

**Nassau-Suffolk HIV Health Services Planning Council**  
**STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND, DEER PARK, NY**

**May 2, 2018**

**Members Present**

Anthony Marmo, Co-Chair  
Wendy Abt, Co-Chair  
Marci Egel  
Joseph Pirone  
Lisa Benz-Scott  
Angie Partap  
Margret Henry  
Barbara Martens  
Arthur Brown  
James Colson  
Katelin Thomas  
Felix Ruiz

**Members Absent**

Victoria Osk, Esq.  
Maria Mezzatesta  
Keith Anderson  
Lance Marrow  
Crissy Witzke

**Guests**

Nia Johnson  
William Doepper

**Staff**

Georgette Beal  
JoAnn Henn  
Myra Alston  
Stephanie Moreau  
Vicki White

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Marmo, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:10 am. He welcomed everyone and introductions were made. After introductions, a moment of silence was observed to remember those infected and affected by the disease.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Corrections to attendance, dates, and names were made. The minutes were accepted as corrected. A motion was made by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Ruiz to accept the corrected minutes of the March 27, 2018 Strategic Assessment and Planning Committee meeting.

3 abstentions                      0 Opposed                      9 approved                      Motion carried

**III. Strategic Assessment and Planning Co-Chairs-**

The time has come to vote for new Strategic and Assessment committee co-chairs. Nominations were taken at the previous meeting. Current chairs, Ms. Wendy Abt and Mr. Anthony Marmo were thanked for their service and a vote was taken. Ms. Angie Partap and Ms. Victoria Osk, Esq. were voted in as co-chairs of the Strategic Assessment and Planning co-chairs and will serve for two years in that capacity. Congratulations to them both.

**IV. Preparation for 2018 PSRA for FY 2018-2019-**

Since the deadline for the FY2019-2020 grant has been moved up to the middle of September, PSRA meetings have been rescheduled. The scheduled PSRA meeting dates are as follows:

- SAP PSRA, Wednesday, June 6, 9:30am-3:30pm
- PSRA Finance, Thursday, June 14, 10:00am-4:00pm
- SAP PSRA, Thursday, June 28, 1:00pm-3:00pm (after the QAM meeting)

In preparation for these meetings, a Priority Setting and Resource Allocation orientation was given to the committee in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. This presentation gave the legislative background, the role of the Planning Council, Strategic Assessment and Planning Committee, Finance sub-committee, the need for a process and an explanation of that process, in addition to various data is reviewed. Committee members were encouraged to share any data that may be useful to assist in the process.

Community forums- All community forums have been completed. There were seven community forums conducted in Nassau and Suffolk County, including two Spanish and one Haitian Creole groups. Valuable feedback was given in regards to the services consumers are receiving. OAHS, Medical Transportation, and ADAP remain the top services utilized by consumers. Safe, affordable housing and the cost of copays were of concern to most groups. More Mental Health services were requested, limited dental services and lack of oral health providers in Nassau County were cited. As the population is getting older, the need for periodontal and specialized dental services are needed. Ms. Osk informed those present that if a doctor can cite a medical reason why this procedure needs to be performed, Nassau-Suffolk Law Services can assist clients in receiving necessary treatment. Ms. Egel encouraged consumers to advocate for themselves.

Interestingly, at the Riverhead forum, the subject of bicycles was raised. Long Island Public transportation continues to be an issue, especially out east. A bicycle would be beneficial in helping individuals get to their appointments or make access to the bus stops (which are not always centrally located) more convenient to assist consumers in getting to their appointments. A detailed 2018 Community Forum report will be presented at a future SAP meeting.

## **VII. Announcements/Adjournments**

- Northwell CART fundraiser on Sunday evening, May 20, 2018 at Governor's Comedy Club in Levittown. Tickets are \$15 (a two item minimum is required) See Mr. McHugh for tickets.
- Saturday, June 23, 2018 is the date of the CART picnic.
- World AIDS Day is December 1, 2018.. Our event will be on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> (6:30-10:30) at The Heritage, formerly Carlyle on the Green.
- NBLCA is hosting a Quality 101 training at the Freeport Methodist Church on Thursday, May 17 from 10am-2pm. Registration is required.

**MOTION** was made by Ms. Egel and seconded by Mr. McHugh to adjourn the March 27, 2018 Strategic Assessment and Planning meeting. All in favor- Motion carried.