

GREATER HARTFORD RYAN WHITE PART A PLANNING COUNCIL

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**Planning Council Meeting Minutes
999 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT
Greater Hartford Legal Aid 3rd Floor
March 14th, 2018
12-3 PM**

Members Present: Alice Fergason, Bill Petrosky, Clifford Lumpkin, Dannielle Warren-Dias, H. Danielle Green, Jovany Rolon, Loyd Johnson, Monica Martinez, Myrna Millet-Saez, Nitza Agosto, Valerie Ingram

Staff Present: Sou Thammavong, Shane Putney

- I. **Call to Order: 12:02 PM**
- II. **Review & Accept Minutes of 11/1/2017**
 - a. Minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept was brought forward by Alice, Seconded by Myrna. Minutes were approved with Seven (7) votes and two (2) abstentions.
- III. **Grantee's Office report and Year in Review**
 - a. As of March 1, 2017, the North Central Regional Mental Health Board became the new contractor for Planning Council support. Angelique added that the City of Hartford has hired Anila Celca to take the place of LaShaunda Drake. There were 6 Regular Planning Council Meetings with 2 additional Priority Setting Sessions, the Steering Committee met 9 times, Continuum of Care met 9 times and the Evaluations Committee held 5 Webinars. Waiver & By Laws Ad Hoc committees were also formed. Continuum of Care coordinated PrEP Outreach at the Hartford Festival of Jazz, the 1st Annual Hepatitis C Event at the Lyceum and 2017 World AIDS Day celebration at the Wadsworth Athenaeum with support of Membership, PEC & the Multicultural Care Team, also partnered with Gilead for increased outreach and visibility. Membership interviewed 6 new individuals who were recommended to the Steering Committee for Membership & New Member Orientation was held on October 20th, 2017. Positive Empowerment performed outreach to the Ministerial Alliance with local Black Churches and outreached to the City of Hartford Mayor's Office for collaboration. Evaluation worked on the Standards of Care (SOC) & the Administrative Assessment Mechanism (AAM). Priority Needs Assessment completed first year outcomes for the Connecticut's Integrated HIV Prevention and Care 2017-2021 Plan. African & Latino Caucuses merged to form the Multicultural Care Team and is currently housed in New Britain at the Human Resources Agency. Sou also went over each month's summary for the evaluations that were submitted throughout the year.
 - b. Angelique reviewed the End+Disparities Performances Measures Aggregated report. Angelique stated as a TGA total, things are not bad. Cervical Cancer screening has never done more than 33%, number this year were much higher with a range of 48%- 82% performed by providers. Hepatitis C is doing

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phenomenal at 91%. Oral health is struggling at 30% and needs to be a focus. There was a statewide initiative focusing on Syphilis screening, which reached 72% this year. Mental health and substance abuse/use is trending down. This is something that needs to be paid more attention to. Bill asked if totals take into account a physician's decision for not seeing clients twice a year due to thriving. Peta-Gaye responded that it does not currently because HRSA is behind and there is a flaw in how it is captured in CAREware. Peta-Gaye also stated that some performance measures were archived because of shifts on focuses.

IV. **Project CoRECT Presentation- Lisa Nichols, Constance Carrol, Yale**

- a. Project CoRECT is a CDC funded project whose goal is to see if an intervention clinic NDPH would change the number of people engaged in care. There are 23 clinics participating in this study throughout the New haven, Litchfield, Fairfield and Hartford Counties. Challenges to the study are that CT is the only site doing electronic data share. Researchers are supposed to visit each clinic once per month but are unable to do so because of time restrictions. Currently they are following up two (2) clinics per region, per month. Angelique asked if there is any discussions/resources given to providers for the 50% of clients out of care. Researchers responded that since the project is still in the data collection stage, they are not even sure if this model works. Once the study is complete and/if the DIH intervention is successful, it will be more implemented. Lisa stated that they have seen the Standard of Care changing when it comes to protocols. DIS will go to clinics and find that the clinics have already called their out of care clients. The study has found so far that Hartford has fewer well patients that have made recent well visits. For this study, suppression levels must be at 20 or lowers. DIS outcomes are at about a 50% success rate. Hartford has the highest percentage of people that are unable to be located. "Life issues" has been stated as the biggest barrier to care. Successes of the study have been that it is leading to SOC changes. Exchange between clinics and DPH results in a decrease in the number of clients referred to DIS and researchers have found that most clinics welcome the DIS extension of their clinic.

V. **Statewide Needs Assessment**

- a. DPH presented the randomization selection of Ryan White Clients for the Needs assessment. Three hundred fifty-one people will be selected to get the needed 85% return rate. Cross sector will oversee disturbing and collecting needs assessment. They will also be responsible for compiling and cleaning the survey data.

VI. **Committee reports**

- a. **Evaluation** – working on specific questions and reviewing Standards of Care
- b. **Membership**- reviewed member reflectiveness and the missing demographic. There is a need to increase White Male membership.

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- c. **Positive Empowerment-** Looking for recruit new members. There are departments missing from around the table. There was a recommendation to visit supportive housing programs for recruitment. There was an issue with Hartford Commission. PEC sent a letter and there was a meeting in response to that letter. There is initiative to revive the commission but new commissioners are needed. PEC is also focusing on Peer to Peer work. Strongly advocating that directives are looked at again. They are concerned about management being trained to manage peer workers. There is also concern about the stigma for peer workers. They would like to see outcomes that are more tailored to peer intervention outcomes.
- d. **Priority needs-** Has not met
- e. **Continuum of Care-** Working on PrEP outreach for Urgent Care Clinics. Outreach will also be done again at Jazz Festival which will be held on July 21st, 2018
- f. **Multi-cultural Caucus-** Starting planning next month.

VII. Announcements

- a. Shawn announced that AIDS Awareness day is on April 18, 2018. She asked people to call their legislators to increase attendance and increase meetings with legislators. Rally starts at 11 AM at the Capitol back steps.
- b. Peta-Gaye announced they are running as CAREware training for data integration on April 16th and 17th. Supervisors need to send number of attendees to Peta-Gaye
- c. Nitza announced they are holding a positive self-management class. It will run 2 and a half hours each session. Trying to recruit patients for each session. Nitza is the contact for this and she will follow up on if transportation can be provided.
- d. Jovany announced that they have left over money for clients in utility, transportation and food.
- e. Angelique announced the "Closer to the cure" Summit. It will be a full day summit held on June 1st 2018
- f. Danielle Warren-Dias announced they are collaborating with PHASE for their Kiki event, June date is pending.

VIII. Raffle for evaluations

- a. Gift cards were won by Pam, Shanay and Nitza

IX. Adjournment: 2:12 PM