



INTEGRATION OF CARE COMMITTEE

January 28, 2010
LGBT Center, 208 W. 13th St.
3:15-5:00pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Maria Irizarry (Co-chair), Nancy Cataldi, Deborah Greene, Elaine Greeley, JoAnn Hilger, Leslie Mack, Jan Carl Park, MA, MPA, Miriam Piñón, Ed Viera, Jr., Lisa Zullig, MS, RD

Members Absent:, D. Bird, B. Backofen, A. Cohall, M.D.J. A. Eddie, J. Edwards, S. Gordon, T. Hamilton, G. Joseph, P. Laqueur, K. Louie, J. Matsuyoshi, C. Numa

Staff Present: *NYC DOHMH:* David Klotz, Daliah Heller, Ellen Wiewel, Yoran Grant, Sekai Chideya, Terry Wilder, Marybec Griffin-Tomas; *Public Health Solutions:* Bettina Carroll; *NYSDOH AI:* Tracy Hatton

I. Welcome/Introductions/Minutes

Ms. Irizarry welcomed members, followed by a moment of silence, introductions and a review of the agenda and meeting materials. The minutes of the June 23, 2009 meetings were approved with no changes.

II. Prevalence and Health Care Burden of Alcohol and Illicit Drug Use in NYC

Ms. Irizarry explained that the IOC's principle charge for this planning cycle is to develop new program guidance for the Harm Reduction Category. The process will begin with general data on substance abuse, followed by data on the current HR programs and best practices around the country. Ms. Heller presented on findings from various surveys and vital statistics on the prevalence of substance use in NYC. Highlights of the presentation include:

- The percentage of the population described as “any drinkers” (50% of New Yorkers), “heavy drinkers” (5%) and “binge drinkers” (15% within last month) has held steady over the last decade. Binge drinking is more prevalent among men and heavy drinking among women. Problem alcohol use rises with income level. Initiation of drinking at a young age is associated with problem drinking at a later age.
- The prevalence of illicit drug use in NYC is higher than the country as a whole, particularly for heroin and cocaine. Hispanics and older people have higher rates of heroin than other groups. Marijuana is more prevalent among whites and younger people. Cocaine and pain reliever use among men has been rising.

- Cocaine is responsible for the most emergency department visits of all substances and has been rising as a cause of ED visits, particularly among men and 35-44 year-olds.
- Drug-related hospital discharges comprise about 10% of all discharges. Rates of drug discharges are higher in the Bronx and among men, people aged 35-54, and low income people.
- Unintentional drug poisoning has more than tripled over the past two decades and is the second leading cause of injury death since 2002 (and the leading cause among 45-54 year-olds). Heroin was the most commonly noted drug type in accidental drug deaths, followed by cocaine (often with multi-drug use).

III. HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse in NYC

Ms. Wiewel and Ms. Grant presented surveillance data on substance use among PLWHA in NYC. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Substance users make up 27.5% of PLWHA in NYC (note: any use is counted, even if in the distant past). The profile of users generally tracks those of non-PLWHA (e.g., highest prevalence among ages 30-60).
- Substance users among PLWHA are more likely to be male (78% to 71% among non-using PLWHA) and Hispanic (37% to 29%).
- MSM are more likely to use other substances (e.g., marijuana) than hard substances (e.g., heroin).
- Rates of concurrent HIV/AIDS diagnoses between substance users and non-users are about the same. Hard substance users are more likely to delay entry into care.

Mr. Park and Ms. Irizarry noted the high usage of Part A HR services by HIV-negatives (mostly testing) and that the population presented in the presentations do not necessarily match the profile of Part A HR clients. Particularly, many newly diagnosed PLWHA are not getting services. This is something to consider when reviewing the service model.

IV. Other Business

The Committee decided to hold future meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 3-5pm (next meeting: February 23rd).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.