

**Continuum of Care Committee  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Thursday, June 8, 2023, from 10:00AM to 10:55 AM**

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

Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 853 5875 6881

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. Dr. Wanda Figueroa	8. Ann Bagchi, Ph.D. (Secretary)	9. Denise Brown 10. Janet Hemingway

**Guests:** Pearl Akwaja, Olsen

**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**

Morales conducted the roll call. Quorum was established.

**3. Public Testimony**

There was no public testimony at this meeting.

**4. Approval of Meeting Summaries from May 11th**

The meeting summary from May 11<sup>th</sup> was sent out electronically. Scangarello made a motion to approve the meeting summary from May. Dumago seconded. No oppositions or abstentions. The meeting summary was approved as is.

**5. Standing Committee Updates**

- *Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)* – This committee last met on May 12, 2023.
  - The support staff presented the fiscal year 2023 CIA consumer feedback presentation.
  - The committee voted on a new Member.
  - Postel gave an update on the FY23 Needs assessment report.
  - The committee Review the final version of the membership recruitment letter to send to providers within RW as well as non-RW providers.
  - Postel presented the first Progress Report, showcasing changes in the 2022- 2026 integrated Health Plan.
  - The committee discussed priority setting and research allocation presentation for the CPC and CIA, if a core service waiver is needed.

- The next CPC meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 9, 2023. The meeting will take place at 9:30am via zoom.
- *Research and Evaluation Committee (REC)* – The committee last met on Monday, May 15, 2023.
  - The REC committee reviewed the 2022- 2026 integrated Health Plan.
  - In this meeting, Postel provided a review of the PSRA Progress report that shows changes in the 2022-2026 integrated Health Plan.
  - Postel also provided an update of FY23 needs assessment. The survey was distributed to agencies on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and was due on May 26<sup>th</sup>, unless an extension is requested to the recipient's office.
  - The committee Updated their fiscal 2024 work plan.
  - The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 10AM via Zoom.
- *Community Involvement Activities Committee (CIA)* - The CIA last met on Wednesday May 24, 2023, at 5PM via Zoom.
  - The committee discussed elections for Co-chair, there were no nominations there, for elections were tabled into the following month.
  - The recipient's office introduced the priority setting and research allocation process.
  - Rutgers held an Eating Healthy for Cancer prevention workshop.
  - The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday June 28, 2023, at 5pm via Zoom.

## **6. Old Business**

- Review/Updated the Outpatient Ambulatory Health service standard.
  - The committee reviewed the OAHS service standard. No changes were made to the Outpatient Ambulatory Health Service Standard. Morales called for a motion to approve the service standard. Scangarello made a motion to approve and Rocha seconded, The Outpatient Ambulatory Health service standard with amendments were approved.

## **7. New Business**

- Monitoring for the 2022-2026 HIV Prevention and Care Plan
  - Postel reports no updates since last month's meeting. Reports that the recipient's office is working on collecting all the EMA's resources post COVID.
  - In accordance with federal guidelines, The recipient's office is summarizing who has the status mutual framework in place, as HRSA made it a requirement.
- Non-Medical Case Management
  - The Non-medical Case management service standard was reviewed by the committee. No changes were made to the service standard.
- Emergency Financial Assistance Review
  - The Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) service standard was reviewed by the committee.

- Efobi made a motion and Dumago seconded to approve the service standard as amended by Morales. The service standard was approved.
- Quality Management Presentation by Grantee's Office
  - The recipient's office provided the Quality Management Presentation by Ashley Bramble. Bramble reports that Quality Management is here to help enhance the services provided to those living with HIV, ensuring that the resources are used to improve the lives of those for the clients that they serve.
  - NEMA serves 13,871 people living with HIV and of the 5 counties that we serve, Essex County is home to 69% of NEMA's population.
  - Quality Management decided to focus their efforts strictly on Essex County, where most vulnerable populations are not reaching that viral suppression. So, the cohort will now hold 190 clients which will be implemented through the Program.
  - RW Unit reports that the Newark EMA has met their target goals for HIV ARV, Linkage to Care and DVLS.
    - Target goal for HIV ARV was 90%, the committee reached 99.14%
    - The EMA surpassed their Linkage to Care goal with 76.38%, in comparison to their proposed goal of 75%.
    - DVLS is at 81.07% versus their proposed goal of 80%
    - 71.09% for DVLS 2-years, which had a proposed goal of 67%
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## **8. Administrative Issues— PC (Planning Council) Support Staff**

There were no issues reported.

## **9. Announcements**

- Alexander introduced the new Support Staff member Destiny Smith. She will be serving the Office of the PC Support team as administrative assistant.
- Morales announced that outpatient service standard and the non-medical case management will be submitted to the Planning Council for a thirty-day review.
- Support Staff announced that the CIA is having another cancer workshop this month on June 28, 2023, at 5pm about HPV Cancer prevention.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next COC (Continuum of Care) meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 10AM via Zoom.

## **11. Adjournment**

Morales made a motion to adjourn. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.