



Community Involvement Activities Committee

MEETING SUMMARY

The Planning Council believes that the voice of the community is paramount. The purpose of the CIAs is to help bridge the gap between the community and service providers by creating opportunities to involve community members in the planning process. In addition, community members will receive crucial updates on changes in the Ryan White and related health/social services.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 5-7PM

<https://www.gotomeet.me/UWGUC/ciameeting>

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1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Warren Poole, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM 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. Mission statement & Ground rules

Poole asked one of the attendees to read the committee's mission statement. Poole explained that the NEMA Planning Council allocates Ryan White Part A funds for 5 counties in the EMA area and is interested in hearing from people affected by HIV/AIDS who do not work for a Ryan White funded agency. All attendees were encouraged to be part of the CIA Committee and the Planning Council.

3. Public Testimony

There was no Public Testimony

4. Approval of the February 26 Meeting Summary

5. Ryan White Part A Updates

Support Staff stated that the FY'2020 Needs Assessment will be focused on Housing given the demand for this service in the Newark EMA. Therefore, the Council and the Recipient want to hear your input about Housing related barriers and challenges. Aliya Onque from the Recipient's Office will host today's discussion on Housing by asking key questions. The conversation about Housing will continue at the next CIA meeting with a particular focus on the HOPWA program.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

a. *What is the Needs Assessment?*

A brief activity was held with meeting attendees to explain what a needs assessment is all about. Using this activity as a discussion starter, Support Staff explained that the Needs Assessment aims to investigate the needs of People Living with HIV in the community. Therefore, Support Staff encouraged all attendees to participate on surveys and community conversations to provide their

input. Support Staff restated that everyone's input will be captured at this meeting without any identifying information.

b. Community Conversations about Housing in the Newark EMA

8. Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- The importance of knowing the different housing categories was emphasized and about the Ryan White Program and HOPWA Program and their regulations
- The HOPWA Program is changing and will not provide funds for those who are not virally suppressed. There will be a Meeting on March 19th to voice input regarding the recent changes in HOPWA.
- The USDA Guidance on Date Labelling to Reduce Food Waste was handed to all attendees. The importance of knowing the difference between the "Best if Used By", "Use-By", and "Sell By" was stated.

9. Next meeting

The next CIA/CC meeting will be held on May 27, 2020 at 5PM via GoToMeeting.

10. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.