

**NASSAU-SUFFOLK HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
BOARD ROOM, UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND, DEER PARK, NY**

September 18, 2019

9:30 am – 11:30 am

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Santella, DrPH, Chair
Joseph Pirone, Vice-Chair
Gloria Allen
Lisa Benz-Scott, PhD
Arthur Brown
Tania Chiu
James Colson
Clara Crawford
William Doepper
Nancy Duncan
Lawrence Eisenstein, MD
Juli Grey-Owens
Margret Henry
Barbara Martens
Cathy Martens
Martine Michel-Toure
Johnny Mora
Victoria Osk, Esq.
Angie Partap
Denise Ragsdale
Erik Rios
Felix Ruiz
Traci Shelton
Louise Square
June Tappan

UWLI STAFF

Georgette Beal
JoAnn Henn
Myra Alston
Stephanie Moreau
Katie Ramirez
Victoria White

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wendy Abt
Ilvan Arroyo
Teresa Maestre
Anthony Marmo
Kevin McHugh
Rev. Loring Pasmore
Jacqueline Ponce-Rivera
Katelin Thomas
Jamed Tomarken, MD
Jessica Totino

GUESTS

Keria Blue
Ernest Burke
Kelsey Cibbedge
Jessica Clark
Joan Edwards
Darcy Ferrier
John Galletta
Matthew Gannon
Barbara Garrison
Matt Grady
Ernesto Hernandez
Manterrey Miller
Rick-Anthony Richards
Robert Santamaria
Laura Shannon
Margaret Sukhram
Kerry Thomas
Brett Wargo
Roni Werner

COUNTY STAFF

Nina Sculco

I. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Dr. Santella, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. He welcomed everyone and introductions were made. There was a moment of silence to reflect on the work we are doing and to remember those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Ms. Ragsdale was acknowledged and welcomed as a new Council member. The most recent Planning Council member, Mr. Van, although not in attendance, was also acknowledged.

Recognitions:

Two of the three members who will be ending their second term at the end of September, Ms. Henry and Ms. Martens were recognized for having served two consecutive terms on the Council and received a Certificate of Achievement for their commitment and dedication on the Council. Both thanked the council for the opportunity. The third Planning Council member Ms. Abt, rotating off the Council was not present. She will be receiving her certificate in the mail.

Planning Council members were encouraged to think about potential candidates. Ms. Martens offered to give applications to CART members so that representation will continue.

II. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

III. Approval of July 10, 2019 Minutes

The vote count for the EIS priority was corrected.

Ms. Grey-Owens made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Ms. C Martens.

18 Approved 7 Abstentions 0 Opposed - Motion Carried

IV. Administrative Update

Dr. Santella and Mr. Pirone will be ending their terms as Planning Council Chair and Vice-Chair, (but not as Planning Council members) at the end of September. To commemorate the occasion of their last meeting in that capacity, Ms. Beal presented them with plaques and thanked them for their service and dedication. Mr. Felix Ruiz will be assuming the position of Planning Council Chair and Ms. Traci Shelton will be assuming the Vice-Chair position at the November 13, 2019 Planning Council meeting. Congratulations were extended to them both.

Ms. Beal reported that comprehensive annual site visits are being scheduled at funded Part A/MAI agencies and will be completed by February 2019. A new provider, LIFQHC at Roosevelt Center is now offering Part A Oral Health Services in Nassau County.

V. Committee Reports

Executive Committee-

Mr. Pirone reported on the Executive Committee conference call that took place on Thursday, September 5, 2019. Items of discussion at the Executive Committee included the grant application September 30, 2019 deadline, assignment of a new project officer for the EMA, and the 2020 All Grantee Meeting. Nassau County attorneys are currently reviewing and updating the county's grievance policy.

As three Planning Council members will be ending their second term, recruitment efforts are needed to fill vacancies and maintain reflective membership.

Strategic Assessment & Planning Committee-

The SAP Committee had not met since the last Planning Council meeting. Ms. Partap informed the members that the next scheduled SAP meeting is November 6, 2019.

Consumer Involvement Committee-

Ms. Crawford reported on the CIC Committee meeting on Friday, August 9, 2019. Project Safety Net gave a presentation on its PROMISE (Peers Reaching Out and Modeling Intervention Strategies) program, a community-level intervention designed to promote progress toward consistent HIV Prevention practices as well as medical adherence, serving both high-risk HIV negative individuals as well as persons

living with AIDS. Those present were informed about the available services Project Safety Net provides. Thursday's Child is sponsoring two Long Term Survivor (LTS) events, Kinky Boots at the Gateway Playhouse in August and a September Long Island Ducks game.

Planning is underway for the 2019 World AIDS Day event which will take place on Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Obsessions Banquet Hall in Lindenhurst from 6pm-10pm. Sponsorship opportunities and registration forms will be available at the end of September. Journal ads will be included in the program. More details to follow.

Clinical Quality Management Committee

Ms. Shelton reported that the Clinical Quality Management (CQM) committee met on Thursday, August 22, 2019. Committee members continued their discussion on the Oral Health QI project. A draft of the "Oral Health and You" brochure was reviewed for content and layout. A revised version of the brochure will be presented at the next meeting, taking into account the suggestions and recommendations. An update of the HIVQM Module will also be presented to the committee.

