



Meeting Minutes
INTEGRATION OF CARE COMMITTEE
Nancy Cataldi and Charles Shorter, Co-Chairs

April 4, 2012
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
281 Park Avenue South, Conference Room A
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members Present: Victor Benadava, Nancy Cataldi, Jose Colon-Berdecia, Christopher Cunningham, Janet Goldberg, Deborah Greene, Sandy Guillaume, Graham Harriman, Tracy Hatton, Christopher Joseph, Peter Laqueur, Carline Numa, Jan Carl Park, Charles Shorter, Kimberleigh Smith, Robin Wilder

Members Absent: Damian Bird, Joan Edwards, Elaine Greeley, Terry Hamilton, Julie Lehane, PhD, Jun Matsuyoshi, Mary Poupon, Brenda Starks-Ross, Steven Varnadore, Christina Wolf, Lisa Zullig

NYC DOHMH Staff Present: Mary Kay Diakite, Marybec Griffin-Tomas, Rafael Molina, John Rojas, Nina Rothschild, DrPH

Public Health Solutions Staff Present: Bettina Carroll

Others Present: Randall Bruce, Felicia Carroll, Billy Fields, Ron Joyner, Jesus Maldonado, Mallory Marcus, Terry Troia

Material Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the March 7, 2012 Meeting
- April 2012 Mid-Term Evaluation
- Housing Services Guidance
- Housing Services Guidance Recommendations and Considerations
- HRSA E-Mail re Brokers' Fees
- Service Category Scorecards for Housing
- Federal Register Statement re Cap on Housing Services
- Planning Council Calendar for April 2012

Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting

Packet/Review of the Minutes: Committee Co-Chair Nancy Cataldi welcomed meeting participants. Members introduced themselves. Victor Benadava led the moment of silence. Nina Rothschild reviewed the contents of the meeting packet. The minutes from March were accepted for posting at nyhiv.org.

IOC Mid-Term Evaluation: Committee members completed the IOC Mid-Term Evaluation Form.

Housing Services Directive: John Rojas informed the Committee members that Ryan White does not cover brokers' fees for HASA clients. We can only use Ryan White money to fund brokers' fees for non-HASA eligible clients. Victor Benadava asked whether we pay for half of the brokers' fees or all of the brokers' fees for non-HASA-eligible clients. Jan Park noted that the Planning Council believes that the full brokers' fees should be paid. Payments are directly to landlords – no money is paid directly to clients.

Mr. Rojas reintroduced the Rental Assistance housing services category, discussed at the March meeting, noting that the words “short-term” should be inserted into the title in order to align with the HRSA monitoring standards. Committee members voted to rename the first of the three forms of housing services covered by HRSA as Short-Term Rental Assistance.

Committee members moved on to the second form of Ryan White housing services – Housing Services for Homeless PLWHA and Those at Risk for Homelessness and Unstable Housing.

- The goal of this form of housing services is to secure or maintain stable housing. The guidance for this service model refers to emergency/transitional housing and services. Emergency housing ends imminently – within ninety days, while transitional housing is for two years or less.
- The expectation with transitional housing is that the client will receive help to move into something more permanent.
- This service category is for bricks and mortar housing (as opposed to rental assistance, which just pays the rent).
- Graham Harriman noted that importance of having safe and stable housing, especially for youth and transgender (TG) individuals.
- Committee members engaged in an extensive discussion of the targeted populations for this service category, including the chronically homeless and unstably housed, non-HASA eligible individuals, youth, transgenders, recent releasees, harm reduction populations, women, immigrants, people with mental illness, families with children eighteen

- years of age and younger with at least one HIV+ member, and individuals who are fifty years of age or older
- Terry Troia noted that Ryan White may become more and more the housing of last resort as New York City clamps down on housing for certain populations, such as substance users who continue to use drugs.
 - John Rojas noted that ideally, a bed should never be empty – but in some cases, bed vacancies occur because programs serve specific populations (e.g., recent releasees), and an individual in need of a bed may not be from the population of interest, or mixing of certain populations may not be optimal. Carline Numa underscored the importance of being very careful about mixing populations. Christopher Joseph noted that safety issues can arise because someone from an outside population can disrupt the mix. Committee members agreed that the service category can be targeted but not restricted, as appropriate.

Public Comment: Randall Bruce asked whether all of the Needs Assessment Committee's designated special populations were included under the populations enumerated in today's discussion. Jesus Maldonado asked what would keep an agency from abandoning its own special populations. Terry Troia expressed her disagreement with HRSA's explanation for why Ryan White does not cover brokers' fees – namely, HRSA draws an analogy to Medicaid, noting that Ryan White funding cannot be used to reimburse a doctor or another provider for the difference between the actual cost of an office visit for a Medicaid-eligible PLWHA and the negotiated rate that doctors have agreed to accept.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.