



Community Involvement Activities Committee MEETING SUMMARY

The purpose of the CIA is to help bridge the gap between the community and service providers by creating opportunities to involve community members in the planning process. In addition, community members will receive crucial updates on changes in Ryan White and related health/social services.

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 6:10 PM

Video-Conference via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/86241473770>

Teleconference: (929) 205-6099 / Meeting ID: 862 4147 3770#

Attendees: There were 10 attendees at the meeting, and they took part in the Zoom call.

Attendees by County							
Essex	Union	Morris	Sussex	Warren	Unknown	Other	Total
8	1	1					

Support Staff: Richell Garcia

Guests: Sharon Postel

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Poole, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and welcomed all in attendance. Support Staff supplied a brief overview of the CIA's purpose and goals. A moment of silence was observed for all those living with, those who have passed, and those affected by HIV/AIDS.

2. Public Testimony

There were no public testimony.

3. Approval of the Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was approved.

4. Ryan White Part A Updates

There were no updates.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

Feedback from the Need Assessment discussion:

- Postel requested feedback from the CIA in the needs assessment topic of aging. The purpose of the needs assessment is to identify services that people living with HIV/AIDS need and the gaps. Postel mentioned that the needs assessment can identify to fill those gaps with Ryan White funding. The needs assessment is mandatory in federal law, and the information is needed. Postel mentioned that over 70% of the EMA are age 40 and over.
 - Insurance and comorbidities that come along with aging. Include others related health issues in the survey and comorbidities that may or may not be related to HIV?
 - Abdulwaliyy added the need of funding Durable medical equipment. Postel informed the committee of the new home and community-based service standard. This will include hearing aids, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.
 - The community needs more food pantries that serve food and vegetables for people living with HIV. Warren informed the committee that St. Michael has a pantry more specific for people living with HIV. The majority are now open to the public.

7. Announcements

- Thanksgiving Groceries provided by AETNA health insurance Location: Metropolitan Church, 555 MLK Newark, NJ on November the 26th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- NJCRI Lunch open to the public on November 21, 11:30 -2:30 pm

8. Next Meeting

The next CIA meeting will be held on Wednesday December 18th, 2024.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.