

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

**March 1, 2017**

**Members Present**

Anthony Marmo, Co-Chair  
Joseph Pirone  
Marci Egel  
Victoria Osk, Esq,  
Felix Ruiz  
Katelin Thomas  
Lisa Benz-Scott, PhD

**Members Absent**

Wendy Abt, Co-Chair  
Arthur Brown  
Angie Partap  
Juli Grey-Owens  
Barbara Martens  
Keith Anderson  
Maria Mezzatesta  
Keith Anderson  
Cristina Witzke  
Lance Marrow  
Steven Chassman  
Kevin McHugh  
Susanne Smoller  
Corinne Kyriacou, PhD  
James Colson

**Guests**

Anthony Santella, PhD

**Staff**

Georgette Beal  
JoAnn Henn  
Stephanie Moreau  
Carolyn McCummings, NCDOH

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Marmo opened the meeting of the Strategic Assessment and Planning Committee (SAP) at 10:10 am. He thanked everyone for attending and asked for introductions. A moment of silence was observed in order to remember those living with HIV/AIDS and those whom we have lost.

**II. Approval of January 4, 2017 minutes**

Ms. McCummings was added to those present. A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Ms. Thomas to accept the corrected minutes of January 4, 2017.

*2 abstentions      0 Opposed      4 approved*

**Approval of September 7, 2016 minutes**

The September 7, 2016 minutes were not approved at the January meeting as there were questions regarding attendance and motions. After a review of the meeting notes, attendance, and signed COI forms, corrections were made regarding motions. Mr. Pirone made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Thomas to accept the minutes.

*3 abstentions      0 Opposed      3 approved*

**III. HIV/AIDS Health Disparities**

Dr. Anthony Santella presented on HIV Disparities in Nassau and Suffolk County utilizing data from the Integrated Plan. The most recent data is mainly from 2014 since it takes a while to compile all the data.

### Findings-

- Number of new diagnoses decreased based on calculations by New York State (NYS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- State data mirrors national data.
- Data for female transmission for Nassau and Suffolk County mirrors that of NYS.
- In 2014, four/fifths of female PLWDHI had heterosexual or presumed heterosexual contact transmission risk.
- In contrast to other regions in the state, the largest concentration of newly diagnosed females was in the 50-59 year age range.
- Race/ethnicity composition varied across risk groups in 2014.
- At 41%, Blacks made up the largest proportion of PLWDHI among heterosexual (male/female) and 48% female presumed heterosexual groups.
- Among PLWDHI with IDU risk, the proportions at Black (35%) and White (33%) were similar.
- The largest proportion of MSM PLWDHI was White (46%).
- In contrast to NYC outside of Nassau/Suffolk (including NYC) where Blacks predominate among new female diagnoses, equal proportions of new diagnosed females were 36% for both Black and Hispanic.
- The pattern also differs from the remainder of the state where Blacks account for the largest proportion of new male diagnoses. In Nassau/Suffolk, Hispanics made up the largest proportion of the 138 new male diagnosed (46%) this was followed by Whites (28%).
- Hispanics are disproportionately impacted. This is an increasing population which has a lack of service providers and bi-lingual services.
- Number of MSM diagnoses increased, no clear differences in trend can be seen among the age groups.
- Those individuals presumed to be heterosexual, couldn't be traced to specific male partner.
- Almost everyone in unknown category now are men, haven't disclosed any risk factor.
- Those most impacted by HIV are men, Black and Hispanic between the ages of 25-50.
- In 2014, for one/fifth of male PLWDHI, no transmission risk could be identified.
- Three-fourths of the 91 deaths among people with HIV in Nassau/Suffolk occurred among persons 50+. However, within the 50+ group, there were relatively fewer age 50-59 (31%) and more ages 60+ (44%).
- There were no cases with pediatric risk in 2014.
- For the first time, new HIV cases are down in NYS.

### Discussion-

It was stated that knowing history of STI or STD may help determine how long someone was exposed prior to diagnosis.

There was a question as to whether the newly diagnosed HIV cases by transmission risk and Race/Ethnicity could be separated by county? According to the Cascade of HIV Care- it is estimated that 6000 HIV infected persons are living in Nassau and Suffolk County. Is there a way to get data specific to each county?

Is there a way to determine the number of people getting tested? Are there more people getting tested or is the number less?

Committee members suggested that a representative from the NYSDOH Bureau of Epidemiology be invited to provide a more in-depth discussion on regional data.

#### **IV. Announcements/Adjournment**

Ms. Egel will be attending a conference on HIV and seniors. She will bring back information from the conference.

A review of the timeline for 2017 Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) began with the 2017 Calendar of meeting dates. The Administrative Mechanism will be updated for 2017. The SAP PSRA is scheduled for August 16, 2017. The Finance Subcommittee will meet the following week on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. These dates are subject to change.

The committee reviewed the list of Community forums from last year to assess whether new locations need to be added. In order to best meet the needs of our consumers and find locations that are more centrally located as well as provide more bi-lingual forums, it was suggested that HRHCare could host a Spanish speaking forum at the Brentwood Health Center in conjunction with Hispanic Counseling Center. The forum for Spanish speakers in Nassau is usually held at N-S Law Services in Hempstead.

#### **V. Announcements/Adjournment**

There is a Care Coordination meeting today at 12:30-2:30. Ms. Tara Conlon will be presenting on PrEP.

Chronic Disease Self-Management classes will be conducted by Ms. Clarivet Benson Isidore and Mr. Ilvan Arroyo, beginning March 13 for six consecutive Mondays (1:30pm-4pm) at the Benedict Center at Stony Brook University. Anyone living with a chronic disease can register.

**MOTION** was made by Ms. Egel to adjourn the March 1, 2017 Strategic Assessment and Planning meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Osk.

All in favor-Motion carried.