



Karen Walker & Ray Welsh, Co-Chairs

Bergen/Passaic TGA Planning Council Monthly Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 1, 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	O	Thomas Schucker
Anjettica Boatwright	P	Ana Munoz	P			Deryk Jackson
Patti Cuffe	P	Jessica Obara	O			
Jerry C. Dillard	P	Gloria Price	P			
Dorris Ezomo	O	Freddy Rodriguez	O			
Graziella Ferreira	P	Paula Tenebruso	O			
Gabrielle Ferrigno	O	Miriam Torres	P			
Jeff Friedman	P	Karen Walker	P			
Andriana Herrera	P	Ray Welsh	P			
Eddie Johnson	O	Alma Yee	O			
Nick Kubisky	O					
P= Present L= Late A= Alternate Absent = O						
Guests: 10						

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>	No public comments at this time.
V. <u>Review & Approval of Minutes</u>	A motion to approve May 4, 2021, Minutes was made by Anjettica Boatwright and seconded by Ray Welsh. For: (9) Boatwright, Cuffe, Dillard, Ferreira, Munoz, Price, Torres, Walker, Welsh Against: (0) Abstain: (3) Adams, Friedman, Herrera
VI. <u>Report of the Chair</u>	
a. Chair's Report	The Chair announced to the council that the Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism will be sent out to sub-recipients.

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	<p>The steering committee was looking at a timeline for the council to go back to meeting in person. The suggested date was September 2021. The committee is also planning to hold meetings where those who are comfortable can join in person and those who are not will still be able to join via ZOOM, all while still adhering to any social distancing guidelines issued by the governor.</p>	
b. New Jersey HIV Planning Group (NJHPG) Update	<p>The End the Epidemic Plan is still awaiting approval from the governor. The committees are continuing to work on their “Days of Learning”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transgender Days of Learning- to take place during the month of August on Wednesdays for an hour and a half. • Gay Men’s Awareness – to take place during the month of September starting on Wednesdays after Labor Day. • Aging with HIV – to take place during the month of October on Wednesdays for an hour and a half. 	
VII. Recipient’s Report	No report was given at this time.	
VIII. Business Items		
a. Review Steering Committee PCAT	May	<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
b. Planning & Development Committee (P&D) Report	<p>The committee had a discussion and raised concerns about the TGA’s continuum of care. CD4 and viral loads are still not being captured in the e2 system. This issue will be moving to Quality Management. Something that is coming down the line- subrecipients may not be reimbursed for clients that they have reportedly seen if there is no CD4 and Viral Load input into the E2 system.</p> <p>Needs Assessment – The committee reviewed the complete data from the Needs Assessment and has requested the data to be broken up by race, insurance status, and age.</p>	
c. Community Development Committee (CDC)	<p>The Community Development did not have a full quorum on the May 13th meeting so there was no official business that took place.</p> <p>The Committee had a brief discussion about the Consumer Forum that was to take place in June. Due to very low pre-registration numbers, the community forum will be pushed back until further notice.</p> <p>There will be a second part of the Mark Benge Awards on the June 1st Planning Council meeting to honor a recipient who was unable to make</p>	

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	<p>the May PC meeting. Vice-Chair, Ray Welsh, presented the award to Donnalee Corrieri.</p> <p><i>"This next nominee has over the last four years doubled down on 35 years of commitment to people living with HIV in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Never claiming individual credit, Donnalee always is pointing to her team and unwavering support of Deb Visconi, the hospital's president. With her push... NBMC has transformed a one day per week clinic to 5 days per week and has increased its capacity to treat people living with HIV with four infectious disease physicians.</i></p> <p><i>As Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations, Donnalee, has made it a priority to support, be present at and contribute at a higher level than any other area hospital to the NJ AIDS WALK. She enables NBMC to be an ally and an unnamed partner at the Ending the Epidemic in NJ. Donna is making sure they are present even when other things may take precedent. It was Donna along with the COVID-19 test and vaccinations who created and pushed for an Equity and Inclusion team to make sure that Seniors, People of Color, & People of LGBTQIA would have equal access to vaccination appointments in Bergen County.</i></p> <p><i>Since the 1980's this hospital has served hundreds of PLWHA. Donnalee in the last eight years that I know her... has broadened her commitment. This commitment does not end PLWHAs, but to people in vulnerable positions... primarily people who are indigent, under served, and/or uninsurable. She helped lead the transition from Bergen Regional to NBMC without forgetting for whom they are here. There was a built collaborative with a clinical staff from Rutgers's NJ, Care Plus Mental Health and Integrity House to combat the state's opioid epidemic. Helping people with mental health and treating substance use disorder is another commitment in their leadership.</i></p> <p><i>Donnalee, along with unwavering support of Deb Visconi, has put a lot of effort into gathering data and capacity, which has begun to serve the LGBTQIA population in a way that no other area hospital has been able. Donnalee, makes it a priority to support, be present at and contribute to the HIV Community by enabling space and provides food so that our planning council can meet 3-4 times annually. She makes sure that we are invited and part of civic engagement i.e., pride celebrations, concerts, annual World AIDS Day Celebrations, Prisoner Re-Entry Programming, Housing for the Aging and more...</i></p> <p><i>There is much, much more that can be said about her Depth in Communications, Operations, Diversity, Equity. Her master's in healthcare administration only qualifies her for the job she has. But her drive and her</i></p>

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	<i>heart is what enables it to be seen in the light. I am proud to nominate and present a 2020 Mark Benge Award to Donna Lee Corrieri"</i>
d. DHSTS Report (Inclusive of Part B)	<p>DHSTS representative, Gabrielle Ferrigno, was not unable to make this planning council meeting. However, she relayed this message "Please let everyone know if they have any questions for me to please reach out at gabrielle.ferrigno@doh.nj.gov. As far as updates, just make sure they are aware of everything needed for the upcoming state RFA and if they have any questions, please reach out to their PMO (or me if they don't get a response)."</p> <p>Also – those programs that are already currently funded needed to submit their renewal applications or partial award application which was due on May 28th which provided the first quarter of funding. Subsequently, for the upcoming application which will cover the balance of the year, there is going to be a request for applications. Those applications will be coming out June 24th with a due date of August 5th for HIV prevention and care. They will be looking for new and innovative ideas that address the four pillars of Ending the Epidemic.</p>
IX. <u>New Business</u>	No new business at this time.
X. <u>Planning Council Training</u>	Support Staff presented a presentation on the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) process in preparation for the upcoming 2022 PSRA workshop. The training gave an overview of the role of the Planning Council during this process.
XI. <u>Planning Council Evaluations</u>	Planning council evaluations were conducted via e2 polls during the last part of the meeting and feedback was reviewed. Notably, out of the 12 responses captured, 8 said they would feel comfortable returning to meeting in person. Concerns were raised on meeting spaces in conjunction with social distancing guidelines. Another concern raised was on the topic of food: how it would be distributed and how it would be consumed in a meeting space.
XII. <u>Announcements</u>	Ray Welsh announced the Pride Flag Raising event happening on Wednesday, June 2.
XIII. <u>Public Comments</u>	There were none.
XIV. <u>Adjournment</u>	Anjettica Boatwright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was properly seconded by David Adams. The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.

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