

**Research & Evaluation Committee
MEETING SUMMARY**

Monday, April 15, 2024, from 10:01 AM to 11:00 AM
 Videoconference via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89756434893>
 Teleconference: (929) 205 6099 / Meeting ID: 897 5643 4893

PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
1. Ann Bagchi, PhD/DNP (Chair) 2. Corey Destefano (Vice-Chair) 3. Sharon Postel (Non-Voting) 4. Kasny Damas (Secretary)	5. Lynette Abduwaliyy	6. Debbie Mohammed 7. Warren Poole 8. Natalie Muhammad

Guests: Ashanti Simpson-Little, Ashley Bramble

PC Support Staff: Roberto Benoit, Richell Garcia

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

- Bagchi called this meeting to order at 10:01 AM. 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 Staff conducted roll call. Quorum was not established.

3. Public Testimony

- There were no public testimonies.

4. Approval of the Meeting Summaries from March 18th, 2024

The March meeting summary was sent out electronically ahead of the meeting. The meeting summary was not approved being that quorum was not established.

5. Standing Committee Updates

Continuum of Care Committee (COC) – Viesha Morales provided the report.

- The committee last met on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10 AM via Zoom.
- During this meeting the committee reviewed and approved the Medical Case Management Service Standard.
- The committee also reviewed and approved the Housing Services standard and Outpatient/Ambulatory Service Standards
- The service standards were submitted to the planning council for the 30-day review process.
- The next COC meeting will be held on Friday, May 9, 2023, at 10AM via Zoom.

Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) – Ricardo Salcido provided the update.

- The CPC last met on Friday, May 10, 2024.
- During the meeting, Bramble provided the Quality Management presentation.
- The support staff presented the One-year 2023 CIA consumer Feedback presentation.
- The committee received an update from the FY 24 Need Assessment Report.
- Lastly, Sharon Postel provided an update for the 2023-2026 HIV prevention and Care Plan.
- The next CPC meeting will be held on Friday June 14, 2024, at 9:30am via Zoom.

Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA) – Support Staff provided the update.

- The committee last met on Wednesday, March 27, 2023, at 5PM via Zoom.
- The April 24th meeting was cancelled due to an emergency.
- The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5 PM via Zoom.

Nominations Committee (NC) – Support Staff provided the update.

- The committee last met on August 9, 2023.
- The Nominations committee meets have been tabled until an oaths ceremony date has been established.

6. Old Business

- **Assessment of Ryan White Part-A in Administrative Mechanism the Newark EMA Agency Survey**
 - The committee reviewed and updated the 2024 Ryan White Part-A Administrative Mechanism agency survey questionnaire. The committee members agreed on a deadline to disseminate the surveys. The recipient survey questionnaire is due in July and the agency survey is due in May.
- **Annual needs assessment to identify HIV/AIDS related needs and gaps.**
 - Postel mentioned that the need assessment survey was sent on April 10th with a due date of April 26th. The need assessment will compile information on new to care and undocumented individuals. Postel will develop a method to combine all the excel spreadsheets to complete computations. The total number of agencies is 31.
- **Review progress on 2024 Funding Streams Report**
 - Benoit is working on the Funding Stream Analysis 2025 and waiting for other agencies to update information. DeStefano, from NJCRI, can provide funding information for the Part C section.
- **2022-2026 HIV Prevention and Care Plan**
 - Postel reported to the committee the 2022-2026 HIV prevention and care plan for Newark EMA. The annual report included data from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The following are key findings regarding RWHAP Part A clients in the EMA:
 - MSM, Black African Americans (Total), Individuals Age 25-34, and Medicaid Recipients all saw an increase in their VLS, DVLS 1-year, and DVLS 2-year.
 - Black Women VLS, DVLS 1-year and DVLS 2-year measures remained the same.
 - Decrease in VLS Were seen in Transgender, but DVLS 1 and 2-year increased.
 - Uninsured individuals saw a decline in VLS and DVLS 2-year, but increased in 1-year.
 - Youth ages 13-24 have seen increases in VLS and DVLS 2-year, but decreased in DVLS 1-year.

- The number of RWHAP clients slowly increased in 2023 from 6413 in 2022 to 6671 as of 12/31/23. This is a 4% increase.
- Men who have sex with men (MSM) account for ¼ (26% of RWHAP clients in the EMA.
- Black/ African American are nearly 2/3 of clients – 36% men and 28% women.
- Youth are 3% and most of those are ages 19-24.
- Nearly 1 in 6 are 25-34.
- Nearly half (47%) are very low income (receiving Medicaid with incomes < 139% Federal Poverty Level)
- Nearly 1 in 5 (19%) are uninsured, possibly low income, and RWHAP- funded services, especially medical care.

7. New Business

8. Administrative Issues

- No Administrative issues to report.

9. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

10. Next Meeting

- The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 10AM via Zoom.

11. Adjournment

Bagchi called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was successfully adjourned at 11:00 AM.