The Administrative Mechanism Survey for Providers was reviewed for clarity and relevance. This survey is used to assess the efficiency of the process used to allocate funds to areas of greatest need in terms of timeliness and efficiency. Both Part A providers and Planning Council members will complete surveys on the region's administrative mechanism for Part A services.

Current demographics as of September 9, 2019 were also provided to the Planning Council. The Membership Subcommittee did not meet as there were no new Planning Council applications to review.

VI. Nassau & Suffolk ETE Presentation

ETE Co-Chairs, Jessica Clark and Brett Wargo, gave a PowerPoint presentation that began with introducing the Long Island Ending the Epidemic Coalition logo which includes both the Nassau and Suffolk County ETE.

Goals include:

- Build a consistent community presence, such as community health block parties. Palm cards which included information about the LI ETE Coalition, a group of Long Island-based providers and people living with and at risk for HIV working together to achieve ETE goals; identifying persons living with HIV; link and retain persons diagnosed with HIV in healthcare to prevent further transmission; and facilitate access to PrEP, were distributed. Participation is open to the public and ETE swag was made available.
- Diversify membership
- Maintain a consistent social media presence, with plans to expand that presence, including the *Lets end AIDS, Long Island* campaign.
- Create ETE Campus Champions. There are 24 colleges and universities on Long Island. The Coalition is encouraging sophomores, juniors and first year graduate students to join the newly-formed Long Island ETE Campus Advisory Committee to better integrate colleges and universities into the ETE Plan. Two representatives from each institution of higher learning will be appointed and will receive a \$250 stipend. Seniors were not included in this call, so that students would be able to re-up for a second year, if they so choose. The decision to create this committee was based upon the recognition of a new generation and how best to hear their voices and bring them to the table. 46 applications were received for the ETE Campus Champions.

These goals prompted a discussion about going into the schools and senior centers/housing to raise awareness and educate. Limitation and restrictions exist and there are limited resources. Members were

reminded of the challenge of getting into Long Island schools. Unlike the NYC city school system, which has one school chancellor, there are 125 separate school districts, each with that its own school superintendent. Permission would have to be requested of each and every school superintendent.

By working together we can support the ETE mission statement to care, serve, and support all county residents in ending new HIV transmissions and staying healthy, which is dedicated to education, promotion, and collaboration guided by the New York State ETE Blueprint created by the Governor's office.

VII. Presentation of Ryan White Part A Regional Data

Ms. Alston presented on the Nassau Suffolk EMA Ryan White Data (Part A and MAI) by priority. Information shared included the number of clients who were served in 2018 with a breakdown by race/ethnicity, gender, and age group. 45-64 years of age represented the largest age band served in 2018, for both men and women.

A slide on Race/Ethnicity comparing EPI data with Ryan White data, which was further broken down by Part A and MAI, showed that although the number of clients differed, the percentages of clients receiving Part A and MAI services closely mirrored each other. Race/ethnicity included White, not-Hispanic, Black, not-Hispanic, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Multi-race, and Unknown.

Comparing Ryan White data with the EPI data, gives us to opportunity to gauge how we are doing regionally with that of the state. Most notably, the EPI data had a higher percentages for White, not-Hispanic and Multi-Race, while Ryan White data exhibited higher percentages for Black, not-Hispanic and Hispanic. The numbers for Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native and Unknown were not so dissimilar.

In addition, insurance data sorted by county was provided. The majority of clients had some sort of insurance, whether private, Medicare, Medicaid or categorized under *other*; Medicaid was reported as the largest insurance source. According to the county breakdown, although more clients were served in Suffolk County, there was a smaller number of uninsured in Nassau County. (2 vs. 49)

Each funded priority showed the number of clients served, the units of service, planned/allocated funds, and actual funds spent. A pie chart illustrated a further breakdown by **gender**; Male, Female and when the data was available MtF, **race**; Asian, Black or African-American, Hispanic, White, not-Hispanic, More than one Race, and American Indian/Alaskan Native, **risk factor**; where applicable, Heterosexual, IDU, MSM, MSM and IDU, Not Specified, Transfusion, Hemophilia, Perinatal, and **age groups**; bands were divided into 13-24, 25-44, 45-64, and 65+.

Not surprisingly, Medical Case Management topped the list with 1,617 clients using 38,109 Units of Service, \$1,803,711 was allocated to the priority and all but \$678 was spent. The difference between allocated funds and what was actually spent was minimal. Most notably, Other Professional Services: Legal Services served 195 clients in 2018, providing 6,278 Units of Service and spent all but \$24 of its planned/allocated funds.

This presentation of data provided the Planning Council with a better understanding of the clients we serve in terms of race/ethnicity, gender, and age, in addition to highlighting the services that are needed and utilized for their care.

VIII. Other Business/Announcements.

- There will be a World AIDS Day planning meeting in the conference room directly after the Planning Council meeting.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Doepper to adjourn the September 18, 2019 Planning Council meeting.

25 Approved 0 Abstentions 0 Opposed - Motion carried.