

Continuum of Care Committee

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 10AM-12PM
 Willing Heart Community Center
 555 Martin Luther King Blvd. Newark, NJ 07102

Present	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences
1. Ann Bagchi, Ph.D. (Secretary) 2. Cezar Dumago 3. Wanda Figueroa 4. Imad Ibrahim 5. Mario Portilla	6. Pat Moore 7. Vieshia Morales 8. Dominga Padilla 9. Nancy Scangarello 10. Lauro Rocha	11. Richlyn Burnham 12. Kendall Clark 13. Kasny Damas (Non-Voting) 14. Maisel Guzman 15. Aliya Onque (Non-Voting)

Guests: Jason Petteway, Dennis (CHAMP Trainers)
Support Staff: Tania Guaman, Vicky Saguy

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Mario Portilla, COC Chair, called this meeting to order at 10:10AM. Portilla welcomed all in attendance and called for a moment of silence to be observed for all those living with, those who have passed and those affected by HIV/AIDS.

2. Roll Call

Ann Bagchi, Secretary, conducted the roll call. Quorum was not established.

3. Public Testimony

Dr. Wanda Figueroa, Member of the COC, announced that some of her Ryan White patients had refused services because of the fear of getting their immigration status revoked or denied due to the impact of the Public Charge Rule. One of her new patients is planning to relocate to New Jersey from New York because she is afraid her residency might be affected due to the public charge rule. She brought this case up to the Committee to find out if any other agency has encountered a similar case. The Public Charge Rule was published on August 14, 2019 and it will be effective on October 15, 2019. This final rule amends the Department of Homeland Security regulations by determining whether an alien applying for admission or adjustment of status is inadmissible to the United States because he or she is likely to become a public charge at any time. This rule also includes a requirement that aliens seeking an extension of stay or change of status demonstrate that they have not, since obtaining the nonimmigrant status they seek to extend or change, received public benefits over the designated threshold, as defined in this rule.

Members agreed that leaders in the field should address this matter, especially those involved with the NJ End the Epidemic. Members also emphasized the need for advocacy on this issue.

Imad Ibrahim stated that this issue was not mentioned at the last (USCA) United States Conference on AIDS.

Dr. Figueroa mentioned that this issue was shared with her supervisor. The Recipient's Office, on behalf of Mayor Ras Baraka also reported their concern about the impact of the Public Charge Rule.

Cezar Dumago mentioned that the lack of compliance caused by losing benefits can increase a patient's viral loads.

Tania Guaman, Support Staff, mentioned that feedback can be shared with the NJ End the Epidemic via email.

Mario Portilla, COC Chair, asked for the Public Charge Rule and the NJETE and US Senators' information to be emailed to all COC Committee members with the aim of providing this information to their respective agencies. Cezar Dumago suggested to email all Medical Case Managers about this issue in event they encounter similar cases and can document this issue.

4. Approval of Meeting Summary for July 11, 2019

The meeting summary from July 11, 2019 will get approved at the next meeting on October 10, 2019.

5. Standing Committee Updates:

- **Comprehensive Planning Committee:**

The CPC report was not provided.

- **Research and Evaluation Committee:**

The REC report was not provided.

- **Community Involvement Activities/Community Conversations Committee:**

The CIA report was not provided.

6. Old/ Business

- **Start the review of Medical Transportation Standards of Care** – This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. New Business

- **Presentation:** Champ Update by Jason Petteway and Dennis, CHAMP Programmers. Jason informed members that weekly online training classes are held every Wednesday from 11AM until 2PM. Jason Petteway can be contacted for more information. Petteway reported that that CHAMP was created in the mid 90's, therefore providers can locate patient records from the past ten years, and even previous records which are archived on the system. Petteway introduced the CHAMP system to the Committee. He stated that patient's ID numbers are created during the patient's first encounter using their personal information, such as name, social security number and day of birth, to ensure the correct track of services throughout all NEMA agencies.

During the presentation, Petteway reviewed some useful features such as: 1) how to know to if a patient needs to get seen by their primary care provider, 2) how to set up referrals, 3) to figure out if a referral has been followed up and completed, , 4) if a person was certified, 5) to determine when was the last time a person was certified and 6) the process to determine client eligibility for services. He also shared the process for running reports that can be used by providers and

agencies to help prevent duplication of services. Jason and Dennis also talked about the performance outcomes report which allows agencies to monitor their compliance of patient records on viral load suppression screenings for mental health or substance abuse, and others. As an example, Jason pointed out that the current NEMA wide Viral Load Suppression is currently at 84.55%, BHIP at 86.2%, substance abuse at 88%. These numbers however, Jason notes, only count Ryan White Network services but does not account for patient services provided outside of the Ryan White Network. But Jason also mentioned that Medical Case Managers can manually enter patient encounters if a patient had been seen outside of the Ryan White Network. He also noted that some fields in CHAMP expire every 6 months to make sure that agencies go back and follow up on those fields. Lastly, Jason Petteway mentioned the CHAMP reports can provide helpful data for grant writing.

- **Start the review of Psychosocial Support Standards of Care** – This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Administrative Issues – PC Support Staff

None at this time.

9. Announcements

Tania Guaman, Support Staff, made the following announcements:

- The HRSA NOFO for Ryan White Part A is due in September 30, 2019.
- The CPC will complete the PSRA by September 13th. The 2020 PSRA will then be sent to the Planning Council for approval on September 18th.
- The NJHPG will have their 5th annual Gay's Man Awareness Day on September 27th from 9am to 4pm at the Rutgers University Cook Campus.
- Ketlen Alsbrook, Recipient's Office, will introduce the NEMA website prototype at the CPC Meeting tomorrow September 13, 2019.

10. Next Meeting:

The next Continuum of Care Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 10AM, at the Willing Heart Community Center located at 555 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Newark, NJ 07102.

11. Adjournment:

Mario Portilla, COC Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Bagchi, Ph.D. motioned to accept. Imad Ibrahim seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.