

HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York

Meeting of the

Consumers Committee

December 13, 2005
GMHC 119 W 24th Street
3pm-5pm

Minutes

Members present: O Clanton, K. Butler, F. Carroll, C. Craig, A Richardson, A. Perez, M. Gold, R Jones, D. Chandler, S. Hemraj, Bruce Soskind

Members Absent: J. Lopez, D. Woodard, R. Abadia, F. Oldham, M. Piacquadio, H. Melore, V. Williams, A. Paige-Bowman

Guests Present: J Chestnut, L. Holly, O Martin, A. Alvarez, J. Cossey, P. Steen, L. Gonzalez, R. Joyner, P. Bright, and L. Coward

Staff Present: Steve Bailous, Rafael Molina, and Darryl Wong

Agenda Item #1 Welcome /Introductions

Orbit Clanton welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a moment of silence to remember those impacted by HIV/AIDS. Orbit introduced himself and announced that his co-chair Rafael Abadia for health reasons is not be able to attend the meeting. Orbit had everyone introduce him/herself.

Agenda Item #2 Minutes and Meeting Materials

Steve Bailous reviewed the meeting packet, which included the minutes of the November 15, 2005 meeting, Planning Council Committee updates, the Executive summary of the NYC Commission on HIV/AIDS, a New York times article on the State of AIDS, an article on the Mayor's World AIDS Day event at Gracie Mansion, a Medicare Part D event flyer for the Dec 16th forum at GMHC, a PLWHA Declaration of Rights, and the December 2005 PC calendar.

Orbit reviewed the November15, 2005 meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Agenda Item #3 Committee Updates/Committee Assignments

The Consumers Committee membership roster was reviewed. Members were asked to confirm and update their contact information as needed. The committee discussed the critical role and importance of participation from consumers on council committees. It was emphasized that there is increased representation from the Consumers Committee on every council committee this year.

Orbit C. emphasized the individual responsibility every CC members has to actively participate on committees and report back to the full Consumers Committee the work that is happening on the various committees of the council. It was noted that this year there is

a large increase in PLWHA membership on committees compared to previous years. Most committee meetings are open and consumers with or without an appointment are encouraged to attend. The only closed meetings are Rules and Membership meetings.

Orbit C. presented the Council Committee Updates detailing the activities of each committee. Steve B. named the consumer members and identified the staff liaisons for each committee. Steve pledged their full support along with his own support to consumer participants. The Committee consumer members are:

Executive Committee-Steve H. (Community co-chair), R. Abadia, Orbit C, Felicia C., Hilda M. and Craig C. Staff Liaison David Klotz

Needs Assessment-Orbit C., M. Gold, Frank O., and Victoria W. –Staff Liaisons I. Gonzalez and Rob Shiau

Priority Setting and Resource Allocation- Hilda M. (Co-chair), Felicia C., Lucille D., S. Hemraj- Staff Liaison Rob Shiau and Clarissa Silva

Integration of Care-Cameron C., Helen H., Kevin H-C., Anthony R., Bruce S. - Staff Liaisons David Klotz and Ingrid Gonzalez

Policy- Kenneth b., Ron J., Hilda M. - Staff Liaison

Rules and Membership- C. Cobb R. Abadia, S. Hemraj, R. Bonilla, Felicia C. Hilda M. - Staff Liaisons David Klotz and Clarissa Silva

Finance- Orbit C. - Staff Liaison David Klotz

Consumers Committee and PLWHA Advisory Group- Staff Liaisons Rafael Molina and Steve Bailous

Agenda Item #4 Other Business

Medicare Part D. There was a frank and open discussion on the new prescription drug benefit and the many questions/concerns that remain. How do you pick a plan? What drugs will be covered? What should be considered before making a decision? Where do you go to get advice and answers to questions? Members shared their experiences and recommendations for enrollment as well as their most serious fears and concerns.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season Orbit C. adjourned the meeting.