

## Meeting Summary

### Meeting Information

<b>Date</b>	November 19, 2019
<b>Location</b>	Fairleigh Dickinson University
<b>Start Time</b>	11:08am

### Attendance

#### Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representation</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Francis Ashun	Advisory	NJ State Department of Health
Jennifer McGee-Avila	Advisory	Northeast/Caribbean AETC
Ed Barron	Morris	Community Member
Kelly Martins	Morris	NJAS
Lydia Sanchez	Morris	Family Health Center
Allison Delcalzo-Berens	Sussex	Family Health Center
Marisol Knox	Sussex	Catholic Family and Community Services
Jaclyn Cruz	Warren	Family Health Center

#### Guests

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Joe Ferrara	Catholic Family and Community Services
Summer Brown	Family Health Center
Bob Armstrong	Human Services Advisory Council
Kay-Diene Robinson	Family Health Center
Danielle King	Proud Family Health
Rebecca Cristillo	NJAS
Christian Mendez-Baez	NJAS
Regina Braham	JBWS

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<b>Welcome</b>
Delcalzo-Berens called the meeting to order at 11:10am and held a moment of silence. The September 17, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Barron made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Cruz and the motion passed without comment at 11:12am.
<b>Agency Spotlight: Proud Family Health</b>
King, Coordinator/Patient Navigator from Proud Family Health, who specialize in primary care services for the LGBTQIA community provided a presentation on the agency's services, including primary care, gynecological, hormone replacement therapy, PrEP/PEP and education. King answered questions regarding the services, explaining that the program is primarily hospital funded, although it is receiving some grant funding for prevention services, and that the program is accessible by train and provides transportation home after appointments. Support groups include a family and friends support group and a transgender support group called Proudly Me.
Brochures of services will be sent with the meeting summary.
<b>Presentation: Ending the HIV Epidemic</b>
Delcalzo-Berens provided a short training on the national plan to end the HIV epidemic as well as the beginning goals of the state plan and recent initiatives that state has employed. Committee members engaged in a discussion about the goals. One challenge discussed include the short window for starting PEP being a challenge for youth and for people with low income who need to deal with lack of identification, parental insurance issues, high medication costs

and providers who do not know the intricacies of PEP referral. Another challenge that was noted is the lack of coordinated sexual health and prevention education in the school system.

A copy of the slides will be distributed with the meeting summary.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

Provider Subcommittee: No update

Lunch and Learn Project: Delcalzo-Berens reviewed the lunch and learn topics that were selected for 2020 by consumers and assigned topics to each agency:

- Legislative Update and Advocacy (Legal Services of Northwest Jersey)
- Mental Health Education (Family Health Center)
- Fighting Stigma Through Personal Action (NJAS)
- Evolution of HIV Treatment (Hope House)
- Living Well with HIV as You Age (Zufall Health Center)
- What is Medical Case Management vs. Case Management? (Morris County Human Services)

Needs Assessment Subcommittee: No update

### **2020 Meeting Calendar**

The committee reviewed the draft of the 2020 meeting calendar. Barron made a motion to approve the calendar with the addition of lunch and learn topics for each agency. Martins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **Announcements**

Moore reported on announcements for Zufall Health Center via email:

- 1) Moore has accepted the position of Planning Administrator for the Somerset County Division of Human Services. Moore wishes everyone great success in ending the epidemic and thanks everyone for their love and support.
- 2) The Program Director position at Zufall is currently posted on the website.
- 3) Zufall has an opening for a medical case manager, RN or social work.
- 4) There is a new Linkage to Care Navigator, Jose Avila, who will start on November 25.

Knox reported that Hope House has hired a new staff person to manage the HPRP program and that Pam Mendoza is now working on the HOPWA program which has accepted about forty new clients from a Newark program that ended. There is also new funding for emergency assistance and interested parties should contact Stephanie Otoegui.

Martins reported that NJAS has hired a new staff person, Mendez-Baez, to do prevention work and that it has opened a clinic providing primary medical care services and telehealth psychiatric care in Denville. NJAS services are ala carte and individuals can receive services based on their need.

Barron reported that he has been approved as a member on the NJ HIV Planning Group and will be regularly attending meetings. He reported that the NJHPPG is planning a transgender day of awareness and a long-term survivors awareness day in 2020.

### **Adjourn**

Delcalzo-Berens ended the meeting 12:27pm. A lunch and learn about clinical trials started after the end of the meeting.