



**Continuum of Care Committee
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday August 8, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM
 Videoconference via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82086702402>
 Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 820 8670 2402

Present	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences
1. Viesha Morales (Chair) 2. Cezar Dumago 3. Sharon Postel 4. Ann Bagchi, Ph.D. (Secretary) 5. Ashanti Simpson-Little 6. Lauro Rocha 7. Nancy Scangarello	8. Dr. Wanda Figueroa	9. Dr. Lucy Efobi

Guests: Ashley Bramble, Tanzila Salim
Support Staff: Roberto Benoit, Richell Garcia

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Morales called the meeting to order at 10:01AM 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

Bagchi conducted the roll call. Quorum was established.

3. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony at this meeting.

4. Approval of Meeting Summaries from July 11

The July 11 meeting summary was distributed electronically and was motioned to be approved by the committee. Morales called for a motion to accept the July 11 meeting summary; Bagchi made the motion; Dumago seconded the motion. There were no abstentions, or oppositions. All were in favor. The Meeting Summary was successfully passed.

5. Standing Committee Updates

Research and Evaluation Committee (REC) - Bagchi provided the report:

- The committee last met on Monday June 17, 2024
- The committee received a presentation on the 2024 Epidemiologic Profile and an update of the Needs Assessment report.
- The committee members reviewed updates on the Funding Stream Report.
- The REC meeting for July was canceled. The next REC meeting will be held on Monday August 19th at 10:00 AM.

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

- The CPC last met on Friday, July 21, 2024.
- During the meeting, the committee discussed and finalized the priority setting and resource allocation process.
- The committee approved the FY25 PRSA report and submitted the report to the PC.
- The next CPC meeting will be held on Friday August ----. 9:30 am via Zoom.

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

- The committee last met on Wednesday, July 30, 2024, at 5PM via Zoom.
- During the meeting, the CIA committee was invited to join the HRSA consumer meeting to provide feedback on the Ryan White Services
- The next meeting will be held on August 28 at 5:00PM via zoom.

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

- The committee last met on Friday July 25th, 2024.
- During the meeting, the nomination committee selected Vieshia Morales as Treasurer. Morales will be serving as the new Treasurer of the Planning Council.
- The Nomination committee meeting is tabled until further notice.

6. Old business

There were no old business to discuss.

7. New Business

Monitoring for the 2022-2026 Prevention and Care Plan

There were no updates to discuss

Review/ Update Services Standards

Substance Use Outpatient.

- The goal of the Substance Use Outpatient Service Standard is to assist HIV positive clients in addressing their dependency on legal/or illegal substances and to have services available throughout the EMA to minimize crisis situations and stabilize claims in order to promote healthcare maintenance and positive health outcomes.
- The committee reviewed and updated the Substance abuse Service Standard. Bagchi made a motion to approve the service standard and Rocha second. All were in favor, there were no abstentions or objections. The service standard was approved and submitted to the PC for a 30-day review.

Medical Nutrition Therapy.

- Scangarello mentioned that recent medical nutrition concerns include metabolic syndrome and overweight patients due to the medication or issues with steatosis. Scangarello suggested adding a section that acknowledges diagnostic testing for ultrasounds of the abdomen to check for liver fibrosis. A diagnostic test example can be transient elastography. As a result of the discussion, the committee members added to the service standards that labs tests are elevated and warrant a diagnosis test in consultation with a medical provider.
- The committee reviewed and updated the Medical Nutrition Therapy Service Standard. Scangarello made a motion to accept the service standard and Dumago seconded the motion. All were in favor, there were no abstentions or objections. The service standard was passed and will be submitted to the PC for a 30-day review.

8. Administrative Issues— PC Support Staff

- There were no administrative issues.

9. Announcements

- NJCRI is hosting a Back-to-School Health Care on August 16th. The event was rescheduled due to weather conditions.
- The National Ryan White Conference will be held from August 20 to August 23

The next COC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th, 2024, at 10AM via Zoom.

10. Adjournment

Morales called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bagchi seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.