

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
April 4th, 2018
12 – 2:30 pm

Members Present: Andre McGuire, Alice Ferguson, Bill Petrosky, Clifford Lumpkin, H. Danielle Green, Jesse Grant, Loyd Johnson, Monica Martinez, Myrna Millet-Saez, Nitza Agosto, Rhonda Parsons, Valerie Ingram

Guests Present: Maria Rodriguez, Diana Fortin, Bradford Briggs, Cruz Cruz, Kenya Humphrey, Shawn Lang, Stephanie Rodriguez, Zaida Hernandez, Emily Relalde, William Boaf, Ruth Garcia

City of Hartford Present: Angelique Croasdale, Anila Ceke, Peta-Gaye Nembhard

Staff present: Sou Thammavong, Shane Putney

I. Call to order: 12:01

II. Review & Accept Minutes of 3/14/18

Motion to Accept: Alice Second: Rhonda, Approved: 5 Abstentions: 2 Oppose: 0
Minutes accepted with no corrections or discussion.

III. Grantee's Office Report – Angelique Croasdale

Angelique reports that Greater Hartford Harm Reduction was added to the roster. AIDS - CT was funded for Medical case management, Transitional Emergency Financial Assistance, Housing, Medication refill/assistance, Psychosocial, Food bank/Meal Service. CCSG/Connecticut Children's Medical Center was funded for Outpatient Ambulatory Care, and WIC. Latino Community Services will maintain funding for Psychosocial Support, EIS and Transportation. CRT was funded for mental health. Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective was funded for oral health. UCONN will maintain Medical Case Management, Outpatient Ambulatory services and has HEP C money. Hartford Hospital was funded for Oral health, acquired Case management, Substance abuse- suboxone, and Mental Health services. Community Health Services will maintain two Medical Case Managers and Outpatient Ambulatory Care. St. Francis was funded for Outpatient Ambulatory Care. The Hospital Of Central Connecticut was funded for Medical Case management and Outpatient Services. Rockville Hospital was funded for Outpatient Ambulatory Care. In May, there will be a meeting about how to access resources. The PowerPoint presentation will be on the AIDS-CT website and are able to do one on one conversations. Ryan White Support staff will attach provider list to the Ryan White Website when received from AIDS-CT.

Angelique read the response by DIS worker, Justin Mitchell, from Department of Public Health. The questions were asked by member and guests of the March Planning Council meeting about the Project CoRECT Presentation by Lisa Nichols and Constance Carrol from Yale. Maria asked if the Planning Council could have Project CoRECT come back out and to hold them accountable. The question was responded to by Angelique who said they do not have the premise to widen the scope of the project; to keep the project in line with grant funding, they must keep it a certain way. Nitza stated that this is viewed as an added service and Project CoRECT is a feasibility study, potentially identifying gaps in services.

IV. Committee Reports

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- a. Continuum of Care- Continuum of Care is working on their Urgent Care PrEP outreach initiative. This is taking place on April 19th, 2018. The committee decided May 3, 2018 would be an addition outreach day.
- b. Membership- Interviews were scheduled for the day but did not happen. Mary Prince's term has ended and she will be sent an application to reapply. Myrna's final term is ending and she cannot reapply due to sitting on the Planning council for 6 years. Myrna was thanked for her service.
- c. Positive Empowerment- PEC is currently reviewing eligible members for Planning Council Co-Chair, Hartford HIV/AIDS commission is being revised. Alice has applications for anyone interested. PEC is also planning on having consumers join for CoC's Urgent Care Initiative. PEC will be at Bristol Task Force HIV Forum and HEP C testing event. There is supposed to be a meeting for peer directives with recipient's office and supervisors.
- d. Evaluation- Evaluation Committee gave an overview of what they are responsible for to the new people joining their meeting. The committee looked at their 2018-2019 Timeline and Statewide plan. The committee went through the 2012 Support staff survey and changed the language for this year's survey. Committee members would like to start the process to combine Continuum of Care and Evaluations committee together.
- e. Priorities/Needs Assessment- Alice and Shawn were voted in to be the next Co-chairs for PNA. Ryan White Support Staff is going to ask DPH for new data sets. The committee took time to explain to new members how the process goes. The committee made a recommendation to not pay medication co-pays under \$5.
- f. Multicultural Care Team- The next meeting is on April 9th at 1:30 PM. Meeting is held at HRA and everyone is welcome.

V. **Public Comments/ Announcements**

- A. Intern from UCONN of Social Work announced that they will be holding focus groups. This is a paid Focus group.
- B. Angelique stated that it is good timing to ask Part D and Part B to present where their services continuums are and their vendors.
- C. Shawn Announced that Wednesday 4/18/18 is the Rally for AIDS Awareness day. The rally is at 11AM at the Legislative Office Building. Lunch will be provided and then followed with appointments with Legislators.
- D. Peta-Gaye Announced that they set dates for the mandatory on site CAREware training. Which is taking place on the 16th and 17th of April.

VII. **2:30 Adjournment**