

## HIV Advisory Committee/Tri County EIRC Meeting Summary

### Meeting Information

<b>Location</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8227272164">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8227272164</a>	<b>Date</b>	10/20/2020
<b>Start Time</b>	11:00 AM	<b>End Time</b>	12:37 PM

### Attendance

#### Members

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Barron	Edward	Consumer, EDGE NJ
D'Egidio	Ashlee	Case Manager, Hope House
Delcalzo-Berens	Allison	Morristown Medical Center
Guaman	Tania	Newark EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council
Martins	Kelly	Social Services Manager, EDGE NJ
Otaegui	Stephanie	Senior Care Manager, Hope House
Ruge	Oscar	Zufall Medical Center
Walker	Sarah	Program Director, Zufall Medical Center

#### Guests

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Brown	Summer	PrEP Counselor, Morristown Medical Center
Caneario	Ann	MCOHA
Gomez	Osiel	EDGE NJ
Gudino	Lisette	MCOHA
Smith	Matthew	Intern, EDGE NJ
Taylor	Rachel	Intern, EDGE NJ

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<b>Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs: Lisette/Ann</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCOHA, provide services to the Morris County community from our easily accessible locations in Dover, Morristown, and Butler. MCOHA services are for everyone, regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, national origin, ability or disability, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law.</li> <li>MCOHA Provides the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Outreach</li> <li>Transportation Services</li> <li>Educational Services</li> <li>Home Energy Assistance Program</li> <li>Weatherization Program</li> <li>Assist those who are seeking to become legal U.S. residents through our Center for Citizenship and Legal Immigration (CCLI).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Justice for all: advocate for children and their families to ensure their human rights are protected. Assist families within community to meet their needs.</li> <li>For more information please call the main office at: 973-366-4700</li> </ul>
<b>July 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Approval: Delcalzo-Berens</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting minutes were approved by Edward Barron, Kelly Martins, Stephanie Otaegui, Summer Brown, Sarah Walker.</li> </ul>

**Leadership Committee: Delcalzo-Berens and Martins****Website:**

- Delcalzo-Berens shared the updated MSW webpage, currently a work in progress. Delcalzo-Berens welcomed suggestions and feedback from the group participants. D'Egidio would like to include agency's monthly calendars and events. Ruge suggested including a community page for certain and prospect consumers to view for nearby providers, services provided, HIV+ care and treatment information.

**Bylaws:**

- Delcalzo-Berens introduces a conversation to review and amend the certain MSW Advisory Board bylaws. Discussion was had regarding keeping it a tri-county community or restricting it to Morris County only due to lack of involvement from Sussex and Warren County. If the committee remains a tri-county committee Delcalzo-Berens suggested engaging again with Sussex and Warren providers to determine if their interested in actively participating. Delcalzo-Berens is currently seeking volunteers to assist on this project and outreach.

**Needs Assessment:**

- Martins, presented an update with the mini-needs assessment regarding telehealth and sexual health activity during COVID. Guaman, announced that NEMA will be conducting a similar telehealth survey and will meet on 11/15/20 to finalize the questions asked. Martins stated that the drafted questions looked similar to those that were created by the HIV+ Sub-Committee but did not address sexual activity and exposure to STI and HIV. Ruge echoed comments made by Martins and agreed, stating that since the start of the pandemic he has noticed an increase in STI and HIV patients seen at Zufall.
- Guaman, encouraged any group participants to join the next meeting on 11/15/20 to advocate for sexual health questions.
- Summer Brown, announced that she already participates on this committee and will draft specific questions to present for the meeting.
- The HIV+ Sub-Committee will meet on 10/27 at 11:00 AM via Zoom to finalize the mini assessment and brainstorm best approach for Brown to present these questions on 11/15.
- Ruge volunteered to chair the Needs Assessment for 2021.

**Nominations:**

- Kelly is nominated for vice chair, Allison is nominated for chair of 2021. Other people can nominate themselves if they so desire. Opportunity to learn and give leadership experience and do needs assessment for 2021.

**Meeting Calendar:**

- Delcalzo-Berens went over 2021 meeting dates. All meetings will continue being presented virtually via Zoom.
- Discussion was had regarding continue providing lunch and learns. Due to the nature of social distancing Ruge and Martins discussed the possibility of hosting small in-person gatherings of clients/consumers (no more than 6) and provide individual lunches. Providing an online component to those who do not feel comfortable would continue being an option.
- The presence of food changes social distancing measures. Delcalzo-Berens advised to table the discussion of lunch and learns until our next meeting to determine the state of the pandemic.

**Community Action Board: Delcalzo-Berens**

- Walker, Martins and Delcalzo-Berens presented a new initiative to engage consumers to participate in CAB. Delcalzo-Berens presented a concept of hosting virtual cohorts of no more than 6 people per group. Potential for in-person meetings with social distancing and mask requirements. Once the consumers complete the 12-week curriculum each consumer will receive a certification of completion. Walker and Delcalzo-Berens encourage any member or group participants to reach out if they have any further suggestions.

**Announcements: Delcalzo-Berens**

- Barron announced that the final two days of HIV+ and Aging meeting is taking place the following two Wednesdays at 1:30pm. This week's is on HIV+ and COVID. The following week is an overall panel discussion.
- Information to join below: dial in 650-429-3300 password 630-469-337#  
[Rutgers.webex.com/meet/geri](https://Rutgers.webex.com/meet/geri)
- Martins reported that EDGE has launched a new Transmasculine and Gender Non-Binary Support Group via Zoom. This group is every Wednesday evening from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Martins also stated that EDGE NJ has

returned to the office and are meeting with clients by appointment only. has new support groups, beginning new group for trans men. Groups all virtual. Operating in person by appointment only.

- Ruge announced that the the Zufall Somerset maternal recovery support program has launched to help mothers with substance abuse starting. The program offers case management and therapy.
- Walker stated that Zufall has received a grant to conduct flu vaccine clinics. In addition, the clinic has added additional pop-sites in their mobile van to conduct COVID, flu and HIV+ testing.
- D'Egidio, shared that their support groups have been seeing good attendance and are going very well. She shared that World AIDS day in works and will reach out with more information.
- Gomez stated that on 11/1/2020 from 2pm to 4 pm EDGE NJ will be hosting youth drop in hours for youth aged 14 to 24.
- Guaman shared that NEMA in the progress on their needs assessment and encouraged everyone to reach out if they had any comments or concerns. NEMA Planning Council webpage:  
<https://www.nemaplanningcouncil.org/>
- Delcalzo-Berens shared that Jackie Cruz has left Family Health Center and took another position in Overlook.

#### **Adjourn**

Next meeting at December 15th @ 11AM