

## The Newark EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council

The Newark EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council is a planning body that determines what services are most needed by people living with HIV/AIDS in the Newark EMA. The Council then prioritizes those services and decides how to best allocate the Newark EMA's Part A grant award to fund the service categories according to the approved priorities.

The Newark EMA's Council consists of volunteer consumers, service providers, and other experts appointed by the CEO (Ras J. Baraka) to serve a designated term. The CEO appoints members to the Planning Council in accordance to funding requirements, and then designates an agency who officially manages the Ryan White Program Part A funds.

These funds pay for primary medical care, mental health services, dental care, substance use treatment, early intervention services, psycho-social support, and food services for people living with HIV who are low income or whose insurance does not cover their needs. The funds are distributed by the Recipient to community-based organizations, public health programs, and community health clinics.

### Mission Statement

To plan for the development, implementation and continual improvement of the health care and treatment services for People Living With and Affected by HIV and AIDS who reside in the five New Jersey Counties of Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and Warren.

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## What is the Newark EMA

The Newark EMA consists of Essex, Union, Morris, Sussex and Warren counties, and receives Part A funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 is divided into five major sections: Part A, B, C, D and F. The NEMA Planning Council is only responsible for activities under Part A, which requires a Planning Council to set HIV-related service priorities and allocations on the basis of the size, demographics, and needs of people living with HIV.



## Composition of the Newark EMA Planning Council

The Planning Council has four standing committees and an Executive Committee that support and undertake its work:

### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is comprised of the Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairs of the standing committees. The committee sets the agenda and monitors activities of the other standing committees before presenting findings and updates to the Planning Council.

### Research & Evaluation Committee (REC)

The REC is responsible for gathering and analyzing data for the development, implementation, and continual improvement of the Ryan White HealthCare System in the Newark EMA. The Committee designs and implements sound research methodology to identify HIV/AIDS related needs as well as gaps in the current service delivery system.

### Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)

The CPC develops recommendations for the prioritization and allocation of Ryan White Part A funded care and treatment services within the Newark EMA. The committee also contributes to the update and monitoring of the five-year Integrated HIV Health Plan and Priority Resource Allocation Report.

### Continuum of Care (COC)

The purpose of the COC is to develop and review service standards that promote quality care and treatment services for the HIV infected/affected communities within the Newark EMA. The committee also makes recommendations to the Planning Council and appropriate Council Committees regarding the development and implementation of effective strategies to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

### Community Involvement Activities (CIA)

The CIA is a community-led advocacy group that encourages community participation in the priority planning and fund allocation process. The committee includes various initiatives such as Community Conversations, educational programs for consumers, health fairs, and other pertinent workshops and symposiums that address the HIV/AIDS epidemic.