



Planning Council

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 1:30PM to 1:59PM

Video-Conference via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83368597496>

Teleconference: (929) 205 6099 / Meeting ID: 833 6859 7496

Present	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences
1. Dr. Robert Johnson (Chair) 2. Cezar Dumago (Secretary) 3. Calvin Toler 4. Joann McEniry (Vice-Chair) 5. Patricia Moore (Treasurer) 6. Sharon Postel (Non-Voting) * 7. Vieshia Morales 8. Gloria Jones 9. Dr. Ann Bagchi 10. Tamerla Lawrence 11. Ricardo Salcido 12. Dr. Walter Okoroanyanwu 13. Debbie Morgan 14. Aliya Roman (Recipient) 15. Thomas Johnson 16. Warren Poole 17. Dr. Wanda Figueroa	16. Ketlen Alsbrook (Non-Voting) *	17. James Carrington 18. Jeremiah Cohen 19. Cynthia Cocagee 20. Providencia Rodriguez 21. Natalie Muhammad 22. Janice Adams-Jarrells 23. Dr. Dominga Padilla 24. Kourtney Puliam

Guests: Mike Valentin, Michelle Bailey, Chevonne Cato

PC Support Staff: Carla-Ann Alexander and Roberto Benoit

1. Welcome & Moment of Silence

Dr. Johnson welcomed all attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:30PM. A moment of silence was observed for those affected, those who have passed, and those living with HIV/AIDS.

2. Roll Call

Dumago conducted the roll call for this meeting. Quorum was established.

3. Public Testimony

There were no public testimonies.

4. Approval of the Meeting Summary from December 21, 2022

The December 21st meeting summary was distributed electronically. The December 21st meeting summary was motioned and approved.

5. Report from the Recipient—Aliya Roman

- The FY23 Budget Insertion Apply & Accept is in the process of legislature and in legal review.
- Sub recipients will receive their award notices reflecting a six-month budget.
- Fiscal and programmatic site visits are still underway.

- The recipient's office is onboarding a Quality Management Specialist.
- The recipient's office is working with all sub-recipient Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services providers at the end of January to discuss linkage to care barriers. They will also be looking into declines and other performance measures from FY21. A report will be released once the data is assessed.
- Fiscally, we have exhausted all formula awards with fifty-one percent of MAI and are working on supplemental funding. All sub-recipients should follow up with program monitors if additional funding is needed.

6. Standing Committee Updates

- **Continuum of Care (COC)—Vieshia Morales gave the report.**
 - The COC last met on January 12, 2023.
 - The committee reviewed their workplan for FY23.
 - The committee had their Member Orientation with Parliamentary Procedures. The presentation discussed expectations, roles, and responsibilities of COC members. They also reviewed the committee's OPPS.
 - The committee reviewed the latest HRSA Policy Clarification Notice.
 - The committee submitted the following service standards for approval:
 1. Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance (HIPCA)
 2. Oral Health
 3. Foodbank/Home Delivered Meals
 4. Other Professional Services

The next COC meeting will be held on Thursday February 9, 2023, at 10am via Zoom.

- **Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)—Ricardo Salcido gave the report:**
 - The CPC met virtually on Friday January 13, 2023.
 - Salcido went over new changes along with announcing that he is the new Chair for the CPC, appointed by Dr. Johnson.
 - The committee finalized and approved their FY23 Workplan.

The next CPC meeting is scheduled for Friday February 10, 2023, at 9:30AM via Zoom.

- **Research and Evaluation Committee (REC)—Dr. Ann Bagchi gave the report:**
 - The REC has not met since the last Planning Council meeting due to a holiday.
- The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 10 am via Zoom.

- **Community Involvement Activities (CIA)—Warren Poole gave an update:**
 - The CIA met virtually on Wednesday December 21, 2022.
 - The committee played a holiday trivia game for prizes led by Support Staff.
 - Sharon Postel gave a presentation on needs assessment findings.
 - Sharon Postel gave an update on the 2022-2026 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan.

The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday January 25, 2023, at 5pm via Zoom.

Motion: Morales made a motion to approve the standing committee reports. Poole seconded. There were no discussions or abstentions. All were in favor and the reports were approved.

7. State & National Updates –

- **Report from the NJ Department of Health (NJDOH)**
 - There were no updates given.
- **Report from the Governor's Advisory Council (GAC)—Dr. Robert Johnson and Dr. Ann Bagchi**
 - The GAC last met on January 12, 2023.
 - One of the topics of discussion was ways to increase the availability of needle exchange programs in the state of New Jersey. Some issues include municipalities that presented some resistance in some of the programs.
 - States such as Puerto Rico, Nevada, and Rhode Island needle exchange programs began using vending machines. These machines are either inside or outside the health clinics and allow individuals to swipe a card to receive a new needle. Sharp containers are placed next to vending machines. These vending machines are also being used for other medical devices such as birth control pills, abortion pills, products used for opioid overdoses, etc. The GAC held a discussion about the possibilities of starting these practices in New Jersey. Dr. Johnson explained that New Jersey's zoning laws has been a moratorium.
- **Report from the NJ HIV Planning Group (NJHPG)**
 - The NJHPG is reorganizing their committees.
 - The NJHPG's General Assembly is scheduled for January 19, 2023, from 1-3 PM in person.

8. Planning Council Administrative Issues

- **Report from Executive Committee—Dr. Robert Johnson**
 - The Executive Committee met on January 18th and there are no reports.
- **Report from Treasurer—Patricia Moore**
 - All lines are within budgeted amounts.
- **Report from Planning Council (PC) Support Staff**
 - Support Staff is working on an IHAP Workplan and a list of committee responsibilities regarding IHAP monitoring.
 - Support Staff is working on a resource inventory for those aging with HIV.
 - As of January 18, 2023, HRSA is in the process of issuing Notices of Awards (NoA) for FY23 RWHAP Part A and EHE budget period.
 - HRSA's HAB, BPHC, and the CDC released a program letter on January 17th to encourage public health partners and grant recipients to implement status neutral approaches to HIV care and prevention.
 - HRSA's HAB webinar will take place on January 19th from 3-4PM. An overview of the status neutral approach framework letter along with a presentation on what this letter means for RWHAP recipients will be provided.
 - McEniry explained what status neutral approach meant. Everyone enters in same spot in the HIV test system. The HIV outcome determines the track one takes in terms of services and care. In other words, everyone joins together to get tested and the results will determine what services need to be provided. McEniry pointed out the consciousness around the status neutral approach language in addition to job roles, responsibilities and programming. This language can help stop stigmatizing individuals.

→ Postel added that the status neutral approach is the core for NEMA's 2022-2026 IHAP. If an individual is HIV positive, they will into HIV medical care through the Ryan White system. If an individual is HIV negative, they will go to a prevention track which includes PrEP/PeP.

9. Old/New Business

- Approval of COC service standards:
 1. Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance (HIPCA)
 2. Oral Health
 3. Foodbank/Home Delivered Meals
 4. Other Professional Services

Motion: Morales made a motion to approve these service standards. Poole seconded. There were no discussions or abstentions. All were in favor and the four service standards were approved.

10. Announcements

- Kendall Cark introduced observer Michelle Bailey who has taken the position as Senior Case Manager at St. James. She will be submitting her application to the Planning Council.

11. Next Meeting

The Planning Council meeting will meet on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 1:30 PM via Zoom.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at Dr. Johnson's decree at 1:59 PM.