



**Planning Council
MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 1:52 PM
 Video-Conference via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87025952739>
 Teleconference: (929) 205 6099 / Meeting ID: 870 2595 2739

Present	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences
1) Joann McEniry (Interim Chair) 2) Dr. Ann Bagchi 3) Sharon Postel (Non-Voting) 4) Ricardo Salcido 5) Debbie Morgan (Secretary) 6) Cezar Dumago 7) Chevonne Cato 8) Dr. Walter Okoroanyanwu 9) Lynnette Abdulwaliyy 10) Natalie Muhammad 11) Warren Poole 12) Janice Adams-Jarrells 13) Kourtney Pulliam 14) Vieshia Morales	15) Aliya Roman (Recipient)* 16) Ashanti Simpson-Little 17) Thomas Johnson	18) James Carrington 19) Cynthia Cocagee 20) Lemual Boyd-Wallace 21) Dr. Wanda Figueroa 22) Vereen Gouldburne 23) Gloria Jones

Guests: Gabrielle Ferrigno

PC Support Staff: Richell Garcia

1. Welcome & Moment of Silence

McEniry welcomed all attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. A moment of silence was observed for those affected, those who have passed, and those living with HIV/AIDS.

2. Roll Call

Morgan conducted the roll call for this meeting. Quorum was established.

3. Public Testimony

There were no public testimonies.

4. Approval of the Meeting Summary from October 16th

The October 16th meeting summary was sent out electronically. McEniry called for a motion to approve the October 16th meeting Summary. Adams Jarrells made a motion to approve, and Poole seconded. Morales abstained. All were in favor, there were no objections or oppositions. The meeting summary of October 16th, 2024 was approved.

5. Report from the Recipient—Aliya Roman

The recipient report was tabled for the next meeting

Standing Committee Updates

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

- The committee met on Thursday, November 14th, 2024, at 10 AM via Zoom.
- The committee reviewed the Other Professional service standards and Psychosocial Support Service standards.
- The service standards were submitted to the PC for a 30-day review.
- McEniry called for a motion to approve the following service standards:
 - Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance
 - Adams-Jarrells made the motion to approve the Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance service standard. Dumago seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The motion was moved and properly seconded. All were in favor, no opposition, or abstentions. The service standard was approved.
 - Oral Health service standards
 - Adams-Jarrells made the motion to approve the Oral Health service standard. Dumago seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The motion was moved and properly seconded. All were in favor, there were no oppositions, or abstentions. The service standard was approved.
 - Food Bank Home Delivered Meals Service Standard
 - Adams-Jarrells made the motion to approve the Food Bank Home Delivered Meals service standard. Dumago seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The motion was moved and properly seconded. All were in favor, there were no oppositions, or abstentions. The service standard was approved.
 - During the meeting, Morales informed the committee that she had been invited to present at Positive Health on November 15th. Morales provide a presentation and receive community input on the Home and Community Health Service Standard and Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Service Standards. Morales discuss with the community the importance of joining the other subcommittees.

Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)— Ricardo Salcido provided the report:

- The committee last met on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 9:30 AM
- During the meeting the committee reviewed and updated the 2022 through 2026 integrated prevention and care plan.
- The next CPC meeting will be held on Friday November 14th at 9:30 AM via Zoom

Research and Evaluation Committee (REC)— Support Staff provided the report.

- The REC committee last met on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 10am via zoom
- The 2022-2026 Integrated Plan was table for next meeting
- The committee discussed the needs assessment scope for FY25.
- The committee redefined the methodologies of the aging and youth population.

- Lastly, there was a discussion of training needs for FY25.
 - Bagchi requested the COC a draft of the Home and Community Based service standard when available.
- The next REC meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 10am via Zoom.

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

- The CIA committee last met on Wednesday November 20th, 2024, at 5 pm via Zoom.
- Postel discussed the Needs assessment of aging population and youth with the committee. Postel requested the input of the community.
- Positive Health had a luncheon on Nov 15. Morales discussed the Home and Community based service standard and Health Insurance Premium Cost Sharing Assistance Service Standards.
- The next CIA meeting will be held on December 18, 2024, at 5PM via Zoom

Nominations Committee (NC) – Dr. Walter Okoroanyanwu provided the update.

- There were no updates reported.

