



**Continuum of Care Committee  
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday October 10, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 10:46 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. Dr. Wanda Figueroa 8. Dr. Lucy Efobi	9. Nancy Scangarello	

**Guests:** Ashley Bramble, Dr Steven Toth  
**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 September 12**

The September 12th meeting summary was distributed electronically and was motioned to be approved by the committee. Morales called for a motion to accept the September 12th meeting summary; Bagchi made the motion; Dumago seconded the motion. Dr. Efobi abstained and there were no 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 met on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am via Zoom.
- The committee received a presentation on the 2024 Administrative Mechanism and an update of the FY24 Needs Assessment report.
- The committee members reviewed updates on the Funding Stream Report.
- The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

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

- The CPC last met on Friday September 13 at 9:30 am via Zoom
- During that meeting, the committee amended and revoted the FY 25 priority setting and research allocation report. They added a point 20% to the home and community-based health service category
- The Committee also received an update on the 2022 to 2026 integrated health plan.
- The next CBC meeting is going to be held on Friday October 11 at 9:30 am via Zoom

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

- The committee last met on Wednesday September 25 at 5:00 via Zoom
- Positive Health had a presentation and luncheon at 1:00 pm.
- During the meeting, the committee member was provided with an update on the Cohort 4
- The committee meeting members received a presentation on 2024 needs assessment
- The next CIA meeting is going to be held on October 23 at 5pm via zoom

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

- The committee last met on Friday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 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**

### **Review/ Update Services Standards**

#### **Medical Case Management Service Standard**

- Morales informed the committee that she received feedback from Bramble regarding the Medical Case Management Service Standard. The word verbiage was causing confusion in regard to recertification. The original wording was contact should be a minimum of every three months. The new verbiage was changed from should to the word could.

#### **Oral Health Service Standard**

- Dr. Steven Toth was invited to provide feedback on the Oral health service standard. Dr Troth mentioned that the Oral Health service standard aligned with HRSA standards. The issue of visiting the dentist on a regular basis is not only on Ryan White patients. This is not to mention transportation issues that the patient may have. Dr. Toth recommended changing the review of the initial plan from every three months to 6 months. The individuals should come back for actual treatment not re-diagnosis.

- Dr Toth added that key components are to prevent common abnormalities and treatment not just prevention.
- Dr Toth mentioned that oral education is also an important component. The purpose of Oral education is to ensure individuals understand the recommendations and the work of the dentist. Dr Toth suggested having oral health education as a part of the treatment and coordination of care. In oral hygiene instruction, they offer tobacco counseling and nutrition counseling. This can be integrated into preventative care planning
- Dr Toth informed the committee on the importance of understanding esthetic and elective needs. Dr. Toth suggesting changing the word from esthetics to elective needs to be congruent with the principles.
- The committee reviewed and updated the Oral Health Service Standard. Bagchi made a motion to accept the service standard and Dr. Efobi 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.

#### **Health Insurance Premium & Cost-Sharing Assistance for low-income.**

- The committee reviewed and updated the Health Insurance & Cost-Sharing service standard. Bagchi made a motion to approve the service standard and Dumago 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.

#### **Foodbank/Home Delivered Meals**

- The committee reviewed and updated the Foodbank/Home Delivered Meals. Bagchi made a motion to approve the service standard and Dumago 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.

#### **8. Administrative Issues— PC Support Staff**

- There were no administrative issues.

#### **9. Announcements**

- NJCRI is hosting a Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 -6:30 pm. Morales will provide a flyer for distribution weather conditions.

The next COC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14th, 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 10:46 AM.