



Community Involvement Activities Committee

MEETING SUMMARY

The Planning Council believes that the voice of the community is paramount. The purpose of the CIAs is to help bridge the gap between the community and service providers by creating opportunities to involve community members in the planning process. In addition, community members will receive crucial updates on changes in the Ryan White and related health/social services.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 5:15 PM to 6:56 PM
 Video-Conference via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96635953539>
 Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 966 3595 3539#

Attendees: There were 20 attendees at the meeting. Eleven participated in the Zoom call. Some participants chose not to participate or arrived later during the meeting, those are listed as unknown.

Attendees by County							
Essex	Union	Morris	Sussex	Warren	Unknown	Other	Total
9	2	0	0	0	9	0	20

Support Staff: Tania Guaman and Unnati Guru

Guest Speakers: None

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Warren Poole, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM 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. Poole provided a brief overview of the CIA's purpose and goals.

2. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony.

3. Approval of the Meeting Summary from September 22, 2021

The September 22nd meeting summary was sent electronically for review prior to the meeting. Poole asked for a motion to approve the meeting summary as presented. One consumer motioned and another seconded. No abstentions or oppositions.

4. Ryan White Part A Updates

Guaman provided the following update:

- The Newark EMA 2021 Epidemiologic Report is available for public access on the NEMA Planning Council website at: <https://www.nemaplanningcouncil.org/community-reports/epidemiologic-profile>. This report describes the number of people living with HIV in the five counties of the Newark EMA and why certain amount of funds go into counties that are most affected by the HIV epidemic.
- The 2022-2026 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan - The Support Team provided an introduction to the HRSA guidance explaining that the document considers the overall picture of the

HIV Epidemic in the Newark EMA, including the system and service delivery aspects. Attendees were asked to consider factors that may influence an individual's ability to stay virally suppressed or reach viral load suppression; those who are not yet HIV positive to stay negative, and for those who are not taking medication to stay in case.

5. Old Business

There was no old business.

6. New Business

• **The Role of the NEMA Planning Council in the Newark EMA**

The Support Team prepared and provided a presentation discussing the what the NEMA HIV Health Services Planning Council is and the purpose of each of its committees. This presentation is found on the NEMA Planning Council website at the following link:

<https://www.nemaplanningcouncil.org/newark-ema-hiv-health-services-planning-council>

• **The Service Planning Process for the Next Generation of Ryan White Consumers in the Newark EMA**

Poole led a discussion on how the committee can get under-represented consumers, in this case youth (under 35 years old), involved in HIV prevention and care services. Some of the recommendations provided by attendees were as follows:

- Posting flyers near schools and in youth programs
- Providing a number that youth can call to obtain more information and learn more about HIV prevention and care methods
- Holding assemblies in schools to students and working with school social workers and school representatives
- Using social media platforms such as TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram to: advertise meetings and HIV prevention and care steps; highlight privacy; share stories; and meet youth on their level
- Hosting a No-Video Youth Rally with an emphasis on wanting to hear the youths' voices and what they want to do for their community while maintaining their privacy
- Connecting with agencies that have youth programs (such as NJCRI) and having some members of the community share their stories to encourage youth participation
- Presenting a play or presentation around one's story
- Addressing clients in clinics so they are aware of the committee, community, and resources available to them

• **Planning for the 2022-2026 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan**

- *Community Engagement Section 5 Overview*

This item was not discussed due to time constraints.

- *Community Engagement Appendix 3 of the 2022 to 2026 Integrated Plan Guidance*

The committee reviewed the HRSA recommended and required list as per HRSA's 2022-2026 guidance, which listed groups that must be included in the planning process to meet HRSA and/or CDC's legislative or programmatic requirements. Poole led members through a lengthy discussion to add organizations that should be sought out. Working together, the

members were able to significantly fulfil a lot of the listed recommended and required key stakeholders to consider for the planning of the 2022-2026 Integrated Plan.

