



Meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 11, 2010

3:30-5:00 pm

NYSODH/AIDS Institute, 90 Church Street, 4th Fl. Conf. Rm. C, NY, NY

MINUTES

Members Present: Jan Carl Park (Governmental Co-Chair), Charles Shorter (Community Co-Chair), Steve Hemraj (Finance Officer), Victor Benadava, Gregory Cruz, John-Anthony Eddie, Joan Edwards, Lee Hildebrand, Fabienne Laraque, MD, Matthew Lesieur, Tom Petro,

Members Not Present: Damian Bird, Felicia Carroll, Marya Gilborn, Alexander Hardman, Maria Irizarry, Gonzalo Mercado, Darryl Ng, Dorella Walters

Staff Present: NYCDOHMH: JoAnn Hilger, David Klotz, Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Darryl Wong

Public Health Solutions: Rachel Miller

Agenda Item #1: Welcome/Minutes:

Meeting participants introduced themselves and John Anthony-Eddie led the moment of silence. Mr. Park reviewed the meeting agenda and materials, noting that last month's meeting was cancelled. Mr. Park noted that on average, 4 New Yorkers die from AIDS and 10 New Yorkers are diagnosed with HIV each day. The minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting were approved.

Mr. Park reported that recently a community member of the public has demonstrated behavior which has been objectionable and threatening to NYCDOHMH staff, as well as Planning Council members. The Planning Council Support is considering seeking technical assistance to further define the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Council and the grantee and to improve communication and trust as they relate to the planning process. It was noted that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which clearly articulates these roles, is currently under review by NYCDOHMH. After reviewing the Ground Rules for Respectful Engagement and the New York Open Meeting Law, a motion was made for the Planning Council to contact our HRSA Project Officer with a request for technical assistance for Planning Council members; the motion was seconded and approved.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #3: Planning Council Resolution Task Force

Mr. Park reviewed the recent history of the Task Force, reporting that the PLWHA Advisory Group elected Mssrs. Charles King and Mr. Joseph Sellman as its two representatives to the Task Force. The Consumer Committee also convened an election, but the results will need to be ratified at the next Consumer Committee meeting due to lack of quorum; Mssrs. Ron Joyner and Gregory Cruz were elected as the two Consumer Committee representatives. It was also noted that the

composition of the Task Force, while open to all Planning Council members, may depend on who is available to attend. The meeting date will be set to accommodate the largest number of participants.

Mr. Park reviewed the Planning Council By-Laws addressing Ad-hoc committees in Article VII, Section 6 and called to question the validity of the motion to reassemble the Task Force w/ elected community representatives.

Subject to the approval of the Planning Council, the Governmental Co-Chair, in consultation with the Community Co-Chair, may create such ad hoc, task forces, special and advisory committees as may be deemed necessary. The Governmental Co-Chair, in consultation with the Community Co-Chair, shall appoint the chairs of all such committees and shall designate such committee's membership.

Given the departure from established procedure the issue will be referred to the Rules & Membership Committee for review.

Agenda Item #4: Committee Updates

The *Advisory Group* met recently, at which the representatives to the Task Force were elected.

Matthew Lesieur, on behalf of the *Policy Committee*, presented two letters for Planning Council support, which respectively addressed, the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA) and Medicaid and ADAP eligibility linked to the Federal Poverty Level. Both letters were support unanimously.

Lee Hildebrand reported that the *Needs Assessment Committee* recently convened, at which AOD issues were addressed. The next meeting will focus on immigrant populations.

The *Integration of Care Committee* has begun its review of the service model for harm reduction programs.

Victor Benadava reported that the *Consumers Committee* will be meeting to ratify the results of the special election for the (2) representatives to the Task Force, as well as continuing discussion on the implementation of the CAB effectiveness project.

On behalf of the *Priority Setting/Resource Allocation Committee*, scenario planning was addressed and a strategy to delay restoring the ADAP pool was accepted; the proposed Base and MAI plans was accepted, with no targeted cuts or categories held harmless.

The *Rules & Membership Committee* is continuing its review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will be submitted back to NYC DOHMH for further comments and will begin the recruitment process for next year's class. Two mid-year member applications are at the Mayor's Office awaiting appointment.

Agenda Item #4: Grantee Report

JoAnn Hilger reported that while we have received notification of our grant award (\$93.6 million), which includes the formula, MAI and one time Supplemental funds. While we have received a reduction of ~\$1 million in the MAI award, we are deferring discussions of any possible cuts, absent notification of the entire award, which would include the Base award.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.