

HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York

Meeting of the Consumers Committee

April 12, 2005
Ryan Health Center 645 10th Ave
3pm-5pm

Minutes

Members present: R Abadia, F. Carroll, C. Craig, A. Richardson, L. Dolloway, J. Lopez, J. Miller, R. Jones, M. Gold, B. Soskind, O. Clanton

Members Absent: C. Dzubilo, R. Gonzalez, H. Hernandez R. Gonzalez, And D. Woodard. S. Hemraj, K Butler, C. Cobb, H. Hernandez

Guests Present: J. Livigni, L. Holly, L. Gonzalez, D. Chandler, A. Perez, and A. Alvarez

Staff Present: Ingrid Gonzalez, Steve. Bailous

Agenda Item #1 Welcome /Introductions/Review Agenda & Minutes

Rafael Abadia & Lucille Dolloway, Co-Chairs opened the meeting and had everyone introduce him or herself.

Rafael A. led a moment of silence.

The Minutes of the January 18, 2005, February 15, 2005 and March 15, 2005 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Agenda Item #2 Consumer Training & Membership Recruitment

Rafael reviewed the meeting packet and paid special attention to the calendar. He pointed out the Medicare Forum April 15th at GMHC, the Policy Forum April 22, 2005 at Schomburg and the Consumers training on April 29, 2005 at Bailey House. Rafael shared that these are all important consumer trainings; the April 29th training is targeted to the consumers committee, AG members, and consumers who participate on council committees. **Space is limited so registration is required.** The next Data Day is planned for may 13, 2005 and will focus on data needed for priority setting. The Planning council application is being distributed. We are looking for more women and Latinos. The application is on line at www.nyhiv.org. Please reach out to organizations and individuals by speaking to them directly and providing them with an application. If you need more help contact the Office of AIDS Policy Coordination.

Agenda Item #3 Committee Updates

Rules & Membership- (RM) now taking new member applications. Working with the Consumers committee on member recruitment. Working on updating the Planning Council bylaws.

Needs Assessment (NA)-Is working on Data Day II. This will focus on Data needs for priority setting and Resource Allocation. The hot topics are Unmet Need and the mapping project.

Policy- has been working on Reauthorization and the Policy forum that is April 22nd.

Integration of Care (IOC)- Is leading the work on the Strategic Plan and Re-programming plans to be presented to the council in June. The Strategic Plan for 2005-2008 is a major deliverable for the council this year.

- **Access to Care & Maintenance in Care** sub-committees (ATC & MIC) are working on the Strategic Plan and re-programming plan under the direction of IOC.

Priority Setting & Resource Allocation (PS/RA)- Has put together a special Ad-hoc committee. The Ad-hoc committee is reviewing service categories and will recommend a process to reduce or eliminate services. They are committed to have concrete recommendations to present before the end of this planning cycle.

Executive Committee/ Planning Council (EC& PC)- The 2005-2008 Strategic Plan and its' goals and objectives and the re-programming plan are the two items on the agenda this month.

Access to Care and Maintenance in Care are closely connected and need to remain fluid as consumers access new services to stay in care, change service providers or fall out of care and access care all over again. Rafael shared that the Model of Care takes this into account. Steve B. added that this is being discussed in the IOC and they are discussing this as a Continuum of Care. Myron asked about the definition of who is in care. Rafael responded by sharing the definition of Unmet need from HRSA. as a person who knows their status and has no evidence of receiving primary medical care during the last 12-month time frame. Robert J. shared his experience relocating and changing providers and doctors and felling that he was accessing care repeatedly. The Consumers committee members agreed to go to the combined IOC meeting on April 26, 2005 on re-programming.

Bruce S. reminded the group that we have strong consumer voices and representation on every committee of the council.

Agenda Item #4 2005-2008 Strategic Plan

Rafael A. reviewed the Strategic plan update and Overview. It includes activities to develop goals and objectives to present to IOC based on discussions with the AG, ATC & MIC.

It is the vision of the HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York that people living with HIV and AIDS in the New York EMA will have access to and maintain appropriate, quality services across the continuum of care, resulting in the best possible health and quality of life.

The current activities include presentations to the EC on April 14th and to the council on April 21st. Those presentations will update the progress to develop goals objectives and action steps.

Key dates to look forward to include: Mid May-Draft plan to review
June-Written comments on draft due to OAPC
July- final plan published and disseminated

Ways to participate include; attend upcoming meetings, be familiar with the needs assessment documents, the monitoring and evaluation report and the 2002-2005 plans. Advocate for attention to recommendations made in those that have yet to be addressed. Review and comment on the draft plan.

Agenda Item #5 Other Business

Rafael shared that we will soon have the reports from the Community Forums and Consumer Advisory Group Survey in addition to the data that will be presented at the next Data Day to review for priority setting. Rafael shared that the lag time for data is necessary to clean, evaluate, and interpret its findings. Steve B. added that “old data” is “good data” when you use data collected over time to identify trends and predict future needs.

Agenda Item #7 Announcements / Close

On May 2nd there will be an AIDS Housing Group meeting at Bailey House on the 9th fl 10am-12pm. Joey shared that DOHMH is having internal discussions to form a HOPWA Commission / Advisory group. The last meeting was on the 4th of May. Rafael promised to share that information with the committee as he receives meeting materials. Rafael thanked all the consumers who participated in the Community Forums especially the first-ever Spanish forum. HIV and Hepatitis discussion and dinner April 26th at Costa del Sol.

Medicare Forum at GMHC April 15th 10am room 405.

Policy Forum on Reauthorization April 22, 2005 9-1pm Schomburg Center

Consumer Training PT II April 29,2005 Bailey House 9th fl. Conference room 10-5pm

Myron reported that of the 199 people who applied for the HASA CAB 20 people have being interviewed and are subject to background and credit checks. Jack shared that he had also interviewed for this CAB. Cameron shared that it was disheartening to be one of only a few Council members to come out to hear the testimony from the Community members at the forums. Felicia and Joey agreed that this was discouraging as a consumer member of the council.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.