



**Research & Evaluation Committee
MEETING SUMMARY**

Monday, August 15, 2022, from 10:03 AM to 10:45 AM
 Videoconference via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86359953177>
 Teleconference: (929) 205 6099 / Meeting ID: 863 5995 3177

PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
1. Ann Bagchi, PhD/DNP (Chair) 2. Sharon Postel (Non-Voting)	3. Corey DeStefano (Vice-Chair) 4. Kasny Damas	5. Warren Poole 6. Natalie Muhammad 7. Providencia Rodriguez 8. Debbie Mohammed

Guests: None
PC Support Staff: Carla-Ann Alexander

- 1. Welcome and Moment of Silence**
 Dr. Bagchi called this meeting to order at 10:03AM. A moment of silence was observed for those who have passed on from HIV and COVID-19, as well as those living with both viruses.
- 2. Roll Call**
 There was one voting member present. Quorum was not established.
- 3. Public Testimony**
 There were no public testimonies.
- 4. Review Action Steps**

Action Steps	Responsible Party

- 5. Approval of the Meeting Summary July 18, 2022**
 The meeting summary from July 18th were sent out electronically. Since quorum was not established, the meeting summary was not motioned to be approved.
- 6. Updates from other Committees—PC Support Staff gave the updates.**
 - **Continuum of Care (COC)**
 - The COC last met on August 11, 2022.
 - The COC continued working on the Section 5 Situational Analysis. Members drafted ideas on the priority population of African Americans. Members discussed strengths, challenges, and identified needs for Diagnosis (Testing, Linkage), Strengths, and Prevent (PrEP, Pep).
 - The next COC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 10AM via Zoom.
 - **Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)**

- The CPC last met on August 12, 2022.
- The Recipient's office gave a presentation on Ryan White Allocations for FY22, Ryan White Service utilization/spending data, and an update on MAI.
- The FY23 Priority Settings and Resource Allocations Report was reviewed. The committee adjusted the percentages for NEMA-wide Service categories for FY23. Support Staff will make appropriate adjustments/updates to the report then submit to the Planning Council for review.
- The next CPC meeting will be held on Friday September 9, 2022, at 9:30am via Zoom.
- **Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA)**
 - The CIA last met on July 27, 2022.
 - Members discussed nominations for Co-Chair and Secretary. Two people were nominated but Poole withheld nominations until September.
 - A discussion took place regarding recruitment and engagement.
 - Poole did a vote of whether people wanted to meet in person, online, or in a hybrid format for future planning.
 - Sharon Postel did an Epidemiologic Profile Overview.
 - The CIA's next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2022, at 5pm via Zoom.

7. Old Business

- The NEMA 2022 Needs Assessment draft summary of results—Sharon Postel gave an update.
 - The survey is looking at the characteristics of clients served by the Ryan White Program.
 - This survey aimed at individuals who had a medical visit and have not achieved viral load suppression. The assessment's goal is to highlight the type of services clients are receiving along with the providers.
 - There are a total of 289 clients who did not have a medical visit in 2021 and did not achieve viral load suppression.
 - Some clients were served by more than one agency, giving a total number of 318 clients.
 - 241 (76%) served by medical providers, 77 (24%) served by nonmedical providers. The 15 medical providers are Ryan White funded agencies.
 - So far, 20 agencies (155 clients) responded.
 - 12 agencies (65 clients) have not responded yet, 5 that are medical providers.
 - Postel noticed that there were client and system issues within the survey. For example, in terms of viral load suppression, it was marked that it was high within some clients. About 23 agencies noted that CHAMP was not updated. Postel suggested that there is a disconnect between what agencies perceive as barriers. She gave the example of transportation and how there is enough funding for that service, but that information is not being communicated properly on a local level. This is an education issue.
 - Bagchi added that Clinical Quality Management Training and other educational trainings are important priorities that the government are no longer funding. She emphasized that there should be a bigger push for PrEP
 - Postel will continue working with Support Team to complete a spreadsheet for survey results.
- Final 2022 Epidemiologic Profile Report
 - Postel reported that the data for the 2022 Epidemiologic Profile Report still is not ready, and a request went out to the state.

8. New Business

- Review/update calendar/workplan for FY 2022-2023
 - Bagchi and support staff updated the current workplan.
- National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2022-2025

- This item was tabled due to lack of quorum.
- Create/review the draft of the overview of assigned section 3 Contributing Data Sets and Assessments for the 2022-2026 Integrated Plan.
 - Support staff will be emailing the link for members to review.

9. Administrative Issues

There is a new Project Manager, Victor Peralta, for NEMA's Support Staff.

10. Announcements

11. Next Meeting

The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 10AM via Zoom.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.