



Meeting Minutes

NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Ivy Gamble-Cobb & Ann-Gel Palermo, Co-Chairs

Thursday, February 2, 2006

9:00–11:00 AM

DOHMH Bureau of HIV/AIDS (40 Worth Street, Room 1502B)

Members Present: Ivy Gamble-Cobb (Co-Chair), Ann-Gel Palermo (Co-Chair), Guillermo Garcia-Goldwyn, Myron Gold, Janet Goldberg, Frank Machlica, Howard Marcus, Carline Numa, Victor Rodack

Members Not Present: Eli Camhi, Christine Campbell, Peter Catapano, John Chin, Mary Ann Chiasson, Orbit Clanton, JoAnn Hilger, Jennifer Irwin, Cynthia Knox, Julie Lehane, Rosemary Lopez, Mindy Nass, Teresita Rodriguez, Judy Sackoff, Howard Schwartz, Melissa Shurkin, Gregg Weinberg, Daniel Weglein, Victoria Williams

DOHMH Staff: Robert Shiau, Jan Carl Park, Clarissa Silva, Rafael Molina, Stephen Bailous, Ingrid Gonzalez

I. Welcome/Introductions/Review of December 2, 2005 Minutes

Committee Co-Chairs I. Gamble-Cobb and A. Palermo. Introductions were made and the contents of the meeting packet were reviewed. Minutes from the February 2, 2006 meeting were reviewed and accepted without corrections.

II. Data on Special Populations for the 2005-2006 Planning Cycle

Elana Behar and Michael Botsko presented New York Academy of Medicine's (NYAM) Congressional Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Special Populations Findings. The Access-to-Care (ATC) and Maintenance-in-Care (MIC) programs in the NYAM outcome evaluation are located in 23 agencies that receive funding through MAI. These programs primarily target African Americans and Latinos living with HIV or those who are at high risk for HIV infection and who are not receiving medical care or who have difficulty staying connected to medical care. The programs aim to eliminate barriers to care and to provide access to or strengthen a weak connection to medical care.

Because the programs target specific populations with specific needs, the clients in the evaluation are not necessarily representative of persons living with HIV in the New York EMA.

The following are the special population categories we were able to construct with our data:

- Any Drug User – Participants who had ever used heroin, cocaine or amphetamines regardless of their current substance use status.
- Injection Drug User – Participants who had or were currently injecting any drugs at the time of the baseline interview.

- Homeless/Unstably Housed – Participants who were living in a shelter or emergency housing, living in a single room occupancy hotel, or stated that they were homeless at the time of the baseline interview.
- Immigrants – Participants who were not born in the United States (regardless of the age they first took residence in the US).
- Over 50 – MAI program consumers who were aged 50 years or older at the time of the baseline interview.
- Parents with Children – Male or female participants who were living with one or more of their biological children at the baseline interview regardless of their housing setting.
- Women of Childbearing Age – Female participants between the ages of 18 and 40 at the time of the baseline interview.
- MSM of Color – Male participants who indicated that they were ‘People who had sex with members of the same sex’ and who did not describe their race/ethnicity as ‘White’ at the time of the baseline interview.
- Mental Health Problems – Participants who indicated that they had mental health difficulties all or most of the time, as measured by eight indicators in the ACTG QOL 601-602 Health Survey (at or below an average score of 20 on the eight items).

Women of Child Bearing Age - C. Numa
 Correctional Inmates and Parolees - G. Garcia-Goldwin, information from the Consortia (M. Bacon- Assistant Commissioner for DOC)
 Physically/Sensory Impaired - The Light House (O. Clanton and A. Richardson)
 Youth - The Door

Homeless and Unstably Housed - HOPWA, HASA, Supportive Housing Network
 Surveillance Data - J. Sackoff
 Transgender- GMHC - Gender Identity Project, DOH Office of LGBT
 Immigrants - MAI Needs and Gaps (J. Chin)

The committee also discussed having a Data Day to focus on Special Populations, which could focus on gathering information from consumers as well as reviewing the gathered data. The Data Day discussion will be continued at a later meeting.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Friday, March 10, 2006 from 9AM to 11AM at Palladia, Members were asked to note the change in time and location.