



Meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 19, 2014, 3:00-5:00pm
CONFERENCE CALL

MINUTES

Members Present : Jan Carl Park (Governmental Co-Chair), Felicia Carroll, H. Daniel Castellanos, Sharen Duke, Graham Harriman, Lee Hildebrand, DSW, Christopher Joseph, David Martin, Tom Petro, Daniel Pichinson

Members Not Present: Robert Cordero (Community Co-Chair), Victor Alvarez (Tri-County), Randall Bruce (Consumer At Large), Nancy Cataldi, Billy Fields, Adrian Guzman, Joan Edwards, Sam Rivera

DOHMH Staff Present: David Klotz, Rafael Molina, Nina Rothschild, DrPH, Darryl Wong

Agenda Item #1: Welcome & Introductions

Jan Carl Park, Governmental Co-Chair, opened the meeting, followed by member introductions.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #3: Discussion: June 24th Planning Council Meeting – The Future of AIDS

Dr. Mary Bassett, MD, MPH, the Commissioner of Health, will be attending the June 24th Planning Council meeting, where three speakers, Jason Walker of VOCAL-NY, Jim Eigo of ACT-UP and Mark Harrington of Treatment Action Group (TAG) will address the Council with remarks focusing on housing issues affecting PLWHAs in NYC, the HIV continuum of care in a changing funding environment and prevention, treatment and political strategies to achieve the end of AIDS. These discussions will serve as precursors to the Council's Strategic Planning Retreat in the Fall.

Participants on the call noted that this face-to-face meeting would be an opportunity to convey to Dr. Bassett the successes and challenges of NYC's HIV/AIDS community planning work and that Council members, including Committee chairs, should use this event to highlight concerns affecting the HIV/AIDS communities they serve. Members are urged to come prepared with questions for Dr. Bassett.

Agenda Item #5: Planning Council/Committee Updates

Christopher Joseph, on behalf of the Integration of Care Committee reported that the mental health service directive was approved by the Committee. The directive will move next to PSRA, the Executive Committee and the full Planning Council in July. The Home and Community-based health services service directive is currently undergoing re-development in Committee.

Sharen Duke, on behalf of the PSRA Committee, reported that the Committee will begin the process of ranking service categories and developing the FY15 application spending plan for Executive Committee and Planning Council review in July.

Lee Hildebrand, on behalf of the Needs Assessment Committee, reported that the Committee is working on the prioritization of the recommendations and related action steps as presented in the Needs Assessment Plan to the Planning Council in May.

The Policy Committee met recently where updates on the CAEAR coalition and the Affordable Care Act were provided and strategies to support fair pricing of newly released medications, the revised NYSDOH HIV testing law and mandatory use of mail order pharmacies were discussed.

David Martin, on behalf of the Consumers Committee, reported that at the last meeting, consumers had the opportunity to offer input on the revised Home and Community-Based Health Services Service Directive, in addition to presentations on Hepatitis C from NYCDOHMH, Harlem United and the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS.

Felicia Carroll, on behalf of the Rules & Membership Committee, announced that the Committee has received 28 applications during the new member recruitment period. It is expected that there will be a list of recommended appointments to be considered at the Executive Committee meeting in July.

Darryl Wong presented the results of the mid-year October 2013-May 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Survey, noting that while meetings are productive and efficient, more time spent at the orientation for new members would be beneficial. It was also suggested that more time be allotted for the grantee report and that the Planning Council promote and support more work across committees.

Agenda Item #6: Grantee Report

Graham Harriman, Director of the Care & Treatment Program, reported that NYCDOHMH received the grant application review, earning 95 out of 100 points. The FY13 HRSA Progress report is due at the end of July.

PHS reported that ~\$6.3 million in funds were re-programmed, affecting 92% of the portfolio's contracts; 68% of contracts were taken down and 80 contracts were enhanced at the end of the contract year. Base underspending was at a record \$773; MAI underspending was less than \$4. Final carryover amounts for the grantee will be presented in July.

The grantee announced the receipt of a grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health to support the evaluation of the Care Coordination Program, or Costs, HIV Outcomes and Real World Determinants of Success (CHORDS). To date, client outcomes show improvement in the areas of Engagement in Care and Viral Load Suppression. Of note, 83% of individuals were engaged in care 12 months post-enrollment and 50% achieved viral load suppression. The grantee's research and evaluation staff examined factors related to food insecurity among clients enrolled in the 11 Food and Nutrition Services programs in NYC. Findings include: 77% of the sample reported food insecurity, the majority of these clients (79%) receiving food assistance, such as congregate meals, home meal delivery, food vouchers and/or pantry bags. Clients in the study who reported food insecurity are 1.5 times more likely to not be virally suppressed than clients who do not report food insecurity.

Tom Petro, of the Westchester County Department of Health, reported that \$52,000 was unspent and that there is no MAI carryover. The balance of funds, ~\$46,000, will fund medical transportation and housing; the Tri-County carryover plan will be presented at the July EC and PC meetings.

Agenda Item #7: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #8: Adjournment

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