



Meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 19, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00PM

Conference Call Information: 1-866-213-1863, Passcode 3587454#

MINUTES

Members Participating: Jan Carl Park (Governmental Co-Chair), Matthew Lesieur (Community Co-Chair), Katrina Balovlenkov, Randall Bruce (Consumer-at-Large), H. Daniel Castellanos, DrPH, Carrie Davis, Claire Simon (for Joan Edwards), Billy Fields, Graham Harriman, Daphne Hazel, Christopher Joseph, Julie Lehane, Andrea Straus, Derrick Weekes
Members Not Participating: Matthew Baney, Sharen Duke, Dan Pichinson, Lisa Zullig
DOHMH Staff Present: David Klotz, Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Darryl Wong
PHS Staff Present: Bettina Carroll, Christine Nollen
Others: Joan Corbisiero (Parliamentarian)

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

Matthew Lesieur, Community Co-Chair and Jan Park, Governmental Co-Chair, convened the conference call, followed by member introductions and a moment of silence led by Consumer at Large Randall Bruce. The minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #3: Grantee Report

Graham Harriman, NYCDOHMH reported that the NY EMA's FY16 Part A HRSA application received a 99/100, with no weaknesses cited. Our FY 16 award of \$100,750,936 represents a combined (Base and MAI) funding decrease in the amount of \$1,343,354 or -1.32% over our FY 15 award of \$102,094,290; this reduction is entirely in two components based on the formula award. Community Co-Chair *Matthew Lesieur* asked if other EMAs have also documented a decrease in new infections and consequently would have received decreased awards. With the spending scenario already approved, the PSRA Committee will be meeting in June to discuss offsetting the funding decreases, with a final spending plan to be presented to the Executive Committee and full Planning Council in June.

The Grantee presented the revised Legal Service Directive to include tax preparation services. As per HRSA Policy Clarification Notice #16-02, the following service is now allowable: *"Income tax preparation services to assist clients in filing Federal tax returns that are required by the Affordable Care Act for all individuals receiving premium tax credits."* The proposed language appears in track changes mode on p. 5, column 3.

ACTION: *A motion was made and seconded to accept the revised Legal Services directive as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.*

Agenda Item #4: Planning Council Updates

Planning Council Chairs Report

Jan Park announced that Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention & Control will be presenting at the May full Planning Council on DOHMH's new Ending the Epidemic (ETE) initiatives which focus on enhancing the role of NYC'S STD clinics in HIV treatment, supporting priority populations throughout NYC, ramping up PEP/PrEP initiatives in NYC, providing immediate and consistent care to HIV+ persons and collecting better data to improve prevention and treatment services. Matthew Lesieur noted that the Governor has recently lifted age restrictions on PrEP access, while also urging providers to be offering HIV testing to those persons aged > 64 years.

Priority Setting/Resource Allocation

David Klotz reported on behalf of the Co-Chairs and the PSRA Committee, noting that the committee met on May 9th where ADAP Director **Christine Rivera** presented, followed by a thorough discussion of utilization trends in the ADAP programs, including effects of ACA on ADAP enrollment. Part A funding for ADAP has fallen from a high of 25% of the program to only about 4%, but still provides an essential source of funding. The vast majority of all funding in the HIV uninsured care programs goes towards ARVs. *Ms. Rivera* also discussed coverage of direct acting agents for hepatitis C. The State is negotiating with the pharmaceutical companies on lower prices. In addition, additional supplemental federal funding is expected. *Ms. Rivera* is cautiously optimistic that the new hep C drugs will be added to the formulary within a couple of years. PSRA also had a follow up to its previous month's discussion on Medical Case Management, with a presentation from DOHMH on Care Coordination program outcomes. The data shows a strong increase in engagement in care and viral load suppression for CC clients, with stronger outcomes seen the longer client are enrolled in the program. In June, the Committee will focus on a comparison of MCM and Health Homes and will begin developing the FY 2017 service category rankings and spending plan for the grant application.

Needs Assessment

Daniel Castellanos and Carrie Davis, Co-Chairs reported that staff from the Bureau's Research & Evaluation Unit will present basic background information on country of birth/primary language and incarceration status from E-share data at the June meeting. In addition to CHAIN data requests on immigrant clients and individuals with a history of incarceration, these reports will help inform the Committee and the PC as to whether these populations are being appropriately served and if their needs are being met. The evaluation survey results from February's Community Briefing were shared, noting that one third of the participants were PC members, over one half were service providers and nearly one quarter were consumers. All participants found the briefing informative, with nearly all participants agreeing that the discussions increased their understanding of the issues and that the data and information presented was clear and useful in the planning process.

Discussions and voting on the Community Briefing recommendations regarding 1) expanded access to Hepatitis C direct acting anti-retrovirals for HIV/Hep C co-infected persons in NYC through the establishment of an L-PAP 2) housing the Tri County region and 3) income and employment as determinants of health among PLWHAs will continue into June, culminating in a vote on the recommendations. The recommendations will be sent to IOC for development of service directives and then to PSRA for funding allocations.

Consumers Committee

Katrina Balovlenkov, Co-Chair, The Consumers Committee will be meeting next Tuesday, May 24 at the AIDS Center of Queens County in Jamaica, where the Committee will provide input to the Ending the Epidemic HIV Planning Bodies Workgroup on the NYS/ NYC Draft Integrated Plan goals and objectives, activities, responsible parties and populations served, informed by the Bureau's ETE initiatives, proposed CHAIN topics for study in 2016 and the Needs Assessment Community Briefing recommendations.

Rules & Membership Committee

On behalf of the committee, *Matt Lesieur* noted that with respect to Planning Council member attendance, procedures for removal of non-participating members will be outlined and communicated to the Council for follow-up action.

Tri County Steering Committee

Andrea Straus and *Derrick Weekes*, Co-Chairs, noted that at the last TCSC meeting, *Victor Alvarez* of Living Together reported a viral load suppression rate of 98% among participants in this psycho-social support group. Planning Council Parliamentarian *Joan Corbisiero* conducted an overview of parliamentary procedures, noting that Council bylaws do not permit persons calling in to meetings to vote or to be counted towards a quorum. *Dr. Peter Messeri* of the CHAIN project presented the CHAIN report on HIV and Aging, noting that Medical Case Management, Substance Use Treatment and nutritional counseling are services with relatively high need but low utilization among Tri County residents older than 50 years.

Agenda Item #5 Public Comment/Adjournment

Participants were reminded that our HRSA Project Officer *Sera Morgan* has scheduled a call with the Executive Committee for Friday, May 20 at 1PM. She has requested that there be regular participation of Committee chairs/co-chairs.

There being no public comment or further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.