



# Community Involvement Activities Committee

## MEETING SUMMARY

*The Planning Council believes that the voice of the community is paramount. The purpose of the CIA 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, May 25, 2022, from 5:05 PM to 6:30 PM**

Video-Conference via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/86241473770>

Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 862 4147 3770#

**Attendees:** There were 19 attendees at the meeting and participated in the Zoom call.

<b>Attendees by County</b>							
Essex	Union	Morris	Sussex	Warren	Unknown	Other	Total
17	1					1	

**Support Staff:** Christine Sadler and Carla-Ann Alexander

**Guests:** Aliya Roman

**1. Welcome and Moment of Silence**

Warren Poole, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 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 were no public testimonies.

**3. Approval of the Meeting Summary from March 23, 2022**

The March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting summary was sent electronically for review prior to the meeting. Poole asked for a motion to approve the meeting summary as presented. One attendee motioned and another seconded. The vote passed unanimously. No abstentions or oppositions.

**4. Ryan White Part A Updates**

There were no updates.

**5. Old Business**

The committee is looking for a co-chair and secretary.

## **6. New Business**

### **1) Introduction to data used in PSRA**

- Sadler gave a presentation on Priority Settings and Resource Allocation. She defined priority settings and resource allocation and the population PSRA address. She also reviewed the sixteen services categories within NEMA.

### **2) How is data used to prioritize funding? What are directives? How do those impact resource allocation?**

- Roman displayed Part A and MAI Rankings along with a Core Service Model. The priority setting and resource allocation report summarizes and prioritizes for the allocations of the Ryan White funds within the Newark EMA's counties of Essex, Morris, Sussex, Warren, and Union. The Ryan white funds program resources are limited and need severe with effective antiretroviral treatment. People living with HIV/AIDS are living longer and the increasing number of newly diagnosed individuals are entering care because of successful efforts to identify HIV positive unaware individuals. They are being brought into care as long with individuals who know their status but have not been receiving HIV related primary medical care for some time. So therefore, this heightens the responsibility of the Planning Council to use sound information and rational decision-making processes when deciding which services and categories need to prioritize in the EMA.
- Core Medical Services include Medical Case Management which includes treatment adherence, Outpatient Inventory Health Care services, Early Intervention services for newly diagnosed, Mental Health services, Substance Abuse Outpatient Care, Health Insurance Premium and Cost-sharing assistance, Oral Health Care, and Medical Nutritional Therapy. These Core Services are prioritized in our EMA. Our Supportive Services include Housing, Medical Transportation, Non-medical Case Management, Emergency Financial Assistance, Substance Abuse (residential), Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals, Other Professional services, and Psychosocial Support services.
- The grantees office is required to receive our funding and disburse 10% of our funding goes to admin, 5% of our funding goes to quality management, and 85% of our funding goes to care and treatment, which is the sub recipients of the EMA. In our EMA, we are providing funding to 33 sub recipients (service providers) and for vendors.

- MAI stands for Minority Aids Initiative. This initiative provides services care and treatment services to African Americans and Hispanic population. When looking at the demographics of Newark EMA, a significant percentage of our consumers are of the African American and non-Latino. Therefore, when we are ranking the priorities for our services that we currently fund, we also must look at MAI rankings. In the past, the Planning Council and members of the CIA identified where the needs were and provided funds there. To elaborate, we have been using the MAI funding for medical case management, outpatient ambulatory health care services and for housing. Going into FY23, Roman is confident that the funds will be used for the same, but they would like to have the ability and the flexibility to prioritize any one of the service categories that the Ryan White Part A Program funds.
- Overall, data is important, for its numbers help prioritize and rank different services. Priority settings and rankings, that represent the service categories, are based on the order the committee deems them most needed in the EMA. The committee bases this on what the consumers utilize, the needs of the EMA, service delivery, and the sub recipient's ability to exhaust the funds for those services. For FY22, the percentages and rankings of the EMA's priority settings and resource allocation processes are given and provide all our sub recipients with funding based on what these recommendations are. The Planning Council is responsible for giving data on each service category for recommendations so that funds can be allocated to each program correctly.
- 75/25 is a core medical and support service split that we are required to abide to within the EMA. This means we cannot fund our subrecipients, which are our service providers, more than 75% of the funds that we receive. Keep in mind, 85% of our total dollars goes to care and treatment. Therefore, of the 85% of our total dollars, 75% of that total must go to core services and 25 must go to supportive services.
- Roman asked the committee for feedback based on the chart she presented for FY22 Part A and MAI Ranking. If anyone on the committee believed any ranking should be moved. She pointed out that moving a service up in priority does not change the resources

allocated to that service. During this time, some committee members had questions about Emergency Financial Assistance and Mental Health Services. Roman then gave a detailed explanation of funds allocated towards those services. The committee members then unanimously voted to keep the ranking the same.

## **7. Announcements**

- 1) Long Term Survivors Month is in the month of June.
- 2) Ryan White Conference on AIDS to be held on August 23-26 virtually
- 3) New Program Assistant Carla-Ann Alexander.
- 4) There is a block party in observance of National HIV Testing Day on June 21, 2022, from 12pm-4pm at the Rutgers Medical School courtyard. Sadler will be sending the flyer out to committee.
- 5) A new LGBTQ Community Center opened Denville, New Jersey.

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 5 PM via Zoom.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.