

Meeting Summary

Meeting Information

Date	March 17, 2020
Location	Conference Call
Start Time	11:05am

Attendance

Members

Name	Representation	Affiliation
Ed Barron	Morris	Community Member
Jaclyn Cruz	Warren	Family Health Center
Allison Delcalzo-Berens	Sussex	Family Health Center
Tania Guaman	Advisory	Newark EMA Planning Council
Kelly Martins	Morris	EDGE Pride Center
David Saltzman	Advisory	Legal Services of Northwest Jersey
Lydia Sanchez	Morris	Family Health Center
Geri Summers	Advisory	Rutgers University HIV Prevention

Guests

Name	Affiliation
Bob Armstrong	Human Services Advisory Council
Summer Brown	Family Health Center
Ashlee D'Egidio	Hope House
Jason Kondrk	Gilead
Pamela Mendoza	Hope House
Stephanie Otaegui	Hope House
Kay-Diene Robinson	Family Health Center
Sarah Walker	Zufall Health Center

Meeting Summary

Welcome
Delcalzo-Berens called the meeting to order at 11:05am and held a moment of silence. Delcalzo-Berens asked if there is any public testimony. Summers reported that the Transgender Day of Awareness event will be rescheduled until the late fall due to COVID-19 concerns.
Presentation: Tania Guaman, Newark EMA Planning Council
Guaman presented on the NEMA Planning Council, with a special emphasis on membership. Committee members discussed barriers for consumers to join committees including, transportation, time commitment and distance. Barron asked if a lunch and learn presentation can be made about the Planning Council. Guaman noted that the Planning Council has funds to pay for Lyft or Uber for members with a lack of transportation. Summers asked about the process to become a member. Guaman clarified there are three ways to participate. The first is to come to a meeting and participate as a community member who is not a committee member. The second is to become a member of one of the subcommittees and the third is to become a member of the full Planning Council. Guaman's presentation slides will be emailed with the meeting summary.
Meeting Summary Approval – January 21, 2020
Martins made a motion to approve the meeting summary as distributed. Saltzman seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion.
Subcommittee Reports
Delcalzo-Berens explained that the subcommittees will be structured more to implement a succession plan for leadership. She stated there will be trainings and membership for people who are interested in leadership roles.

Community Action Board: Delcalzo-Berens reported that she and CAB Chair, James Webb, decided to have a listening session after the next lunch and learn, which was scheduled for today. In light of the COVID-19 emergency, the lunch and learn and listening session have been rescheduled for May 19.

Provider Advisory Board: Martins reported that the first meeting of the PAB was held in late February with the goal of integrating resources and increasing collaborations among providers. The committee will be working on forming new collaborations with providers in Sussex and Warren Counties in light of the Ending the HIV Epidemic plan.

Needs Assessment Committee: Delcalzo-Berens reported that she is looking for members and a chairperson for this subcommittee. Robinson, Barron and D'Egidio volunteered to participate and/or chair.

Leadership Committee: Delcalzo-Berens reported that she and Martins have been meeting as part of the leadership team but that this will become a standing committee. She is looking for additional committee members for this subcommittee which will focus on projects like bylaws, the annual workplan and webpage maintenance.

COVID-19 Sharing Session

Agencies updated on what changes have been made in their programs due to COVID-19:

Hope House:

Hope House has canceled all support groups and one-to-one interactions. All case managers are working from home, calling and checking in on clients. Hope House is also still providing transportation for clients to medical appointments, unless medical facilities are cancelling. Twelve step meetings are still taking place at Hope House and the food pantry is still open.

Family Health Center:

FHC building is closed to the public. Staff will offer support to patients via telephone.

Legal Services:

Legal Services of Northwest Jersey has modified their client appointments, all appointments via telephone. Landlord Tenant Court in Morris has been adjourned until 4/10/2020. There will be no evictions or lockouts until the landlord tenant court resumes.

EDGE NJ:

EDGE NJ will be contacting all clients and let them know about the new process. However, staff will be working - remotely and using the line 973-945-1970. All case managers will be available to continue to handle case management needs remotely and schedule rides with Logisticare and ride-sharing on a case-by-case basis. Remote work will begin tomorrow 3/18/20.

Gilead:

Gilead reps are working from home likely until April. If anything is needed regarding Advancing Access or materials, reach out to Kondrk directly. All meds should be adequately stocked for treatment, prevention, HCV and HBV. If you hear any issues, please reach out to Kondrk at 732-533-4900 or Jason.kondrk@gilead.com.

Zufall Health Center:

Zufall is open and operating normally; however staff is taking temperatures and screening all patients. The Zufall dental clinic is closing for all non-urgent dental visits. Ancillary staff members are working from home. Staff are sending people who present with symptoms to the emergency department.

Participants also listed potential resources:

Guaman noted that there is a scheduled webinar today regarding COVID-19: <https://www.e2neca.org/?r=MAI734>

Guaman also reported that to learn more about COVID-19 updates for people living with HIV, visit: <https://www.positivelyaware.com/articles/sars-cov-2-and-covid-19-update-plhiv>

Kondrk reported that Riverside Medical Group is offering drive-up testing in Secaucus. Prescreening is done prior to testing.

The Community Soup Kitchen is offering boxed lunches and pre-bagged groceries. Morris County Municipal Court has been suspended for two weeks. Morristown town hall is closed.

Brown stated that there is a hotline for screening people who think they may have the virus. The number is 862-260-3199.

Membership

Delcalzo-Berens asked Hope House and Zufall to identify representatives to the committee.

Announcements

Barron announced that the group planning the HIV and Aging event for the summer is asking long term survivors to compose a 90 second video about living with HIV. Reach out to Barron once videos are completed.

Hope House announced that Karina Calabuig is the new Site Director and will oversee the Ryan-White Program at Hope House.

Adjourn

Delcalzo-Berens ended the meeting 12:32pm after hearing a motion by Guaman, seconded by Barron.