7. State & National Updates

- **Report from the NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) – Gabrielle Ferrigno**
 - Ferrigno informed the committee that the CDC/ EHE grant new emphasis will be on routine and systematic testing.
 - Dr Walter requested information on World Aids Day events from the department of health. Ferrigno informed the committee that the NJDOH does not host any event. The DOH attends World Day events in the community.
- **Report from the Governor’s Advisory Council (GAC)—Dr. Ann Bagchi**
 - There were no updates reported
- **Report from the NJ HIV Planning Group (NJHPG)—Support Staff provided the report**
 - The NJHPG meet on October 17, 2024
 - Rutgers Health presented on a PrEP Awareness campaign focused on Women.
 - The Mpox cases were below the peak of the outbreak in July and August 2022.
 - The NJDOH discussed the need to increase emergency financial assistance funds to prevent eviction. The Department of Health discussed the need to review the rent market value.

8. Planning Council Administrative Issues

- **Report from Executive Committee—Joann McEniry**
 - There were no updates reported
- **Report from Treasurer—Vieshia Morales**
 - The Treasurer report was tabled for the next meeting
- **Report from Planning Council (PC) Support Staff**
 - Roberto Benoit is no longer at United Way.

9. Old/New Business

- Adams- Jarrells and Morales attended the Ryan White Conference and updated the committee on their findings:
 - Innovation to End HIV Epidemic – Collecting CQM data to identify barriers.
 - The following are key finds for the Federal response on Ending the HIV Epidemic
 - The goal is to end the Epidemic by 2030.
 - Improving health access
 - Community engagement

- Rapid Start – Integrate individual into care and retain
 - Development of new guidelines on housing
 - Usage of Ryan White funds
 - Support on aging population
 - Security Deposits
- Changes in Medicare for 2025:
 - The co-insurance with Medicare will be eliminated
 - Cap on Part D. After \$2000 pocket expense is reached for Medicare services, the individual has zero co-pay
 - New program called M3P: This is a Medicare Prescription payment plan that will allow individual pay throughout the year instead of a one time payment. In the case of Ryan White clients, after the out-of-pocket expense of \$2000 is met, they do not have to pay. Clients can easily enroll and unenroll from the program. The process of unenrollment can be made by phone.
 - Medicare part B Premiums are increasing in 2025.
- Presentation Dallas.
 - Rapid Response model of 100 days.
 - Community training.
 - Retained homeless individuals in care.
 - Rapid Start - Telehealth initiative. The patient is contacted first by phone. This allows more time collecting health over the phone.
- Presentation Philadelphia
 - Rapid Start – The Philadelphia EMA discussed their approach to link to care in 96 hour or four days. Morales mentioned that the information provided allows the committee members to view the different approaches for each state. The barriers mentioned were transportation, retrieving previous records, collaboration with other organizations and stigma.
 - Expand Weekday hours and One Saturday a month
 - Expanding Partnership
- Presentation from Florida
 - The Florida EMA improved VLS Rate by communicating with newly diagnosed and individual out of care by phone. They had a partnership with Booth mobile for a two-year period. They created a text app to check-in with the clients. After two years the clients keeps the phone. The app had an avatar for their confidentiality. The patient and provider could see their viral loads rate. This method improved retention in care.
- Plenary sessions Highlights
 - Expanding and developing partnerships for high quality health care. Collaborate together to actually take care of their clients as a whole.
 - Prep and Medicare Part B preventative services are now available for those that want Prep but that have Medicare. The services would be available at no cost now.
 - The importance of meeting a client where they're at that time.
- Adams-Jarrells mentioned that individuals in other states are having the same issues on Aging with HIV. Adams-Jarrells explained to individuals in other states that people are living longer after AZT and that the aging population is facing closed doors. Adams-

Jarrels highlighted the discussion on Ending of HIV by 2030 on how newly diagnosed and individuals that are currently undetectable would be affected.

10. Announcements

- NJCRI is having a Holiday Harvest Client luncheon from 11:30 -2:00 pm on December 13th
- Morales/NJCRI will have a Thanksgiving luncheon on November 28th

The next Planning Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18th, 2024, at 1:30 PM via Zoom.

11. Adjournment

McEniry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adams-Jarrells made a motion to adjourn, and Morales seconded. There were no objections or oppositions. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.