



Karen Walker & Ray Welsh, Co-Chairs

Bergen/Passaic TGA Planning Council Monthly Meeting

MEETING MINUETS

Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 11:30 – 2:00 pm

Meeting via Zoom Teleconference

ATTENDANCE

Planning Council Members		Planning Council Members		Recipient Staff		Support Staff
David Adams	P	Ivonne Malave	O	Milagros Izquierdo	P	Thomas Schucker
Anjettica Boatwright	O	Ana Munoz	P			Deryk Jackson
Patti Cuffe	P	Jessica Obara	P			
Jerry C. Dillard	P	Gloria Price	P			
Dorris Ezomo	O	Freddy Rodriguez	O			
Graziella Ferreira	P	Paula Tenebruso	P			
Gabrielle Ferrigno	P	Miriam Torres	P			
Jeff Friedman	O	Karen Walker	P			
Andriana Herrera	P	Ray Welsh	P			
Eddie Johnson	O	Alma Yee	P			
Nick Kubisky	P					
P= Present L= Late A= Alternate Absent = O						
Guests: 11						

AGENDA

Item	Discussion, Motions, and Actions
I. <u>Moment of Silence</u>	Karen Walker called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A moment of silence was observed for those affected by HIV.
II. <u>Welcome by the Chair</u>	Karen Walker welcomed the Commissioners, guests, and the public. The Reading of the Bergen-Passaic TGA Mission Statement, and Open Public Meeting Statement followed.
III. <u>Roll Call</u>	Support staff took roll call.
IV. <u>Public Comments</u>	
V. <u>Review & Approval of Minutes</u>	A motion to approve the March 2, 2021 Minutes was made by Ray Welsh and seconded by Paula Tenebruso. For: (14) Adams, Cuffe, Dillard, Ferreira, Herrera, Kubisky, Munoz, Obara, Price, Tenebruso, Torres, Walker, Welsh, Yee Against: (0) Abstain: (1) Ferigno
VI. <u>Report of the Chair</u>	
a. Chair's Report	There were no updates from the chair at this time.

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b. New Jersey HIV Planning Group (NJHPG) Update	The NJHPG is preparing for their annual day events: Gay Men's Awareness Day, HIV & Aging, Trans Awareness Day. More information will follow. The State HIV Director will be adding an EtHE report to the NJHPG agenda.	
VII. Recipient's Report	<p>The recipient has received the final award from the HRSA office. There was an overall reduction in funding due to the decline of HIV/AIDS incidence and prevalence in the TGA.</p> <p>The recipient also stressed that agencies have not been invoicing on time which is creating a barrier in getting accurate expenditure rates in the TGA. She will be working with her staff and the agencies to ensure those expenses get in and are accounted for.</p>	
VIII. Business Items		
a. Review Steering Committee PCAT	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive reports of standing committees • Program updates and collaboration with the Recipient's office • Review and resolve parking lot items • Approval of new Planning Council Members • Receive award from HRSA/HAB for grant year. Review and approve final allocations based on actual award amount.
b. Planning & Development Committee (P&D) Report	<p>Needs Assessment – The committee reviewed a high-level overview of the Needs Assessment Data that was collected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical Care and Case Management were ranked highest in keeping consumes virally suppressed ○ 13% of participants do not plan on getting the COVID-19 vaccine ○ 55% know where to go to get the vaccine when available ○ Food has been reported a hard service to get due to COVID-19 <p>PSRA – The committee is beginning to plan for the 2022-23 PSRA process. It will be virtual, and a two-day process where data packets will be mailed out physically to all the commissioners.</p>	
c. Community Development Committee (CDC)	<p>Community Development-</p> <p>Mark Benge Awards – Support Staff sent out the Mark Benge nominations forms to the council. Nominations were reviewed at the Ad Hoc committee meeting on March 23rd.</p> <p>The committee plans to recognize the winners with the write-up that was submitted and presenting them with a downloadable certificate until we are able to meet in person. They will be invited to the PC dinner once we are able to meet back in person.</p>	

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	<p><i>Town Hall Meetings for Input into the PSRA Process</i> – the committee discussed holding a virtual Town Hall meeting for community input into the Planning Process. It will also serve as an educational moment and let members of the community know what Ryan White is and what does it look like in the community and ask consumers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What services are you needing? • What is not working (service-wise)? • Tell us your concerns. <p>The committee will work with the recipient's office to get each organization to possibly submit 2-3 slides about their agency on what services they provide and how to contact them.</p> <p>A motion from the CDC committee was brought to adopt the Internet Reimbursement Policy for commissioners who are unaligned consumers.</p> <p>VOTE: All in Favor</p>
d. DHSTS Report (Inclusive of Part B)	Not a lot of updates. A lot of moving pieces are happening within the EtHE division. There are a lot of RFA's coming down from the state for both HIV care and prevention.
IX. <u>New Business</u>	
X. <u>Planning Council Training</u>	John Sapero from Collaborative Research provided a training and update on EtHE initiatives that he is spearheading with TGA's and EMA's Nationally.
XI. <u>Planning Council Evaluations</u>	PC evaluations were done via e2 polls and were also sent out via SurveyMonkey.
XII. <u>Announcements</u>	<p>Ric Miles announced that Buddies NJ is conducting an AIDS walk in Hackensack on May 2nd.</p> <p>Paula Tenebruso announced Icare Pharmacy in Patterson expects to get more COVID vaccines for anyone looking to get vaccinated.</p> <p>Deanne Hackett announced that Jersey College is working with the Heart Association on collecting donations.</p>
XIII. <u>Public Comments</u>	
XIV. <u>Adjournment</u>	The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

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Name of Commissioner	5/5/2020	6/2/2020	7/9/2020	8/11/2020	9/1/2020	10/6/2020	11/10/2020	12/1/2020	1/5/2021	2/2/2021	3/2/2021	4/6/2021
1. Adams, David	O	O	O	P	P	P	P	P	O	P	P	P
2. Boatwright, Anjettica	P	P	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	O	P	O
3. Cuffe, Patti	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
4. Dillard, Jerry C.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5. Ezomo, Dorris	P	P	P	O	O	O	P	P	O	O	P	O
6. Ferreira, Graziella	P	P	P	O	P	P	O	P	P	P	P	P
7. Ferrigno, Gabrielle	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	O	P
8. Friedman, Jeff	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
9. Herrera, Andriana	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	O	P	P
10. Johnson, Eddie	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
11. Kubisky, Nick	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	O	P	P
12. Malave, Ivonne	P	P	P	P	O	P	P	O	P	O	P	O
13. Munoz, Ana	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	P	P	O	P	P
14. Obara, Jessica	P	P	P	O	P	P	O	P	P	O	P	P
15. Price, Gloria	P	P	P	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	P	P
16. Rodriguez, Freddy.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
17. Tenebruso, Paula	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
18. Torres, Miriam	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	O	P	P
19. Walker, Karen	P	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
20. Welsh, Ray	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	O	P	P	P
21. Yee, Alma	P	P	P	O	P	P	O	P	O	P	P	P
Members Present	18	18	18	13	16	16	14	17	14	10	17	15
Alternates Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recipient's Office	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Public/Guests	4	3	3	4	3	3	6	12	7	7	9	9
Support Staff	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2

Key: Present (P), Late (L), Alternate (A), Absent (O)

*Alternate was present at time of roll call. Commissioner arrived afterward.

**Resignation received on this day.

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