



**Friday, September 9, 2022, from 9:33 AM to 11:38 AM**  
 Videoconference via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/83743175727>  
 Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 837 4317 5727

Present	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences
1. Joann McEniry (Chair) 2. Allison Delcalzo-Berens 3. Delia King 4. Sharon Postel (Non-Voting) 5. Al-Bayyinah Sloane 6. Calvin Toler 7. Claudia Ortiz 8. Aliya Roman (Non-Voting) 9. Ricardo Salcido 10. Vieshia Morales	11. Janice Adams-Jarrells	12. Ketlen Alsbrook (Non-Voting) 13. Denise Brown

**Guests:** Michelle Thompson and Stephanie Antoine  
**Support Staff:** Carla-Ann Alexander and Victor Peralta

**1. Welcome and Moment of Silence**

McEniry called the meeting to order at 9:33AM 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.

**2. Roll Call**

Support Team conducted the roll call. Quorum was established.

**3. Public Testimony**

There were no public testimonies.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Summary from August 12, 2022.**

The Meeting Summary from August 12<sup>th</sup> was sent out electronically and was motioned to be approved. Morales and Salcido abstained.

**5. Standing Committee Updates—**

- **Continuum of Care Committee (COC)** –Morales provided the September 8<sup>th</sup> COC report:
  - The committee completed the Section 5 Situational Analysis. It was emailed to the CPC for review.
  - Members updated the following service standards and submitted them to the Planning Council for a 30-day review period:
    - Substance Use Residential
    - Substance Use Outpatient

- Members reviewed the service standards Oral Health and Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance for low-income individuals. Due to lack of quorum, these standards will be discussed and updated during the next COC meeting.
- The next COC meeting will be held on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10AM via Zoom.
- **Research and Evaluation Committee (REC)** –Peralta provided the August 15<sup>th</sup> REC report:
  - Members reviewed section 3 Contributing Data Sets and Assessments for the 2022-2026 Integrated Plan.
  - Members reviewed and updated the FY 2022-2023 Workplan.
  - Sharon Postel gave a brief overview of the Needs Assessment Summary Draft. This survey aimed at individuals who had a medical visit and did not achieve viral load suppression. The goal is to highlight the type of services clients are receiving along with the providers.
  - The final 2022 Epidemiologic Profile Report request was sent out and an update will be given when received.
  - The Administrative Mechanism was submitted to the Recipient’s Office and awaiting responses.
  - The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 10AM via Zoom.
- **Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA)** – Peralta provided the August 24<sup>th</sup> CIA report:
  - The committee discussed Co-Chair and Secretary responsibilities.
  - Alexander gave a brief overview about all NEMA’s sub-committees.
  - A discussion took place about different strategies for recruitment and engagement. The committee also gave opinions about having hybrid meetings in the future.
  - The next meeting will be held September 28, 2022, at 5PM via Zoom.

## 6. Recipient Report—Aliya Roman

- 97% of contracts have been returned for execution.
- The delay on contracts and site visits are due to reappointments at the city clerk office.
- The tentative schedule for site visits has been pushed back a month, or until all contracts has been executed. Monitors have been scheduling new save the dates, that covers all their sub-recipients for the entire year. The Recipient’s Office asked programs to be flexible during this time. Site visits will be virtual this year. There will be a program and fiscal monitor in each meeting.
- Stephanie Antoine will be the new EHE Coordinator starting August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Recipient’s Office is working on the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism. They are also working on the FY23 Non-Competing Continuation Report, which is the deliverable that replaces the need to submit the FY23 Ryan White Grant Application. Therefore, NEMA will not be submitting another grant application to HRSA until 2025.

## 7. New Jersey HIV Planning Group (NJHPG) Report

- No report.

## 8. Old Business

- Review any questions about Newark EMA Epidemiological Profile presentation.
  - The 2021 Epidemiological Profile is available and a presentation about the Profile was emailed to members. There were no questions asked about the presentation.

## 9. New Business

- Review draft of the 2022 – 2026 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan
  - The COC completed and submitted Section 5 of the Situational Analysis.
  - The committee drafted goals and objectives for the pillar *Prevent* for the Integrated Plan. The following was added:
    - Prevent: Reduce the number of new HIV infections by 75% by 2026.
    - Goal #1: Implement status neutral HIV testing model.
      - ❖ Objective #1: Increase the number of certified HIV testers in the Newark EMA.
      - ❖ Objective #2: Expedite certification process through 90-day training module. Partner with the AETC, NJDOH, and educational; entities to create continuing educational module for providers on the PrEP process and how to prescribe.
      - ❖ Objective #3: Implement and ensure streamlined, compassionate pathways from testing to care.
    - Goal #2: Promote access to PrEP for HIV prevention
      - ❖ Objective #1: Accelerate efforts to increase PrEP use in Essex County, particularly for populations with the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses and low PrEP use with indications for PrEP.
      - ❖ Objective #2: Expand the existing PrEP Counselor Program into Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) clinics and Family Planning Clinics.
      - ❖ Objective #3: Partner with the Aids Education and Training Centers (AETC) and educational entities to create continuing educational module for providers on the PrEP process and how to prescribe.
    - Goal #3: Promote access to treatment as prevention or TasP
      - ❖ Objective #1: Target HIV positive individuals who are not virally suppressed and are at high risk for transmissions and recommend intensive medical case management services. (Identify/develop intensive MCM training module)
      - ❖ Objective #2: Promote access to and expansion of support service through development of an intensive MCM model.
      - ❖ Objective #3: Expand medical case management for individuals with private providers to promote U=U. Investigate community medical case managers model from Middlesex, Hunterdon, and Sommerset TGA.
    - Ortiz commented that there are clients who have transferred from pill medication to injectables and are no longer virally suppressed. The following was added under the pillar *Treat*:
      - ❖ Investigate/follow-up with daily pills to injectables regarding VLS.

**10. Announcements**

- Ortiz stated that Proceed INC. will be doing STI and HIV testing. Their office hours have been extended to Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Tuesdays/Thursdays 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. These services will be in-house and mobile.

**11. Next Meeting**

The next CPC meeting will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting ended by McEniry's decree at 11:38 a.m.