

Meeting Summary

Meeting Information

Date	5/19/2020
Location	Remote via ZOOM
Start Time	11:15 AM

Attendance

Members

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Barron	Ed	EDGE New Jersey
Carter	Shelia	Morris County Human Services
Cruz	Jackie	Family Health Center
Delcalzo	Allison	Atlantic Health
Guaman	Tania	NEMA
Martins	Kelly	EDGE New Jersey
McGee-Avila	Jennifer	Rutgers
Otaegui	Stephanie	Hope House
Sanchez	Lydia	Family Health Center

Guests

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Armstrong	Robert	EDGE New Jersey
Avila	Jose	Zufall Health Center
Calabuig	Karina	Hope House
D'Egidio	Ashley	Hope House
Kondrk	Jason	Gilead
Robinson	Kay-Diene	Family Health Center
Westington	Steve	EDGE New Jersey
Walker	Sarah	Zufall Health Center

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Approving 3/17/2020 minutes
Ed Barron and Kelly Martins Motion to approve minutes from 3/17/2020 @ 11:21 AM Lydia Sanchez, Jackie Cruz and Stephanie Otaegui voted to approve minutes via Zoom text chat
HIV Services Update
Update on information on each organization: EDGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 973-945-1970 ◦ Support groups by Zoom ◦ Behavioral health telehealth sessions ◦ Contactless delivery of food/meds/masks/etc. Hope House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Call main number 973.361-5555 and leave a message which will be returned same business day ◦ Food pantry open W 10-1 by appointment ◦ Support groups, coping skills groups by Zoom ◦ Transportation to medical appointments continue. Family Health Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Testing at alternative site. 973-889-6810 to schedule

- PrEP telehealth sessions
 - Navigator and Ryan White services – telehealth
- Zufall
- Dental is by emergency only
 - Ryan White services – telehealth
 - STI and HIV testing continue
 - RW support group by Zoom

Subcommittee Reports

Community Action Board is not meeting at this time and the lunch and learn series is also on hold. Our normal ways of obtaining consumer feedback are not operating so Delcalzo-Berens asked what methods can be used to solicit consumer feedback. Ed Barron noted that EDGE New Jersey is receiving weekly wellness calls from EDGE and received a non-contact mask drop off from EDGE New Jersey’s driver. All organizations are working remotely and providing similar measures of care for their consumers. Therefore, the committee agreed that individualized over the phone questionnaires during support group meetings or telehealth case management meetings should be used to solicit feedback.

Provider Advisory Board was asked to prepare a list of questions to ask consumers to see if there are areas of improvement to provide better quality of care during COVID.

COVID-19 and HIV

Allison Delcalzo- Berens provided an overview of COVID and best measures to stay safe.

The committee had a discussion regarding barriers and gaps identified by the providers. All organizations have seen an increase in behavioral health services needs due to COVID. Potential strategies are to continue offering telehealth options for medical visits, behavioral health visits and support groups to clients who are nervous about coming for services.

Zufall has a Spanish speaking grief support group. Lydia Sanchez shares that Atlantic Health is providing Support groups for families and individuals who have lost a member due to COVID. Link to the group is: <https://www.atlantichealth.org/about-us/stay-connected/news/content-central/2020/covid-19-coronavirus/support-groups.html>

People who are undocumented are having difficulties with housing instability and food insecurity but are ineligible for stimulus funding. Guaman shared that the City of Newark received CARES funding and that anything that applies for part A recipients also apply for undocumented and would also qualify for programs and/or services through the Cares Act funding. Delcalzo-Berens asked Guaman to clarify that undocumented people living with HIV would be covered under this funding as it is coming from a funding source different from HRSA.

Announcements

Tania Guaman shares that the Ryan White office received funding for COVID needs in particular (Cares Act) This funding will assist in the following.

- Determining what needs are needed at this time during COVID
- It has more flexibility on qualification; as long as an organization receives Part A funding.
- Examples of funding can be applied to: paying phone bills, internet and masks/cleaning supplies

Jason Kondrk (Gilead) stated that no formal physician authorizations needed for medication. Verbal authorization is being done via phone. Co-pay relief cards have been extended until July and the program will cover an individual for 60 days instead of the standard 30-day time period.

Ed Barron shares that HIV and Aging Day, Transgender Day of Learning and Gay Men’s HIV Awareness day will all continue and be hosted virtually in Fall 2020. He also shared The Primary has been pushed back until July 7th, 2020. Anyone who has registered with a party affiliation will receive mail in ballots. Those that have not will receive a form to re-register. There will be a few polling places open for those that may have special needs such as those that are blind.

Motion to Approve New Members

<p>Sarah Walker from Zufall Health Center – Motion to approve by Kelly Martins and Lydia Sanchez Jose Avila Motion from Zufall Health Center – Motion to approve by Kelly Martins and Sarah Walker Steve Westington consumer from EDGE New Jersey – Motion to approve by Sarah Walker and Lydia Sanchez Ashley D’Egidio from Hope House – Motion to approve by Jose Avila and Jackie Cruz</p>
<p>Meeting End</p>
<p>Meeting ended at 12:35pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 @ 11:00am</p>

Action Items

Who	What	When
PAB	Prepare a list of questions for consumers regarding their needs now and what they are worried about in the future (1 month, 6 months, 12 months)	May 26 meeting
Guaman	Clarify if CARES funding received by the City of Newark for PLWH includes undocumented PLWH	ASAP