



Meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 3:00 – 4:00PM
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MINUTES

Members Participating: Jan Carl Park (Governmental Co-Chair), Matthew Lesieur (Community Co-Chair), Randall Bruce (Consumer At Large), H. Daniel Castellanos, DrPH, Carrie Davis, Maria Diaz, Sharen Duke, Joan Edwards, Billy Fields, Ashley Azor (for Graham Harriman), Daphne Hazel, Steve Hemraj, Christopher Joseph, Claire Simon, Andrea Straus

Members Not Participating: Katrina Balovlenkov, Matthew Baney, Sharen Duke, Lisa Zullig

DOHMH Staff Present: Ashley Azor, Jose Colon-Berdecia, David Klotz, Melanie Lawrence, Darryl Wong

PHS Staff Present: Christine Nollen

WCDOH Staff Present: Julie Lehane, PhD,

Others: Sera Morgan, HRSA Project Officer

Agenda Item #1: Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Approval of Minutes

Jan Park, Governmental Co-Chair, opened the meeting, followed by member introductions and a moment of silence led by Carrie Davis. It was announced that Sera Morgan, HRSA Project Officer, would be participating in the call. The minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item #2: Committee Updates

PLANNING COUNCIL CHAIRS REPORT

Matthew Lesieur, Community Co-Chair reported that *Jan Park* and *Graham Harriman* attended the 2017 CAEAR (Cities Advocating for Emergency AIDS Relief) Coalition Business meeting and the 2017 CAEAR Partnership Awards on March 6 – 8, where *Jan Park*, as outgoing Chair of the Coalition was presented with the CAEAR Coalition Partnership Award. *Graham Harriman* was elected the new Chair of the CAEAR Coalition. The Honorable John Lewis, U.S. House of Representatives received the CAEAR Coalition's Jacqueline T. Muther Community Award. *Mr. Park* noted that the Ryan White Program enjoys strong bi-partisan support and has been favorably reviewed. During AIDS Watch, HIV funding prioritizations will be the focus of Hill visits and discussions.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT (NA) COMMITTEE

The NA meeting on February 9 was conducted by conference call due to snowstorm. During this call, the format, structure and focus of Community Briefing was discussed and fleshed out: the briefing will take place on Tuesday, April 25 at the Newman Conference Center at Baruch College on Lex Ave/25th St. The committee met on March 9 to hear Research & Evaluation Unit's presentation on NYCDOHMH Sources of Data on HIV+ individuals in the NY EMA. There was also a preliminary discussion of the benefits and the challenges of an integrative, ecological analysis of Part A services, to be performed later in the planning cycle. Recommendations from the Strategic Retreat were also reviewed. The Committee met via conference call on March 14 to prioritize the issues to be addressed at Briefing. *Panel One*, focusing on an Overview of Changes in the Housing Landscape for PLWHAs in NYC will provide a macro view of available services, changes anticipated in funding, structure, services and how CBOs are managing these changes, with provider and client perspectives included. *Panel Two*, focusing on unmet needs & gaps, will address vulnerable populations & services/service models being accessed, challenges in accessing & maintaining housing, and the intersectionality of service needs: legal, etc. *Panel Three* will focus on forecasting & trends, including policy & funding consideration and a call to action: Housing Advocates. The next Subcommittee Call will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 1-2PM and the next committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 13, from 9:30-11:30am.

INTEGRATION OF CARE COMMITTEE (IOC):

IOC continued its preliminary fact finding as part of the process of developing a new Care Coordination service directive. At the February meeting, the results of a CCP (Care Coordination Program) provider survey conducted by the grantee were presented and a panel of CCP providers, representing clinical and community-based settings spoke about their programs. At the March 20th meeting, the Committee will review the work done to date, which also includes review of payer of last resort issues (i.e., programs that provide similar services – Medicaid Health Homes and HARPS). At this meeting, broad principles for changes to the CCP directive will be discussed, with a final CCP directive ready for review, discussion and voting by the Executive Committee and full Planning Council at the July meetings.

