



# Continuum of Care Committee MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, March 09, 2023, from 10:04AM to 11:00 AM  
 Video-Conference via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/85358756881>  
 Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 853 5875 6881

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

**Guests:** Sharon Postel, Victoria Spencer, Aliya Roman, Ashley Bramble

**Support Staff:** Carla-Ann Alexander and Roberto Benoit

### 1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Morales called the meeting to order at 10:06AM 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

Morales conducted the roll call. The quorum was established later in the meeting.

### 3. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony at this meeting.

### 4. Approval of Meeting Summaries from January 12<sup>th</sup>

The January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting summary was distributed electronically. Scangarello made a motion to approve the meeting summary. Dumago seconded. All were in favor, no opposition and No one abstained.

### 5. Standing Committee Updates

- **Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) – No Updates**
  - The next CPC meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 10, 2023. The meeting will take place at 9:30am via Zoom.
- **Research and Evaluation Committee (REC) – No Updates**
  - The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 10AM via Zoom.

- *Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA) – No Updates*
  - The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday March 22, 2023, at 5pm via Zoom.

## 6. Old Business

- Finalize the FY 2023 calendar of meetings and committee workplan.
  - The committee updated and finalized their FY23 work plan and discussed future committee presentations. The calendar was motioned and approved.
    - Scangerello discussed the need for HIV & Ageing presentation.
      - Living with HIV & Ageing Presentation scheduled for COC meeting in May.
    - Scangerello also raised the concern for Substance abuse service standard and the new recommendations regarding the administration of suboxone. Scangarello suggested that the committee invite a provider who has successfully implemented these new guidelines within their clinic to advise on updating the Substance Abuse service standards.
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## 7. New Business

- Monitoring for the 2022-2026 HIV Prevention and Care Plan
- Identify which priority populations the Newark EMA will focus on
  - The committee reviewed the FY 23 Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Report
  - The recipient's office mentioned that since FY '23 is already underway, they are allocating based on the recommendations that are in place for the 2023, non- 75/25 split. The current goal is to reach 71.74% in Core services and 28.25% for support services. For documentation with HRSA, the recipient mentioned the need to prioritize every service standard and demonstrate our process in selecting those that we will prioritize within the EMA.
- The committee reviewed/approved service standards Medical Case Management and Housing.
  - While discussing the Medical Case Management service standard, Scangarello opened up a discussion surrounding the administration of Cabenuva and the need to add guidance within outpatient ambulatory care service standard.
  - Morales pointed out the need for standards to be included in both Outpatient and Medical case management.
  - The committee discussed the need for stricter guidelines surrounding the administration of Cabenuva and follow up in medical adherence. Postel suggested the need for more tracking of this concern within CHAMPS and the need to follow up with CQM representative to provide more training and guidance surrounding the statewide standardization of Cabenuva.
  - The committee reviewed the Medical Case Management Service Standards, and a motion was made by Scangarello to submit the service standard for 30-day review by the planning council. Rocha Seconded. All were in Favor, no Opposition, or abstentions.
  - The committee reviewed the Housing Service Standard, and a motion was made by Rocha to submit the service standard for 30-day review by the Planning Council. Dumago Seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposition, or abstentions.

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

- There were no issues reported.

## **9. Announcements**

- Morales mentioned that the annual HIV AIDS Walk is happening on May 7, 2023. The committee was reminded to join. Flyers and reminders will be sent out to the committee after the meeting.
- Rocha wished everyone a belated Women's Day!
- Alexander mentioned tomorrow, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS awareness Day,

## **10. Next Meeting**

- The next COC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 10AM via Zoom.

## **11. Adjournment**

- Morales made a motion to adjourn. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.