



Draft Meeting Minutes
Needs Assessment Committee

April 15, 2005
9:30 AM–11:30 PM
GMHC, Room 230 (119 West 24th Street)

Meeting Attendees: Susan Abramowitz PhD (Co-Chair), Angela Aidala, Ryan Chavez, Alison Chi, Susan Forlenza MD MPH, Robert Gass MA MPH, Myron Gold, JoAnn Hilger,

Members Not Present: Eli Camhi LMSW (Co-Chair), Ken Butler, Christine Campbell, Mary Ann Chiasson DrPH, Ruth Finkelstein ScD, Janet Goldberg, Joel Hernandez, Julie Lehane, Howard B. Marcus PhD, Ann-Gel Palermo, Melissa Shurkin, Elena Wiesenthal, Gregg Weinberg

Guests: Mindy Nass

DOHMH/MHRA Staff: Grace Moon; Robert Shiau

I. Welcome/Introductions/Review of Minutes

Susan Abramowitz opened the meeting. She introduced Christine Rivera from the New York State AIDS Institute, the guest presenter at the meeting.

II. Presentation: “New York State ADAP Data Committee Follow-up”

Ms. Rivera presented ADAP data, following up on a number of issues raised by the Data Committee last year, including:

- 1) NYC- and Tri-County-specific program enrollment and utilization data;
- 2) Trends in OI Medications for people using combination antiretroviral therapy and those who are not;
- 3) An analysis of HIV/AIDS case reporting and new program enrollments.

During her presentation, Ms. Rivera explained that for the most part, trends in the New York City data were the same as trends in the New York State data. Ms. Rivera did not present Tri-County data and reminded members that she had provided that information to the Data Committee last year.

Questions were raised about the impact to ADAP of the new prescription coverage under Medicare Part D, particularly for Medicaid/Medicare dual eligibles. Ms. Rivera emphasized that until details of the Medicare Part D implementation are known, it is impossible to assess its impact on the ADAP program.

The committee continued its discussion of Data Day. Susan Forlenza will present on the unmet need framework and what epidemiology/surveillance data indicates about unmet need. Angela Aidala stated that CHAIN can provide supplemental information on unmet need from the Delayed Entry to Care Study. The meeting was adjourned.