PRIORITY SETTING/RESOURCE ALLOCATION (PSRA) COMMITTEE:

Ms. Duke, Co-Chair of the Committee explained that the EMA is facing a probable 1-2% reduction in the formula award, as in the last few years, due to the declining national proportion of PLWHA in the EMA (a testament to the relative success of New York in preventing new cases), which may be partially offset by an increase in the supplemental award. A draft scenario was shown with a strict application of a proportionate reduction across all categories based on the ranking scores approved by the PSRA and Council for the FY 2017 application spending plan. The reduction is offset by the \$572K that was allocated for close-out of the eliminated Home and Community-based Services category. In the event of a 1-2% cut, the remainder of the deficit can possibly be made up through reductions to ADAP and application of the proportionate reductions based on ranking score. The possibility of reducing the allocation to ADAP was discussed; ADAP Director Christine Rivera has been invited to the March meeting to present on ADAP. Specific questions that the PSRA would want from Ms. Rivera include: projections in Part B funding, trends in ADAP utilization, projected additional costs from adding the Hep C DAAs to the formulary, data on the proportion on the budget spent on medication versus insurance support and primary care (all Part A funds pay for medications, 97% of which are ARVs), cost containment plans, and the effect of the elimination of 340B pricing being taken off the table for now.

It was noted that the partial award for FY 2017 will allow for five months of funding for programs, with the full award likely not to be announced until early summer. A Council-approved scenario plan will allow to grantee and Public Health Solutions to immediately fully execute contracts as soon as the full award comes in. PSRA should keep in mind that we planned for systems changes that never materialized (DSRIP, Health Homes). As more people achieve stability (including viral load suppression), we should consider graduating people from programs so that they can enroll people who have not reached that stage. There needs to be qualitative information (“the story”) from providers and consumers, in addition to the data that will be provided by REU. The strict implementation of the formula reductions were meant in order to avoid horse trading and impassioned pleas. PSRA would need to be mindful of this when discussing larger targeted cuts in future years. The IOC Committee is also looking at the MCM/Care Coordination model, which could mean a shift in eligibility or emphasis, which will help PSRA look at the highest funded category for FY 2018. The program has had excellent outcomes, but is the only category for which that kind of outcome data is available. Additional information on those with stable viral load suppression who return to work would be helpful.

CONSUMERS COMMITTEE:

The Consumers Committee last met on February 14, where a discussion was led by Jennifer Carmona on the Quality Management Program and ways to engage consumers in the process. A graphic design vendor was selected from range of 5 vendors to re-develop and re-design the Consumers Committee outreach brochure, in concert with the DOHMH Bureau of Communications. On March 7, the Committee met by conference call to vote on one (1) of two (2) options produced by the selected graphic design firm, resulting in a unanimous decision for one design. There will be continuing opportunities for the committee to provide feedback on the brochure’s graphic elements, photos, overall design of brochure which will inform vendor as they move forward in producing up to (3) versions for feedback from Committee

The consumers will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at which time an overview and presentation of the Integration of Care Committee will be provided by the chair(s) of this committee. The Finance Committee

Chair will provide overview of Finance Committee's role in monitoring financial and administrative aspects of award. Recommendations from Strategic Retreat will be discussed and timeline for implementation will be developed.

TRI-COUNTY STEERING COMMITTEE:

The Tri-County Steering Committee met on March 8, where recommendations from the Council's Strategic Retreat were reviewed, with hopes that momentum will be maintained in order to improve the Committee's functioning. The Steering Committee also continued its review of the entire portfolio of service categories in the region. Fact sheets for Mental Health and Psycho-social Support were reviewed. At the April meeting, the review of the final category, Case Management, will be conducted, which will be followed by the process of developing a revised set of ranked priorities and allocations for the FY 2018 application. There will also be a presentation on the rights of immigrants who receive Ryan White and other social services from a legal provider in the Tri-County region.

Agenda Item #3: Grantee Report

Ashley Azor, on behalf of Graham Harriman, presented an update on Grantee activities, noting that:

- Our Core medical Services (CMS) waiver has been approved
- Eleven (11) awards were issued for Legal Services in NYC
- The Ryan White Services Report (RSR) will be submitted by March 27
- The FY 2016 close out is underway, with program data due to HRSA at the end of May
- Public Health Solutions (PHS) announced that all contracts are now signed and executed via DocuSign
- Per PHS, the release of the HIV Testing Concept paper will be delayed until Spring 2017
- PHS has communicated to contractors to inform them of the partial Notification of Award (NOA) which will allow reimbursements from March to July 2017 (5 months)
- DOHMH hosted a community HIV prevention forum in the Bronx on February 28

Agenda Item #4: New Business/Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.