



**Research & Evaluation Committee
MEETING SUMMARY**

Monday, June 27, 2022, from 10:06 AM to 10:50 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)	6. Kasny Damas	
2. Corey DeStefano (Vice-Chair)	7. Debbie Mohammed	
3. Natalie Muhammad	8. Warren Poole	
4. Sharon Postel (Non-Voting)		
5. Providencia Rodriguez		

Guests: None

PC Support Staff: Christine Sadler and Carla-Ann Alexander

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Dr. Bagchi called this meeting to order at 10:06AM. 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

Support Team conducted the roll call. Quorum was **not** established.

3. Public Testimony

There were no public testimonies.

4. Review Action Steps

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
1. Update Survey Tool	Consultant

5. Approval of the Meeting Summary from May 16th, 2022

Due to lack of quorum, the approval of the meeting summary from May 16th was tabled for the next REC meeting scheduled July 18, 2022.

6. Updates from other Committees—PC Support Staff gave the updates.

• Continuum of Care (COC)

- The COC last met on June 9, 2022.
- The COC continued working on the Section 5 Situational Analysis.
- Committee members gave reports on the priority population they were assigned to research. The three populations were the Youth, Transgenders, and African Americans.
- Stephanie Antoine from the NJDOH gave a presentation on Quality Management.
- Members updated the FY 2022 Committee Work Plan and will continue at the next meeting.
- Members updated service standards on Medical Case Management, including treatment adherence, and Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services. These service standards will be submitted to the Planning Council for review.

- The next COC meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022, at 10am via Zoom.
- **Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)**
 - The CPC last met on June 17, 2022. This day was a holiday for many offices.
 - Due to lack of quorum, the CPC continued to work on goals and objectives for the Integrated Prevention and Care Plan.
 - The CPC's next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2022, at 9:30am via Zoom.
- **Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA)**
 - The CIA's June 22nd meeting was cancelled.
 - The CIA's next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2022, at 5pm via Zoom.

7. Old Business

- Update Survey Tool for the Administrative Mechanism
 - Members reviewed and updated the 2022 Assessment of Ryan White Part-A Administrative Mechanism in the Newark EMA Recipient Survey.
 - The final copy was not motioned to be approved during meeting. It will be sent out via email for members to approve due to lack of quorum.

8. New Business

- **Planning for the 2022-2026 HIV Prevention and Care**
 - Bagchi is working with the state on an initiative to increase HIV testing amongst primary care providers. She will give an update once received.
 - The Funding Stream Analysis Report is completed and will be emailed to committee members.
- **Epidemiological Profile**
 - The data for the Epidemiological Profile will be sent out and is due to the CPC by June 30, 2022.
 - Postel will include additional data needed for the Integrated Plan.
 - **Discussion:**
 - Mohammed mentioned that the NJHPG Issues Committee presented the statewide data Epidemiological Profile and noticed there has not been any progress in terms of linkage to care, retention, or viral suppression in the past five years.
 - Postel responded and explained that linkage to care measurements has changed in 2018. The measure went from date of diagnosis to either a CD for viral loader or ARV. The new measurement consists of date of diagnosis to a routine HIV medical visit within thirty days.
 - Mohammed pointed out that patients are coming in to do lab work, but don't come back within thirty days to do their medical visit. Postel recommended using telehealth to fulfill these requirements. Another recommendation she gave was doing the medical visit the same day patients are doing their lab work.

9. Administrative Issues

There was no issue to be reported.

10. Announcements

There were no announcements.

11. Next Meeting

The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 10AM via Zoom.

12. Adjournment