

**Continuum of Care Committee
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 10:03 AM to 10:30 AM
 Video-Conferencie vía Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82086702402>
 Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 820 8670 2402

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

Guests: Lemuel Boyd Wallace, Ashley Bramble, Liselle Lewis

Support Staff: Robeto Benoit

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Morales called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM 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

Support Staff conducted the roll call. A quorum was established.

3. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony.

4. Approval of Meeting Summaries from September 14th

The meeting summary from September 14th was sent out electronically. Scangerello made a motion to approve the meeting summary and Efobi seconded the motion. There were no objections, Efobi and Figueroa abstained, all were in favor. The meeting summary was approved.

5. Standing Committee Updates

- *Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)* – This committee last met on September 8, 2023.
 - The committee Reviewed the Progress Report Performance on the goals/objectives of the 2022-2026 Integrated Prevention and Care Plan
 - The next CPC meeting will be held on Friday October 13, 2023, at 9:30am via Zoom.
- *Research and Evaluation Committee (REC)* – The committee last met on September 18, 2023.
 - During this meeting Postel was to give updates on FY 23 Needs Assessment, FY 23 Administrative Mechanism, and FY 23 Epi Profile, but due to an emergency, the presentations have been tabled for next month.
 - The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 10AM via Zoom.

- *Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA)* - The CIA last met on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 5 PM via Zoom.
 - The September CIA meeting was cancelled.
 - The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 5 p.m. via Zoom.
- *Nominations Committee (NC)* - The NC last met on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 6 PM via Zoom.
 - The September and October meetings were cancelled due to the committee completing all extensive business items.
 - The committee is now awaiting a date from the recipient's office to conduct an oath ceremony. More details to come once a date has been identified.
 - The next NC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 6 PM via Zoom.

6. Old Business

- There was no old business.

7. New Business

- **Monitoring for the 2022-2026 HIV Prevention and Care Plan**
 - The most recent updates to the 2022-2026 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan were made in last month's COC meeting. In that meeting the committee reviewed Progress Report #3 of the IHAP.
 - No updates were given at this meeting. More updates to come as they become available.
- **Review/ Update Foodbank / Home Delivered Meals Service Standard**
 - The committee reviewed the Foodbank/Home Delivered Meals Service Standard. No changes were made to the service standard.
 - Scangarello made a motion to accept the service standard. Rochal seconded the motion. All were in favor, there were no abstentions or objections. The service standard was passed and will be submitted to the PC for a 30-day review.
- **Review/Update of the Other Professional Service Standards**
 - The review of the Other Professional Service Standards was tabled until next month to allow for an expert review of the service standard.
 - Support Staff will be inviting representatives from the Community Health Law project and Legal Services of NJ to lend their expertise in the review the service standard.

8. Administrative Issues— PC (Planning Council) Support Staff

- Morales requested that PC support send the COC Work Calendar to ensure that the committee continues to remain on tasks as the year comes to an end. The work calendar should be reviewed monthly, moving forward.
- Dr. Figueroa raised a concern regarding the COC meeting time and how it conflicts with her work schedule. She requests that the committee meet earlier to accommodate for the work responsibilities that committee members may face while in the office.
 - Morales requested that PC Support send out a survey to the entire committee to vote on the adjustment of hours that may work best for them. PC Support staff agreed to send the survey by the end of the meeting.

9. Announcements

- Morales notified the committee that NJCRI is hosting an event tomorrow, October 13th, for National Latin-X AIDS Awareness Day. The event will be held from 10AM-2PM @ NJCRI (393 Central Ave., Newark, NJ 07103). There will be music, food, and free Services will be included: HIV and STI Testing and Treatment, Hepatitis C screening; Vaccines and much more!!!
- PC Support Staff notified the committee of the upcoming CIA meeting on October 25th, 2023. During this meeting Ryan Poulton, a cancer specialist from Rutgers University, will be conducting a presentation on Prostate Cancer. All PC members are welcome to join.
- Morales also mentioned that the National Breast Cancer walk is happening this weekend, Sunday October 15th. All PC members are encouraged to attend and support Newark and their team as they walk to end breast cancer.

10. Next Meeting

The next COC (Continuum of Care) meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 10 AM via Zoom.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.