



**Continuum of Care Committee
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday December 12, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 11:35 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. Nancy Scangarello		8. Dr. Wanda Figueroa 9. Dr. Lucy Efobi

Guests:

Support Staff: 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 November 14th

The November 14 meeting summary was distributed electronically and was motioned to be approved by the committee. Morales called for a motion to accept the November 14th meeting summary; Bagchi made the motion; Dumago seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting summary was successfully passed.

5. Standing Committee Updates

Research and Evaluation Committee (REC) – Support Staff provided the report:

- The committee met on Monday, November 18th, 2024, at 10 AM via Zoom
- During the meeting, the committee continued to discuss the methodology for the 2025 Needs Assessment
- The committee discussed the needs assessment scope.
- In addition, the committee discussed training needs for FY2025
- The next REC meeting will be held on December 16th at 10 am via Zoom.

Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) – Support Staff provided the update.

- The CPC last met on Friday November 08th at 9:30 am via Zoom
- During that meeting, the committee reviewed and updated the 2022-2026 Integrated HIV prevention and Care plan.
- The next CPC meeting will be held on Friday December 13th at 9:30 am via Zoom

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

- The committee met last Wednesday November 20th at 5:00pm via Zoom
- Postel requested feedback from the community member on the needs assessment topics of aging population and youth services.
- The next CIA meeting is going to be held on December 18th at 5pm via zoom

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

- The committee last met on Friday July 25th, 2024.
- The Nomination committee meeting is tabled until further notice.

6. Old business

Morales provided clarification on the Home and Community Bases Service Standard. Morales mentioned that the definitions, care plan and retention sections referred to the Universal Service Standards.

- Garcia shared with the committee examples of other service standards that are more aligned to the Ryan White program. Garcia added that the service standard from Newark EMA can be one of the first in the nation.
- Dumago inquired about what information can be utilized from other similar service standards. Postel clarified that the information can be adopted being that it is publicly funded.
- Postel added that there are no other clarifications of the services beyond PCN 16-02. Postel mentioned that all service standards referred to PCN 16-02. Postel added that the function can be completed by a case manager or medical case manager that determines whether the services are needed. Postel added that the service standard includes treatment plans, DME and Mental Health involved a medical team. Postel mentioned that the service standard should identify who makes the decision in determining the services.
- Scangarello inquired if the patients that utilized the service standard do not have medical insurance for a home health aide and/or durable medical equipment. Morales clarified that this service standard is for all Ryan White clients. The individual can have Medicare, Medicaid, services that are not covered or partially

covered or have no medical insurance. Morales added that this new service standard will be used to cover the costs that are not covered by the insurance.

- Scangarello added that Home and Community service standards from the State of Texas considered the standard as partial hospitalization and mentions specifically skilled nursing medication administration including intravenous and aerosolized therapy. Scangarello added that if the goal is to keep the individual in the community the coordination of service may be under partial hospitalization services. The service standard from Texas included routine lab specimen collection which should be coordinated with professional technicians to keep people at home.
- Postel inquired about what part of medical care would be billable under Outpatient Ambulatory Health or what services are specific to the home. Postel mentioned that the home services are an extension of medical care. Postel mentioned that her understanding at first was that the focus would be on durable medical equipment for the aging population. Postel added that this service standard moves durable medical equipment from emergency financial assistance to a more stable funding category. Postel mentioned that upon further analyzing the standard this can be under the direction of a medical care team in coordination with OAHS.
- Morales clarified that the Ryan White program is the payer of last resort and services are billed to the insurance first. Morales added that lab specimens are covered under Outpatient Ambulatory Service Standard.
 - Scangarello added that this is a great service standard being that delivering home care is the future.
- The committee began working on the completion of the Home and Community Based Service Standard. Morales recommended submitting the service standard to the recipient office for review. The service standard can be presented to the planning council in January.

7. New Business

Review/ Update Services Standards

Medical Nutrition Therapy

- The committee reviewed and updated the Service Standard. Esther Adesina, the dietitian from Broadway House, was invited to provide feedback on the service standard. Morales explained that if the services are not provided in house to refer individuals to other sub -recipient in the Ryan White program.

Universal Service Standard

- The committee reviewed and updated the Universal Service Standard. Bagchi made a motion to accept the service standard and Scangarello 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.

HRSA Updates

- There have been no recent changes to the service standards.

FY24 Workplan

- The committee reviewed the FY2024 Workplan for the months of December and January. The committee will begin reviewing the FY25 Workplan in the January meeting.

8. Administrative Issues— PC Support Staff

- There were no administrative issues.

9. Announcements

- NJCRI is hosting the annual client Holiday Harvest on November 21st from 11:30-2:00pm

The next COC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 09th, 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 11:35 AM.