

Comprehensive Planning Committee MEETING SUMMARY

Friday, March 8th, 2019 at 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Metropolitan Baptist Church – BF Johnson Community Center
149 Springfield Ave. Newark, NJ 07103

Attendees: 45 participants attended the event. See attached sign-in sheet.

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Joann McEniry, CPC Chair, welcomed all in attendance and called for a moment of silence for all those living with, and those who have passed away from, HIV/AIDS.

Joann McEniry then gave an overview of what the Newark EMA does and its various committees. She also explained the relationship between NEMA and the recipient -the Newark Department of Health. As special thanks to Gilead for their sponsorship for the event today.

2. Roll Call

No roll call was made. Instead everyone at the event just introduced themselves.

3. Public Testimony

None.

4. Approval of Meeting Summary from February 8, 2019

None.

5. Standing Committee Updates

- COC
None.
- REC
None
- CIA/CC
None.

6. Recipient Report

None.

7. New Jersey HIV Planning Group (NJHPG) Report

None.

8. New Business

In lieu of the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) meeting, the CPC hosted a community education event on Friday, 3/08/19 from 10am – 2pm at the BF Johnson Community Center.

The event was a deliverable of the 2017-2019 Integrated Health Plan. It was well attended with more than 45 people present.

Alison Modica and Marina Leonardos from Gilead Sciences presented on PrEP and attendees discussed barriers with access to the program. Knowledge among private providers, outreach and engagement with youth, ability to maintain youth confidentiality on insurance records, unawareness of financial assistance, maintaining the requirements of care (ie. bloodwork), lack of advertising for people outside the gay community (women, hetero-sexual discordant couples) and instability in housing were among the barriers identified.

Julio Roman from NJCRI presented on the syringe access program in Newark. Discussions focused on the legislative history, access to care, program success, participant requirements, and the need for continued support for Fentanyl testing kits. Barriers included, lack of funding, geographic limitations, homelessness and ensuring family engagement in care.

In addition to the educational presentations, there was time for community partners to network and exchange information about their programs.

9. Old Business

None.

10. Announcements

None.

11. Next Meeting

The next CPC meeting will be held on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 9:30AM at the Willing Heat Community Center located at 555 Martin Luther King Blvd. Newark, NJ 07102.

12. Adjournment

Joann McEniry thanked everyone for attending the CPC meeting and welcomed individuals interested in attending the Planning Council meetings. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.