



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

June 6, 2012
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
281 Park Avenue South, Conference Room A
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members Present: Victor Benadava, Jose Colon-Berdecia, Nancy Cataldi, Christopher Cunningham, Betty Fox (for Robin Wilder), Janet Goldberg, Deborah Greene, Sandy Guillaume, Tracy Hatton, Christopher Joseph, Peter Laqueur, Jan Carl Park, Mary Poupon, Charles Shorter, Kimberleigh Smith, Brenda Starks-Ross, Steven Varnadore, Lisa Zullig

Members Absent: Damian Bird, Joan Edwards, Elaine Greeley, Terry Hamilton, Graham Harriman, Julie Lehane, PhD, Jun Matsuyoshi, Carline Numa, Tina Wolf

NYC DOHMH Staff Present: Giovanna Novoa, John Rojas, Nina Rothschild, DrPH

Public Health Solutions Staff Present: Bettina Carroll

Others Present: Randall Bruce, Billy Fields, Ron Joyner, Mallory Lowenstein, Terry Troia

Material Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the May IOC Meeting
- Draft Housing Services Directive
- Discussion Questions

Welcome/Introductions/Moment of Silence/Review of the Meeting Packet/Overview: Nancy Cataldi welcomed meeting participants. Attendees introduced themselves. Victor Benadava led the moment of silence. Nina

Rothschild reviewed the meeting packet and provided an overview of the meeting.

Housing Services Directive: Discussion and Vote: Housing Director John Rojas and the IOC Committee members discussed several possible changes to the housing services directive:

- Victor Benadava asked to change the term “guidance” (housing services guidance) to “directive and service model.”
- Committee members agreed that sources for the definitions of homeless and chronically homeless (indicated with asterisks on the directive) should be included in the directive.
- Committee members discussed whether services can target a specific borough – for example, if an agency is Bronx-based, can it provide services only in the Bronx -- or whether services have to be provided throughout the five boroughs of New York City. Members agreed that services would be provided citywide.

IOC Committee Member Vote on Housing Services Directive: Committee members voted unanimously in favor of the housing services directive. The directive will go to the Executive Committee for approval and then to the full Planning Council.

Longer Term Service Planning: Jan Park noted that Ryan White funds \$10 million worth of housing services in New York City. The Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee may decide to increase the allocation. This newly approved directive is modern and current and in keeping with changing times. The IOC Committee, however, is charged with looking at the entire portfolio. We are also awaiting the decision from the US Supreme Court on the Affordable Care Act – and that decision will have a major impact on Ryan White services. This Committee needs to move from its current focus on individual service categories to looking at the bigger picture.

Small Group Discussions: IOC Committee members divided into small groups and discussed several questions:

- What do you see as the next steps for this committee as it expands its focus from addressing service categories to examining the broader health care system?
- Do you feel that you have skills that are not being fully utilized when you participate in the work of this committee?
- What are some of those skills?
- How could you apply those skills to the future work of this committee?

Committee members reconvened as a larger group and discussed some of the points from the breakout session:

- In order to understand better the impact of health policy changes such as the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid redesign in New York State on the Ryan White Program, we need a better understanding of what our boundaries are. Knowing, for example, that when clients are enrolled in managed care they lose some other services is important – but where do we acquire this information and, when we have it, what do we do with it? Again, knowing that directly observed therapy is being removed for perinatally infected young adults is important – but where do we obtain this information, unless someone on the Committee happens to have it?
- Having more information about service categories which we do not currently fund but which HRSA permits us to fund would be helpful.
- Are there basic needs that are not currently being met – and could Ryan White step in and fill them? Where would we obtain information on unmet need?
- Committee members feel that they possess areas of expertise that are not necessarily being tapped into by participation in the Committee process because they may be more applicable to other service categories not currently under discussion. How can they bring their knowledge and skills to bear on the current discussion?
- Topics for consideration in the next community planning cycle should include examining the health homes initiative, identifying gaps in services not covered by the Affordable Care Act, integration among different service categories, mechanisms for actual referral relationships, not just MOUs, and replacing departing Committee members with new individuals with skill sets directly relevant to the work at hand.
- We know that PLWHAs in New York have non-medical needs such as for education and job placement – but can we address these needs via Ryan White?

Committee members agreed that breaking up into smaller groups more often would be helpful and would encourage people who are a bit reticent to speak up more frequently.

Next Steps: Jan Park announced that the IOC Committee would examine oral health and home care in the next community planning cycle. Oral health needs are partially addressed by Part F programs, but there may be some unmet need.

Update: Committee member Steven Varnadore announced that he is moving to Arizona for quality of life issues. The Co-Chairs and Jan Park thanked him for his service. Members wished him all the best.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.