



Meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 23, 2015, 3:00 - 5:00PM
NYCDOHMH, 42-09 28th Street, Rm 17-12, Long Island City, NY
Conference Call 1-866-213-1863, Access Code # 6269192

MINUTES

Members Participating: Jan Carl Park (Governmental Co-Chair), Matt Baney, Randall Bruce, H. Daniel Castellanos, Carrie Davis, Sharen Duke, Adrian Guzman (by phone), Graham Harriman, Christopher Joseph (by phone), Matthew Lesieur, David Martin, Tom Petro, Dan Pinchinson (by phone), Claire Simon (for Joan Edwards), Lyndel Urbano, Lisa Zullig

Members Not Participating: Billy Fields, Daphne Hazel, Harry Jackson,

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

Tri-County: Howard Sherwin, Robert Moore

PHS Staff Present: Gucci Kaloo, Rachel Miller

Agenda Item #1: Welcome/Introductions

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

Agenda Item #2/3: Public Comment/Approval of Minutes

There was no public comment. The minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting were accepted as presented.

Agenda Item #4: Planning Council Updates

Chairs Report

Lyndel Urbano, Community Co-Chair of the Planning Council, reported that some consumers who are on *ADAP* have received notice of mandatory mail order requirements. GMHC will be going to Albany to on April 28 to educate legislators on this issue. *Jan Park, Governmental Co-Chair* announced that at the next full Planning Council meeting on April 30 there will be a panel presentation and full discussion of Trauma-informed care and that at the June meeting, Jackie Treanor of NYSDOH will present on Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP).

Integration of Care Committee

Lisa Zullig, Co-Chair of the Integration of Care Committee met on April 24, where the Early Intervention Services (EIS) directive was discussed, but not voted upon, and the plan for the development of Tri-County directives was discussed. The Committee will meet again on May 6, where a cost analysis of EIS will be discussed and a possible vote on the directive may take place.

Policy Committee Update

Matthew Lesieur, Co-Chair, reported that 400 individuals from 30 states participated in AIDS Watch in Washington, DC. He provided an update focusing on 1) Federal appropriations for FY 16 and given large cuts to Labor/HHS, the possibility of big cuts to Ryan White, the potential for sequestration, the preparation of a joint budget resolution with cuts to health care and low income programs and

reconciliation, which will be utilized for changing entitlements and limiting government spending, thereby killing the Affordable Care Act, 2) the Affordable Care Act which Congressional Republicans have voted to repeal for the 56th time, even though public opinion of the law, while divided, is more supportive and the national uninsured rate has been reduced from 18% to less than 12%, 3) addressing discriminatory pricing practices, exorbitant co-pays for HIV meds and high pricing to discourage enrollment, 4) the appointment of the Surgeon General, Dr. Murthy whose stated priorities are to diminish stigma related to mental health and tobacco-related disease and to increase vaccination rates, 5) the emergency Syringe Exchange Program in Indiana, where more than 130 HIV cases in IDUs have recently been diagnosed in Scott County, and 6) Governor Cuomo's Task Force on Ending the Epidemic and the Blueprint of recommendations for lowering new infections and reducing progression of disease, the major goal of which is to reduce new HIV infections from approximately 3000 to 750 by 2020, by testing and linking to care and enhancing viral suppression to improve health and reduce transmission and to improve access to PrEP for high-risk persons and further expansion of Medicaid. The Committee has generated letters to Mayor DeBlasio urging him to support consumers who wish to access local pharmacies instead of using mandatory mail order for their medications and to Bristol Myers Squibb protesting the price increases of HIV medications such as Sustiva.

Needs Assessment Committee

Carrie Davis, Co-Chair, reported that the Needs Assessment Committee met on April 9th at the LGBT Center. The meeting began by acknowledging the work of Act Up on the premises, and progressed to laying the groundwork for a needs assessment for an LPAP – a licensed pharmaceutical assistance program, with the following caveats: 1) ADAP does not pay for any of the new HCV meds, 2) HRSA allows the EMA to establish an LPAP and 3) IOC will develop a service model for an LPAP. The optimal outcome will be the use of RW dollars to assist PLWHA with payment for new HCV meds. In addition, three projects were discussed -- reports based on data from eShare and CHAIN, fact sheets, and a half-day community briefing, the goal of which would be the follow-up on the recommendations in the formal needs assessment. NAC members signed up for one or more of the three projects. Needs Assessment will meet again on May 14, where NYCDOHMH staff will hear about HCV needs and continue discussion about reports, fact sheets and the half-day briefing.

Consumers Committee

David Martin, Co-Chair, reported that the Consumers met this past Tuesday, April 21 and held two back to back meetings at the Family Center in Bed Stuy in Brooklyn. The first meeting, held before the 1PM Consumers Committee, was offered to individuals who had no previous knowledge of or experience with the Planning Council. Seven (7) individuals, including staff and consumers from the Family Center, Bed Stuy Family Health Center and Project Street Beat of Planned Parenthood in Brooklyn participated in a one hour briefing and Q/A period on the Planning Council and the role of consumers in the planning process. This pre-meeting was followed by the Committee meeting, which was attended by 19 consumers and 2 DOH staff. We were especially encouraged to have 10 individuals new to the Committee attend. The Committee reviewed the factors impacting client engagement and clinical outcomes which were previously identified by the Needs Assessment Committee and then moved into the second review of the draft Early Intervention Services directive. In May, we will be reviewing the recommendations from the February Planning Council retreat regarding increasing consumer engagement and diversity around the table.

Rules & Membership Committee

David Klotz, Planning Council Staff, on behalf of the Rules & Membership Committee, reported that RMC met last week to consider issues concerning the planning for services in the Tri-county region. The history of the Tri-county Steering Committee was reviewed, as well as the Council's governing documents, i.e., Executive Order and Bylaws, a number of TC members of the Committee, both providers and consumers, contributed to the discussion. The RMC voted unanimously that the Steering Committee should be

formally incorporated into the Council Bylaws as a standing committee of the Council. It was agreed that staff will draft language for a Bylaws amendment that the Committee will consider at the next meeting. The amendment will spell out the duties and composition of the Steering Committee. In general, the Steering Committee would continue to set priorities and allocations for the Tri-county portion of the grant. The Committee would be subject the general rules and procedures that all PC committees follow. In the upcoming PC membership process, we will recruit for additional Tri-county members so that the region is adequately represented on the full Council.

Agenda Item #5: Grantee Report

Graham Harriman of NYCDOHMH reported that:

- The final Notice of Award for FY15 has still not been received;
- Public Health Solutions (PHS) HIV Care Services has changed its name to Public Health Solutions – Contracting and Management Services;
- Contracts renewals are progressing, despite the lack of final award;
- PHS is in the middle of close-out; FY14 spending will be reported by DOHMH to the Planning Council;
- The improvement of the quality and consistency of documentation of services continues into FY15 and will be supported by webinars and in-person trainings;
- The 2014 Ryan White Services Report (RSR) has been submitted;
- Planning Council members are invited to participate in the Interagency Quality Management meeting at NYSDOH or NYCSDOHMH or by calling in; and
- NYCDOHMH's Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention & Control hosted a Town Hall webinar on the Bureau's initiatives and future directions. Slides of the webinar are available upon request.

Agenda Item #6: Adjournment

There being no public comment or further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45PM.