

# Continuum of Care Committee

## MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 10:13AM to 10:48AM  
 Video-Conference via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/85358756881>  
 Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 853 5875 6881

Present	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences
1. Ann Bagchi, Ph.D. (Secretary) 2. Cezar Dumago 3. Dr. Wanda Figueroa 4. Dr. Dominga Padilla 5. Nancy Scangarello 6. War Talley (Non-Voting)*	7. Denise Brown 8. Viesha Morales (Chair)	9. Kendall Clark 10. Dr. Lucy Efobi 11. Lauro Rocha

**Guests:** Stephanie Antoine

**Support Staff:** Christine Sadler

### 1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Dr. Bagchi called the meeting to order at 10:13AM and welcomed all in attendance. A moment of silence was observed for all those living with, those who have passed, and those affected by HIV/AIDS.

### 2. Roll Call

Dr. Bagchi conducted the roll call. Quorum was not met.

### 3. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony at this meeting.

### 4. Approval of Meeting Summary from March 10, 2022

The February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting summaries approval was tabled to the June meeting due to lack of quorum.

### 5. Standing Committee Updates

- *Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)* – Sadler provided the April 8<sup>th</sup> CPC report.
- This meeting focused on priority settings and resource allocation. An overview for both was conducted.
- Work was done on the Integrated Plan.
- Antoine gave a presentation on Quality Management and HIV Care Continuum.
- Committee reviewed Service Standards categories:
- Committee reviewed definitions and supplemental materials to identify any changes necessary for FY23. Definitions had no changes from last year. They were approved for inclusion in the PSRA report.
- The Committee will continue to work on goals and objectives development for the integrated plan

The next CPC meeting will be held on May 13, 2022, at 9:30AM via Zoom.

- *Research and Evaluation Committee (REC)* – Sadler provided the April 25<sup>th</sup> REC report:
  - Postel drafted an Agency Survey for people who does not have a medical visit and are not virally suppressed.
  - The purpose of this survey is to:
    1. confirm current VL,
    2. confirm source of VL report,
    3. determine if CHAMP VL is correct & to update if not.
  - The remaining questions concern:
    1. if they received medical care
    2. if not, reasons

The next REC meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2022, at 10 AM via Zoom.

- *Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA)* – Sadler stated that the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled.
  - The committee is looking to fill the positions of Co-Chair and Secretary.  
The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday May 25, 2022, 5:00 to 7:00PM via Zoom.

## 6. Old Business

- **Planning for the 2022-2026 HIV Prevention and Care Plan- Section 5 Situational Analysis**
  - Identify which priority populations the Newark EMA will focus on
  - The first priority population for the Situational Analysis is youth age 18-24.
  - Determining strength and weaknesses for priority populations:
    - The committee wants to implement a plan to reach out to specific populations to identify strength and weaknesses.
    - In March, it was recommended that members go to update these strengths and weaknesses with feedback.
    - Suggestion was made that we reach out to people who have direct access to these specific priority populations. This will help point out strengths and weaknesses to each pillar that is in the Integrated Prevention and Care Plan--Situational Analysis.
    - Dr. Bagchi then noted that it is a great suggestion but pointed out dilemmas such as who would be responsible for asking these questions to the priority population.
    - Dr. Bagchi then asked if any committee member wanted to volunteer to take one of the populations to get feedback.
    - It has been a few months since this analysis was brought up and committee members requested to have it reviewed once again to be more familiar.
    - Dumago mentioned that his clinic is in contact with the NJDOH. He will get updates on new program and testing information.
    - Dr. Bagchi assigned committee members to gather information on Youth, Transgender, and African American priority population for discussion in the upcoming meeting.
- **Overview of Hudson and Essex County EHE plan and progress to date-** Tally gave an update:
  - He met with the Hudson County TGA and the State's Department of Health to discuss updates in their activities regarding *Pilar #2 Treat and Pilar #4 Respond*.

- In the next schedule meeting, they will be revising the combined Essex County and Hudson County Plan to closely mirror the state's strategic plan.
- **Training needs and finalize the FY 2022 Committee workplan**
  - Due to lack of quorum, Dr. Bagchi decided to put off finalizing the workplan and to come back to that agenda next meeting.
  - Scangarello requested having a Quality Management and HIV training session for the COC. Stephanie agreed to have a presentation set up for the month of June.
  - Padilla mentioned having "You for You" training for new staff.
  - The topic of training needs will be brought up in the next meeting.

## **7. New Business**

- **Review service standard revision progress to date and update plan for FY 2022**
  - Dr. Bagchi said we are on schedule with updates.
- **Review/update medical case management, including treatment adherence Service Standard**
  - This item was tabled to the next meeting due to lack of quorum and time.
  - Scangarello mentioned that she recently reviewed the Medical Case Management Standard, and it was last approved June 2021, and needs to be updated for June 2022. The format needs to be reviewed. The indicator and performance measures are still mentioned on the Medical Case Management Standard, and they were previously taken out. In addition all service standards need to be revised. Therefore, it should be tabled until the next meeting.
  - Sadler will send out a link to access standards so everyone can review them and be on the same page for the next meeting.

## **8. Administrative Issues— PC Support Staff**

- A new Program Assistant was hired for Support Staff.

## **9. Announcements**

- No announcements were made.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next COC meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 10AM via Zoom.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting ended by Dr. Bagchi's decree at 10:48 a.m.