Appendix 3 of the 2022-2026 Integrated Plan Guidance

Key Stakeholders to Consider for Planning Group Membership

Please Note: Persons or groups with a “*” must be included in the planning process to meet HRSA and/or CDC’s legislative or programmatic requirements.

MET	REQUIRED REPRESENTATION	WHO
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health department staff*	NJ DOH, DCW
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community- based organizations serving populations affected by HIV as well as HIV services providers*	Ryan White Part A funded, SAMHSA (substance use and mental health) funded organizations,
<input type="checkbox"/>	People with HIV, including members of a Federally recognized Indian tribe as represented in the population, and individuals co-infected with hepatitis B or C*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIV clinical care providers including (RWHAP Part C and D)*	Community Development East Orange
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-elected community leaders including faith community members and business/labor representatives*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community health care center representatives including FQHCs*	4 of them NCHC, Neighborhood Health, Zufall
<input type="checkbox"/>	Substance use treatment providers*	DHS - State Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (Ka’leef)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospital planning agencies and health care planning agencies*	East Orange General – detox, substance use program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health providers*	Mental health houses in East Orange
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individuals (or representatives) with an HIV diagnosis during a period of incarceration (within the last three years) at a federal, state, or local correctional facility*	Dr, Anisette – Essex County Correctional Facility in Newark, Integrity House, NJCRI, Hyacinth, Team Management, Halfway Houses Frelinghuysen (all three here)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social services providers including housing and homeless services representatives*	HOPWA, Newark housing authority, HUD, emergency housing vouchers, homeless prevention, Community Development, St. James, Newark Emergency (<i>criteria</i>), Salvation Army, Division of Consumer Affairs Rental Program, EDGE, Project Live, NJ HIV Housing Coalition (ARFC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Populations at risk or with HIV representing priority populations	Youth – DAYAM, NJCRI, St. Claire’s, LBTQIA+ - NJCRI, AAOGC, St. Claire’s

		LatinX – CURA, Aspira, La Casa
<input type="checkbox"/>	Behavioral or social scientists	University Behavioral Health Sciences, East Orange General, St. Michael's
<input type="checkbox"/>	Epidemiologists	Rutgers research,
<input type="checkbox"/>	STD clinics and programs	East Orange Health Department, Newark Health Dept. Planned Parenthood,
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intervention specialists	Substance use – Mental health – Mental Health and Substance Use – Team Management, Peter Ho Clinic, Medical Case Management Sexual health education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jurisdictions with CDC- funded local education agencies/academic institutions (strongly encouraged to participate).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Representatives from state or local law enforcement and/or correctional facilities	Citizens Academy, Newark Police Department, Dept. of Public Safety, other public relations programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local, regional, and school-based clinics; healthcare facilities; clinicians; and other medical providers	School nurses, Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, St. James, Social Workers to facilitate connections with school-based clinics. Other municipalities, are there county-wide networks?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicaid/Medicare partners	State Medicaid

Examples of Key Stakeholders to Consider for Community Engagement

MET	REQUIRED REPRESENTATION	WHO
<input type="checkbox"/>	Existing community advisory boards	CABs,
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community members resulting from new outreach efforts	Senior housing (day care), youth, senior day programs,
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community members that represent the demographics of the local epidemic (e.g., race, ethnicity, gender, age, etc.)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community members unaligned or unaffiliated with agencies currently funded through HRSA and/or CDC	
<input type="checkbox"/>	STD clinics and programs	
<input type="checkbox"/>	City, county, tribal, and other state public health department partners	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local, regional clinics, and school-based healthcare facilities; clinicians; and other medical providers	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicaid/Medicare partners and private payors	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Correctional facilities, juvenile justice, local law enforcement and related service providers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community- and faith-based organizations, including civic and social groups	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional associations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local businesses	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local academic institutions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other key informants	

7. Announcements

There were no announcements.

8. Next meeting

The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 5 PM via Zoom.

9. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.