



Continuum of Care Committee MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, November 10, 2022, from 10:02AM to 11:04AM

Video-Conference via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/85358756881>

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

Guests: Janet Hemingway, Sarah Webb, Priscilla Dobbins, Kathleen O'Brien, and Stephanie Antoine

Support Staff: Carla-Ann Alexander and Roberto Benoit

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Morales called the meeting to order at 10:02AM 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

Benoit conducted the roll call. Quorum was not established.

3. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony at this meeting.

4. Approval of Meeting Summary from September 8th and October 13th

The September 8th and October 13th meeting summaries were distributed electronically. They were not approved because quorum was not established.

5. Standing Committee Updates

- *Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)* –Alexander provided the November 4th CPC report.
 - The committee voted to have two members become Co-Chair and Secretary.
 - The committee voted an AETC Representative as a CPC member.
 - Support Staff presented the 2017-2022 IHAP Progress/Performance Report.

- The committee reviewed the Draft of the 2022-2026 Integrated HIV Prevention & Care Plan. Committee members motioned and approved this draft to be presented to the Planning Council.
- The committee discussed performance outcomes from the 2017-2021 IHAP along with suggested target populations for the 2022-2026 IHAP. Members voted in agreement to having eight target populations versus the previous fourteen.
- The committee reviewed the FY22 RWHAP Part A Emergency Relief Grant Attachment 7: Coordination of Services and Funding Streams Table.
- The committee discussed recommendations for the FY23 Needs Assessment.
- The next CPC meeting will be held on Friday December 9, 2022, at 9:30am via Zoom.
- *Research and Evaluation Committee (REC)* – Bagchi provided the October 17th REC report:
 - Members reviewed the status of the Needs Assessment Report and the Administrative Mechanism Assessment. Results will be viewed during the next REC meeting.
 - The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 10AM via Zoom.
- *Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA)* – Alexander provided the October 26th CIA report.
 - Dr. Ann Bagchi gave a presentation on how to do research (Research 101: Reviewing the Basics).
 - Poole discussed nominations and elections for Co-Chair and Secretary. One person was nominated for the Co-Chair position. One person was nominated for Secretary and accepted the nomination.
 - The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday November 16, 2022, at 5pm via Zoom.

6. Old Business

- Review/Approve Health Insurance Premium & Cost-Sharing Assistance (HIPCA) for low-income individuals
 - Morales explained coverage and the purpose of HIPCA.
 - The committee discussed the enrollment process for Medicaid.
 - The committee reviewed this standard, and no edits were made.
 - The committee could not vote on this item due to lack of quorum.
- Review/Update Other Professional Services
 - This standard was reviewed. Morales explained the goal and purpose of this standard.
 - A representative from the Community Health Law Project joined this meeting. She gave the committee recommendations and insights pertaining to the Other Professional Services standard. The representative explained that the Community Health Law Project also take part in public benefits advocacy.
 - The following was added to Part II Description: Assistance with housing related matters such as eviction defense, habitability, and preservation of subsidies.
 - The following was added to Part III Key Service Components and Activities: Housing related matters.
 - The committee could not vote on this item due to lack of quorum.
- Review/Update Oral Health

- Morales explained the goal of this service and that the description is based off HRSA's Policy Clarification guidelines. The standard was reviewed by the committee and no edits were made.
- This item was tabled due to lack of quorum and clarification. Morales asked Support Staff to contact a Ryan White Oral Health Provider to join the next COC meeting to receive more clarification.
- Review/Update Foodbank/Home Delivered Meals
 - Morales explained the goal of this service and the standard was reviewed by the committee. No edits were made. It was explained that this standard's description is based off HRSA's Policy Clarification guidelines and cannot be changed.
 - This item was tabled due to lack of quorum.

7. New Business

- Review/Update Medical Nutrition Therapy
 - Morales explained the goal of this service and the standard was reviewed by the committee. Part III and Part IV were consolidated to one section.
 - Morales asked Support Staff to email this standard to a Ryan White Medical Nutrition Therapist and ask if they can attend the next COC meeting to receive more clarification and recommendations with this service standard. This item was tabled due to lack of quorum. Rocha contacted Broadway House's dietician and she agreed to participate in the next meeting
- Review/Update Psychosocial Support Services
 - Morales explained the goal of this service and the standard was reviewed by the committee.
 - This item was tabled due to lack of quorum and clarification. Morales asked Support Staff to contact a Ryan White Psychosocial provider to attend the next COC meeting to receive more clarification and recommendations with this service standard. Rocha will contact Broadway House for a representative as well.

8. Administrative Issues— PC Support Staff

- There were no issues reported.

9. Announcements

- Morales stated that NJCRI will be hosting their Thanksgiving Luncheon for clients on Wednesday November 16th from 11AM to 3PM in NJCRI's parking lot.
- NJCRI will be having a World AIDS Day event on December 1st at 10AM-3PM at Ruth Bader Ginsburg Hall.
- Clark announced that Essex County CEAS/COC and Newark's Department of Homeless Services will be having their Homeless Person's Memorial Day on December 21st from 10AM to 3PM.

10. Next Meeting

- The next COC meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 10AM via Zoom.

11. Adjournment

- The meeting ended by Morales decree at 11:04AM.