

Meeting of the

Consumers Committee

November 15, 2005

Ryan Health Center 645 10th Ave

3pm-5pm

Minutes

Members present: O Clanton, L. Dolloway, K. Butler, F. Carroll, C. Craig, B. Curry, A Richardson, J. Miller, A. Perez, B Soskind, M. Gold, R Jones

Members Absent: C., Cobb, J. Lopez, And D. Woodard, R. Abadia, F. Oldham, S. Hemraj, M. Piacquadio, H. Melore, V. Williams D Chandler, A. Paige-Bowman

Guests Present: L. Holly, J. Livigni, M. Radar, Tracy Hatton, and Peter Lacquer

Staff Present: Steve Bailous, and Rafael Molina

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 as the new co-chair of the Consumers Committee and announced that his co-chair Rafael Abadia for health reasons was unable to attend the meeting. Orbit had everyone introduce him/ herself.

Steve Bailous reviewed the meeting packet, which included excerpts from the council bylaws, Planning Council Committee updates, handout for the HIV Quality Management presentation, handout of the Consumers Committee Orientation presentation, and the November PC calendar.

Agenda Item #2 Committee Participation

The committee discussed the critical role and importance of participation from consumers on council committees. The committee membership rooster was reviewed to update contact information. Each member was asked to share his/her committee assignment so everyone would know who served on each committee. Those that are new members of the planning council or have not been placed on a committee should contact OAPC and request an appointment. It was emphasized that there is increased representation from the Consumers Committee on every council committee this year. Based on consumer feedback from the Consumers Committee, OAPC is working with Rules and Membership to increase consumer participation on every council committee. After everyone shared their committee assignments Orbit Clanton emphasized the individual responsibility CC members have to actively participate on committees and report back to the full CC committee the work that is happening on the various committees of the council. All council and committee meetings are open and consumers are encouraged to attend.

Agenda Item #3 HIV Quality Management

Tracy Hatton and Peter Lacquer of the Aids Institute presented on the HIV Quality Management Program. Tracy began by sharing the history and Quality Improvement Principles before presenting the current topics that are:

- Maintaining patients in care
- Integration of Prevention into Care
- HIV in those over 50
- Coordination of care
- Improving information systems

Tracy reviewed the goals and activities of the program and highlighted the QI program benefits. The presentation concluded with a presentation of the future directions for the program and a discussion on consumer involvement.

Future Directions:

- Longitudinal results
- Flexibility as EMA needs change
- Use of data
- Increase information dissemination
- Peer learning & ongoing QI efforts
- Ensure highest quality of care for PLWHA in NY and Tri-county.

Questions and concerns were raised about the changes in Medicare Part D that continues to alarm and confuse all of us. Members are encouraged to attend any of the forums on Medicare to get more information. New information is coming out all the time.

Agenda Item #4 Consumers Committee Orientation

Orbit Clanton used a power point presentation to review the Planning Council structure, its charge, and the role of consumers in the planning process. He described the 2005 focus on special populations and geography. He talked about the close collaboration the committee must have with the AG and other committees of the council. Orbit shared the purpose and composition of the Consumers Committee then presented the committee's charge. He emphasized the special tasks for this planning cycle's work on the CAB Survey and for the Community Forums. The CAB Survey and Community Forums need to identify the specific issues around access to and maintenance in care for special populations or people in specific geographic locations. The NA committee, IOC, CC and AG need to work together on this task. Orbit concluded by sharing the challenges the committee will face this year that include Reauthorization, recruitment of non-aligned consumer council & committee members, learning to consolidate the voting power of consumer members, and the sharing of information across committees.

Agenda Item #5 Other Business

Steve B. reviewed the Rules and Membership committee recommendations for revisions to the bylaws that eliminate the ATC and MIC sub-committees, and expand other council committees to include the active members of those sub-committees displaced by this change in the council structure.

The committee agreed to change meeting dates if the meeting conflicts with a PPG meeting. OAPC will coordinate meeting calendars with PPG staff and make calendar changes when necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.