

HIV Advisory Committee/Tri County EIRC Meeting Summary

Meeting Information

Location	Web-based meeting	Date	12/15/2020
Start Time	11:00 AM	End Time	12:25 PM

Attendance

Members

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Barron	Edward	Community Member
Carter	Shelia	Morris County Department of Human Services
D'Egidio	Ashlee	Hope House
Delcalzo-Berens	Allison	Morristown Medical Center
Saguay	Vicky	Newark EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council
Martins	Kelly	EDGE NJ
McGee-Avila	Jennifer	Northeast/Caribbean AETC
Otaegui	Stephanie	Hope House
Ruge	Oscar	Zufall Health Center
Walker	Sarah	Zufall Health Center
Westington	Steve	Community Member

Guests

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Avila	Jose	Zufall Health Center
Calabuig	Karina	Hope House
Gomez	Osiel	EDGE NJ
Mendoza	Pamela	Hope House
Whiting	Chelsea	Morris County SherriFF's Office

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Hope Hub
Whiting provided a presentation on the SherriFF's Office's new initiative of the Hope Hub wherein a group of providers regularly meets to discuss individual needs on a case-by-case basis to offer solutions to high risk, vulnerable residents. Slides, flyer, contact information and video link to accompany meeting minutes.
October 20, 2020 Meeting Summary
No edits were proposed. Meeting summary approved as distributed.
Introductions and Announcements
<p><u>Edge</u>: Martins reported that EDGE is partnering with legal alliance</p> <p><u>Hope House</u>: D'Egidio announced that support groups continue by appointment</p> <p><u>Zufall</u>: Avila reported that Zufall is still fully operational and are offering COVID testing at all sites as well as off-site</p> <p><u>Family Health Center</u>: Delcalzo-Berens announced that Summer Brown has filled the vacant Medical Case Manager position, leaving the PrEP Counselor position vacant. The FHC is hiring a prevention counselor.</p> <p><u>Human Services</u>: Carter announced that the county is moving forward with COVID funding planning</p> <p><u>AETC</u>: McGee-Avila announced that a triple threat conference is being planned for late January. More information will follow.</p> <p><u>Planning Council</u>: Saguy announced that the CPC has been working on the integrated health plan, planning council membership applications are available on the NEMA webpage and the planning council will be producing videos of consumers who have participated on the committee.</p>

Legal Services: Saltzman announced that LSNWJ continues to watch the courts to see when they will reopen, particularly for landlord tenant court and continues to provide the same services as always, remotely.

HIV Planning Group: Barron announced that the committee has had presentations on epidemiological data which shows that in our region, people who identify as Hispanic or Latinx are affected the most by HIV. Barron also asked for feedback from consumers on HIV and aging.

Subcommittees

Steering Committee: Delcalzo-Berens announced that the goals for 2021 include organizing the committee structure and creating a succession plan. She introduced the new chairs of each committee and explained that the steering committee will be responsible for determining the direction of the committee work. She also noted that all members of the Advisory Committee will be asked to join a subcommittee starting in January.

Executive Committee: Martins described the goal of the Executive Committee is to create a system so that all work flows and there is high accountability on all members.

Community Action Board: Walker and Barron shared their vision that the CAB is run by people in the community and will focus on the actions the community wants

Provider Committee: Martins introduced Mendoza as the new chair of the provider committee starting in 2021.

Needs Assessment Committee: Martins announced that the mini needs assessment will be launched by the end of the month and that Ruge will be taking over the needs assessment committee as chair in 2021.

Barron mentioned that STI rates are increasing in Morris County and that 8% of people living with HIV are not virally suppressed. He asked that the committees review barriers as part of their work in 2021.

Meeting Calendar

Delcalzo-Berens recommended a meeting day/time change to Monday afternoons at 1:00. The committee voted in favor of changing the meeting time for 2021.

Delcalzo-Berens presented nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021. Delcalzo-Berens nominated for Chair; Martins nominated for Vice-Chair. The committee voted in favor of both nominations for 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.