



Community Involvement Activities Committee MEETING SUMMARY

The Planning Council believes that the voice of the community is paramount. The purpose of the CIA is to help bridge the gap between the community and service providers by creating opportunities to involve community members in the planning process. In addition, community members will receive crucial updates on changes in the Ryan White and related health/social services.

Wednesday March 22, 2023, from 5:05 PM to 6:04 PM
Video-Conference via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/86241473770>
Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 862 4147 3770#

Attendees: There were 8 attendees at the meeting and participated in the Zoom call.

Attendees by County							
Essex	Union	Morris	Sussex	Warren	Unknown	Other	Total
10	2				11		12

Support Staff: Carla-Ann Alexander and Roberto Benoit

Guests: Marc X.

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Warren Poole, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM 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. Poole provided a brief overview of the CIA's purpose and goals.

2. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony.

3. Approval of the Meeting Summary from February 22, 2023

The February 22nd meeting summary was sent electronically for review prior to the meeting. Poole asked for a motion to approve the meeting summary as presented. One attendee motioned and another seconded. The vote passed unanimously. No abstentions or oppositions.

4. Ryan White Part A Updates

There were no updates.

5. Old Business

- Elections for Co-chair
 - Poole asked if anyone was interested in being nominated for the Co-chair position.
 - Poole informed the committee that Co-Chairs can report to the Planning Council and hold meetings in the absence of the chair.
 - Benoit stated that this position would not attend additional meetings outside of the meeting times that are regularly scheduled.
 - There were no nominations, therefore, elections will be tabled until next month. Nominations for the Co-Chair position can be emailed to Support Staff or the Chair.
- Review/Finalize Operating Policies and Procedures
 - The committee reviewed the draft of the CIA's OPP.
 - The OPP draft was motioned and approved to be submitted to the Planning Council for review.

6. New Business

- Why is it important to get involved?
 - Poole asked participants why they got involved and if they think other people should get involved.
 - Members held a discussion and shared stories about why consumer participation is important along with why they joined NEMA's Planning Council and/or its subcommittees.
 - Toler shared that he got involved through an invitation to join a Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting. **Toler believed this council would be beneficial for him and others.**
 - Poole added that another benefit of joining the NEMA Planning Council is to gain firsthand knowledge of what's going on with HRSA and the state on different funding that is available for different agencies. We also advocate and let the community know this information.
 - Johnson added that a benefit he got from NEMA's PC and CIA Committee is being able to share information about the Ryan White Program to his peers in South Jersey. He informs PLWHA about different ways they can get involved.
 - Toler gave the idea of inviting people who live outside the state of New Jersey to the CIA meeting.

7. Announcements

- Benoit announced that NEMA Planning Council's Oath Ceremony will take place on March 31, 2023, at 11AM. Original signatures are required for certificates. Support Staff will be sending emails to follow up with those who must be renewed.
- Alexander announced that April 10th is National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD).
- Abdulwaliyy announced that Newark Public Library will be having a Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event on March 30th at 12PM.

- Alexander announced that Hyacinth will be hosting a Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event on March 23rd at 1PM.
- Alexander announced that Michelle Josias, an agent from State Farm, will be joining the Community Involvement Activities CIA Committee on April 26th to host a Financial Foundation Workshop. The workshop will educate customers on areas that are key to understanding the basics of personal finances.
- Poole announced that the AIDS Walk will be on Sunday May 7, 2023. NJCRI will be sponsoring this year's walk in Newark at Branch Brook Park. Individuals can register at <https://www.njaidswalk.org/>
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8. Next Meeting

The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 5 PM via Zoom.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04PM.