

**Continuum of Care Committee
 MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 10:01AM to 10:55 AM

Video-Conferencie via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/85358756881>

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Present	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences
1. Viesha Morales (Chair) 2. Dr. Lucy Efobi 3. Lauro Rocha 4. Cezar Dumago 5. Nancy Scangarello 6. Victoria Spencer	7. Ann Bagchi, Ph.D. (Secretary)	8. Denise Brown 9. Dr. Wanda Figueroa 10. Janet Hemingway 11. Dominga Padilla MD

Guests: Kathleen O'Brian, Ashley Bramble, Victoria Spencer, and Sharon Postel

Support Staff: Carla-Ann Alexander and Destiny Smith

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

Alexander conducted the roll call. Quorum was established.

3. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony at this meeting.

4. Approval of Meeting Summaries from March 9th and April 13th

The meeting summary from March 9th and April 13th was sent out electronically. Dumago made a motion to approve the meeting summaries from March and April. Scangarello seconded. The meeting summary was approved.

5. Standing Committee Updates

- *Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)* – This committee last met on April 14th, 2023.
 - The committee updated and reviewed their membership roster and determined areas of need for FY23 to FY24.
 - The Committee also reviewed membership recruitment letters to send to Ryan White and Non- Ryan White providers within the areas of need.
 - Support Staff will find points of contact within each agency in the county and will send letters to all necessary parties.
 - Support Staff will also develop letters to send out Community members.
 - The committee discussed PSRA questions to bring to other committee chairs and reviewed service category definitions.
 - The Committee reviewed the allocation guidance narrative.

- The Recipient office joined the meeting and gave a presentation on Quality Management
- The next CPC meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 12th, 2023. The meeting will take place at 9:30am via zoom.
- *Research and Evaluation Committee (REC)* – The committee last met on Monday April 17th, 2023.
 - The REC committee reviewed the 2022 priority population data.
 - Postel gave a review of the data.
 - The Committee finalized their service Questions for the 2023 needs assessment, they agreed a launch day of May 1st in a deadline of May 25th.
 - The committee also reviewed the funding streams update.
 - The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 10AM via Zoom.
- *Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA)* - The CIA last met on Wednesday April 26, 2023, at 5PM via Zoom.
 - The committee discussed elections for Co-chair.
 - State Farm joined the meeting and held a presentation on financial foundation.
 - The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday May 24, 2023, at 5pm via Zoom.

6. Old Business

- Review the Outpatient Ambulatory Health service standard.
 - Scangarello made comments in regards to the section under “assessment and service plan”. She noted that it was about the initial laboratory testing. She reported that her agency is really seeing a lot more charity care, and the ordering of labs is becoming an issue.
 - She raised the concern of whether lab ordering should be in the guidelines. Morales responded and stated. “It’s up to the provider discretions and a part of the standards for anyone who isn’t familiar with the service standard. It is why it’s a baseline for medical examination and may take it up to multiple visits.”
 - Updates were made to the Assessment and Service Plan section. “Three site screening if indicated” were added to STI screening and G6PD.”
 - Postel recommended that anything that impacts the outcomes of people with HIV should be looked at and brought to the attention of the COC so it can go to the Ryan White department directly.
 - The approval of this standard was tabled until the next meeting to ensure the correct edits were made.

7. New Business

- Monitoring for the 2022-2026 HIV Prevention and Care Plan
 - Postel reviewed the first bi-monthly Progress Report that showed changes in the 2022-2026 IHAP.
 - This document sets forth the first update of the 2022 Baseline data required to evaluate progress of the Newark EMA in achieving the Goals and Objectives in the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan (IHP) 2022-2026 submitted to HRSA on December 9, 2022.

- In reference to goal 1.1, one hundred and eighty-seven clients were newly diagnosed in 2022. As of February 2023, there has been a slight increase in target populations: youth ages thirteen to twenty-four, Medicaid, and the uninsured. There has been an increase in linkage to care within seven days.
- This work is by the City of Newark DHCW, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, EHE in Essex County, and the Newark EMA Planning Council and its committees.
- Review/ Update Medical Transportation
 - The committee reviewed the medical transportation service standard. No updates were made to the service standard. Morales called for a motion to approve the service standard as is. Scangarello made a motion to approve, Dumago second. All were in favor. No abstentions or oppositions. The service standard was approved to be sent to the planning council for 30-day review.
- New member vote
 - Scangarello made a motion to vote in new member Victoria Spencer. Dumago seconded. All were in favor, no oppositions, or abstentions. Spencer is now a new member of the COC.

8. Administrative Issues— PC (Planning Council) Support Staff

There were no issues reported.

9. Announcements

- Morales wished a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers!
- Alexander announced that The CIA is having an Eating for Cancer prevention workshop this month during their scheduled meeting on May 24th. Rutgers is going to be joining a meeting to host the workshop.
- Morales thanked all those at the north location for the AIDS Walk.

10. Next Meeting

The next COC (Continuum of Care) meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 10AM via Zoom.

11. Adjournment

Morales made a motion to adjourn. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.