meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 29, 2009, when both Drs. Sweeney and Laraque will be available.
- *The Integration of Care Committee (IOC)* is charged with creating the models for service delivery and has met twice in May in order to address the Food & Nutrition Services and Outreach Services for youth categories which will be re-bid in the Fall. Both models have been approved; the next model to be considered addresses outreach services to HIV+ residents living in SROs.
- *The Needs Assessment Committee* has examined epidemiological data regarding young people and will be looking at similar data for people of transgender experience.
- *The Priority Setting/Resource Allocation Committee (PSRA)* is meeting on a bi-weekly schedule through July and is using “Report Cards”, based on models from other jurisdictions, which detail service utilization, demographics of clients, expenditure data, etc.
- *The PLWHA Advisory Group (AG) By-Laws* were revised, and approved by the general membership of the AG. The changes focused on the elimination of the Sub-Committees and the creation of a Steering Committee, composed of (7) AG members in good standing, with the ability to create Ad-hoc Task Force(s) when and if the need should arise. In addition, a resolution was passed by the AG in support of the Denver Principles and will be presented to the Planning Council for consideration and approval.
- *The NYC EMA* was notified of its award for FY 09 of \$102,129,415, not \$99,422,261, as erroneously reported by HRSA to NYCDOHMH. The decrease of \$300,790 from last year’s award, represents a loss of less than 1/3 of one percent of total Part A funds.

HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) Presentation:

John Ruscillo, Director of Housing Services, presented on Housing Options offered through HASA and provided an update on program admission, client demographic and service data for March 2009. Topics discussed included Emergency Housing (same day placement in temporary housing for homeless clients, including congregate residences, commercial SROs and family emergency apartments), Permanent Supportive Housing (congregate residences for singles/couples & families, Scattered site I and II supportive housing), NY/NY III Permanent Supportive Housing (congregate residences for singles and scattered site I apartments and Independent Housing (Private market apartments). There were inquiries as to the level of increased caseworker training needed in view of the Mayor’s proposed budget cuts for HASA staffing. It was noted that referrals to HASA from CBOS have increased from March 2008 to March 2009, due to greater awareness on behalf of CBOs. For more information on

HASA Programs, please refer to the handout “HASA Housing Options” (5/20/09), the HASA Housing Services Program Brochure, or contact John Ruscillo of NYCHRA/HASA at 212-620-9830 or ruscilloj@hra.nyc.gov.

Community Advisory Boards:

- A survey questionnaire regarding the processes of consumer input for CABS has been previously developed and utilized and may be used to collect baseline data for the Committee’s future work on the development of CAB guidelines.
- The principal investigator of the CHAIN Study would like to present/pilot test new study questions to members of the Consumer Committee in order to gain feedback from members. Assess, at the conclusion of the next meeting.

Community Updates:

The Medical Monitoring Project will be recruiting new study participants for the next wave.

Public Comment/New Business:

- NYCAHN is conducting a phone bank in support of the 30% rent cap proposed by Assemblywoman Glick.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10PM.