

# Morris, Sussex and Warren (MSW) HIV/AIDS Collaborative

Advisory Committee and Early Intervention and Retention Collaborative Meeting Minutes

## 1 MEETING INFORMATION

<b>Date</b>	January 16, 2018
<b>Location</b>	Zufall Wellness Center, 85 Washington Street, Morristown
<b>Start Time</b>	11:10am

## 2 ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM

Members present	Total Members	Quorum	Two-thirds
7	11	6	8

**Members Present:** Allison Delcalzo-Berens, Gabrielle Ferrigno, Kelly Martins, Jennifer McGee-Avila, Johanna Moore, Danielle Nebesni, Ricardo Salcido

**Conference Call:** Aliya Onque, Lydia Sanchez, Caroline Schenkman

**Other Attendees:** Xavier Amoros, Barbara Benton, Robert Broome, Andrea Puryear, Jeremias Roman, Oscar Ruge, Pannell Strawbridge, Gary Wilson

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Amaya, Ed Barron, Becky Carlosn, Shelia Carter, Ryan Curtis, Ken O'Bryant, Ron Ritzie, David Saltzman, Michele Verones, James Webb

## 3 SUMMARY

<b>Welcome</b>	The committee recognized a moment of silence and made introductions.
<b>Presentation</b>	None.
<b>Minutes</b>	Delcalzo-Berens reported that the November minutes were approved through a Survey Monkey voting process in December.
<b>Subcommittees/ Work Groups/ Special Projects</b>	<p><u>Lunch and Learn Project:</u> Delcalzo-Berens reported that there will be a lunch and learn will be today after the meeting on the topic of HIV and Obesity and that the next lunch and learn will take place at Hope House after the March Advisory Committee meeting on the topic of criminal backgrounds.</p> <p><u>Consumer Advisory Board:</u> Moore reported that 2017 was a building year for the CAB and that, in 2018, consumers will be taking more leadership over the committee. She reported that the CAB and the Needs Assessment Subcommittee will be working together to provide input for the Needs Assessment. Salcido added that the CAB gives consumers the opportunity to discuss what is working about the system.</p> <p><u>Needs Assessment Subcommittee:</u> Delcalzo-Berens provided an overview of the Needs Assessment purpose and goals and invited any interested parties to the next meeting which will follow the January CAB meeting in one week. She also asked for recommended topics for Needs Assessment review.</p> <p>Wilson reported that his Medicaid lapsed for one month so he lost coverage for January. While his insurance will be restored in February, he lost access to Logisticare and medications making it difficult to maintain his current treatment plan.</p>



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	<p>Roman reported that he sees a greater need for transitional housing for people with HIV. The committee discussed this topic for several minutes. New resources were identified including the HIV/STD hotline which is now placing homeless people living with HIV in shelter or housing within two hours of their call and Project Nest which provides two years of transitional housing in a structured environment with the goal of obtaining permanent housing by program exit. Ferrigno reported that there will also be a new women’s home for victims of childhood trauma or intimate partner violence. Barriers were identified such as lack of documentation, a lack of willingness of the consumers to relocate, restriction on age to youth, restriction on population type such as MSM (men who have sex with men) only or restriction on gender (men’s vs. women’s services).</p> <p>Benton reported that she recently had an issue where she was hospitalized and then released to a nursing home for a lengthy period, during which time her housing and other areas of her life became unstable. She identified transitioning to life after nursing or hospice care to be a barrier that should be reviewed.</p> <p>Delcalzo-Berens will bring all of these topics to the Needs Assessment Subcommittee.</p> <p><u>Web Presence Workgroup</u>: No update.</p>
<b>Member Orientation</b>	Delcalzo-Berens distributed orientation packets prepared by Morris County Department of Human Services and reviewed the contents. Materials reviewed include: Advisory Committee Bylaws; Advisory Committee FACT Sheet; Make Your Voice Heard Information Sheet; Morris County Department of Human Services hierarchy chart; Conflict of Interest Policy; Community Engagement and Member Retention Program; Meeting Schedule for 2018.
<b>Announcements</b>	Moore reported that Walgreens sponsored the lunch for today’s Lunch and Learn.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm with a motion by Martins and second by Moore.

#### 4 RESOLUTIONS

None.