



Community Involvement Activities Committee

MEETING SUMMARY

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 Ryan White and related health/social services.

Wednesday, February 28th, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 6:01 PM

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

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

Attendees: There were 12 attendees at the meeting, and they took part in the Zoom call.

| Attendees by County | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| Essex | Union | Morris | Sussex | Warren | Unknown | Other | Total |
| 9 | 3 | | | | | | |

Support Staff: Roberto Benoit

Guests: Chevonne Cato, Ashley Bramble, Liselle Lewis

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Poole, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 supplied 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 December 20th, 2023

The December 20th meeting summary was sent electronically before the meeting. Poole asked for a motion to approve the meeting summary. Toler motioned to approve the meeting summary; Abdulwaliyy seconded. The motion passed, no abstentions or oppositions.

4. Ryan White Part A Updates

Bramble is the Quality management specialist from NEMA Newark. Bramble inquired the committee on what updates they would be interested in receiving.

- Abdulwaliyy mentioned that she is interested in learning about new EHE program opportunities for the community and EHE program progress. Bramble noted that she will be reporting consumer concerns to the quality management committee and Ryan White Unit.

- Committee members can contact Ashley Bramble at bramble@ci.newark.nj.us or at (973) 733-4818.

5. Old Business

- Poole requested nominations for Vice-Chair
- Meeting with HRSA Consumer Meeting on January 24th, 2024.

6. New Business

● Annual Committee Orientation.

- Benoit presented a background on the Ryan White program. The Ryan White Extension Act of 2009 allocates funding for care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS. The federal grant is divided in Part A, B, C, D, and F. The Part A provide assistance to Eligible Metropolitan Areas and Transitional Area that are severely affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- The program helps meet the health needs of people that are unable to pay for services. The Newark Department of Health administers Part A funds for Newark EMA. The Newark EMA services the counties of Sussex, Warren, Union, Essex, and Morris.
- The planning council reports requirements include the Epidemiology Profile, Need Assessments, Priority Setting and Resources allocation reports, Integrated Annual Plan and Assessment Mechanism.
- The Planning council is made up of non-paid representatives from agencies, community organizations, the Department of Health, and individuals who are affected by HIV/AIDS.
- The planning council identifies, organizes, prioritizes, and allocates Ryan White Part A funds to the needs of the epidemic.
- The NEMA is composed of five Committees which are the Continuum of Care, Comprehensive Planning Committee, Executive Committee, Research and Evaluation and the Community Involvement Activities Committee.
- The opportunities for community members to get involved are to participate in the public testimony, planning council and committee meetings.

● Questions and Comments from Community Members

- Poole inquired of the reason the residential substance abuse services are longer funded. Bramble explained that Ryan White is the payer of last resort, and the agencies were not able to bill if patient has Medicaid or Medicare.
- Toler and Bramble the funds for residential substance abuse services are reallocated to other service that as needed.
- Toler mentioned the need for more senior services for consumers. Toler and Abdulwaliyy mentioned the need for hearing aid and eyeglasses for senior consumers.

● Committee Workplan

- Benoit inquired the committee member on topics of interest. The committee member listed the following:
 - Life insurance,
 - Heart Disease Health
 - Cancer
 - Update of Medications
 - Aging with HIV

7. Announcements

- Bramble is working on a grant for consumers to attend the Ryan White Conference to be held on August 20-23. Bramble will notify the committee when more information is received.
- Warren mentioned that the next meeting on March 27, 2024 at 5:00 pm will be in-person. The presentation will take place at 557 Clinton Ave, Newark.

8. Next Meeting

The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5 PM via Zoom.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.