

Ric Miles- Chair & Bre Azanedo – Vice Chair

**Bergen/Passaic TGA PSRA Workshop Day 1 Meeting**

**MEETING Minutes**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

11:00am – 4:00pm

Crossroads Ministry

511 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Paterson, New Jersey 07514

**ATTENDANCE**

Planning Council Commissioners	Present/Absent	At Large Members	Present/Absent
Bre Azanedo	A	Jerry Dillard	A
Anjettica Boatwright	P	Graziela Ferreira	A
Abraham Corsino	P	Shametra Hall	A
Manuel Delgado	P	Gloria Price	A
Doris Ezomo	P	Paula Tenebruso	A
Thaisha Gonzalez	P	Miriam Torres	A
Sara Grajeda	A	Karen Walker	A
Deeanne Hackett	P	Ray Welsh	p
Michelle Harvey	P		
Edward Marshall	P		
Ric Miles	P	<b>GUESTS</b>	
Robert Schaffer	A	Jennete Rodriguez	Wendy Henderson
Marc Scott	P	Mary Gomez	Donna Giofre
Dan Smith	P	Jeffery Waters	June Burton
Monique Springer	A	Jerry Waters	
<b>PC Support Staff</b>		<b>Recipient Staff</b>	
Thomas Rodriguez-Schucker	P	Milagros Izquierdo	P
Tatum Townsend	P	Phillip Velazquez	A
		Maricela Marin	P

- Moment of Silence** – Ric called the meeting to order and began the meeting with a moment of silent reflection in observance of those with HIV.
- Welcome to the Chair** – Ric welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Roll Call** - Support Staff took a roll call of members and established a quorum for the meeting.
- Public Comments and Emerging Trends**
  - There were several comments regarding the areas of Ryan White funding that are going to be reduced or cut entirely. People were urged to write letter and make call to their local representatives in Washington.

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**5. Priority Setting and Resource Allocations (PSRA) Training and Data Review**

This began with training of the Priority Setting and Resource Allocations Process for GY 26/27. Staff outlined the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Council, including data analysis, service ranking, and coordination with the mayor as the Chief Elected Official. The discussion covered the importance of maintaining current service levels due to limited funding, the need for a waiver to adjust the 75/25 split between core and support services, and the Planning Council's role in service coordination and administrative efficiency assessment. Staff emphasized the significance of the PCAT (Planning Council Activity Timeline) in determining operations and preparing for an upcoming HRSA site visit.

Staff explained the process of creating a final report by multiplying the weight given to data sources with their responses, resulting in a prioritized list of 1 through 28. They emphasized that each TGA would create its own unique list based on local data and priorities, and discussed the resource allocation process, noting that at least 75% of funding must go to core medical services. Staff also covered the definition of early intervention services under Ryan White Part A, highlighting that these services must include targeted HIV testing, which cannot be funded directly under Part A but must be linked to a testing program funded elsewhere.

Staff discussed the components of a referral service, including targeted outreach and coordination with testing sites. They emphasized the importance of identifying underserved populations and working with testing sites to ensure proper follow-up care. They explained the role of rapid response teams and case management in linking individuals to HIV care and treatment. They concluded by highlighting the need for health education and risk reduction services, including counseling on safe practices to prevent HIV and other STIs.

Staff guided participants through evaluating different datasets, including a 2021 needs assessment and service utilization data from 2021-2025. The group decided to use two recent years of service utilization data (2024-25 and 2023-24) as the most reliable sources, rating them as "1" for importance. They also discussed the limitations of older data, particularly from 2021, due to its age and lower response rates. The team agreed to separate demographic data rather than using aggregate data to better represent different populations' needs. Staff emphasized that while some services like outpatient ambulatory care were highly ranked, funding decisions would also consider budget constraints and the ability to serve more people with limited resources.

Anjettica Boatwright made a motion to approve the priorities as shown below and Marc Scott seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

**For (11)** Boatwright, Corsino, Delgado, Ezomo, Gonzalez, Hackett, Harvey, Marshall, Miles, Scott Smith

**Against (0)**

**Abstain (0)**

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Service Category	2026 Ranking
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services	1
Non-Medical Case Management Services	2
Medical Case Management	3
Health Education / Risk Reduction	4
Food Bank / Home Delivered Meals	5
Oral Health Care	6
Mental Health Services	7
Medical Transportation	8
Early Intervention Services	9
Other Professional Services: Legal Services & Permanency Planning	10
Psychosocial Support Services	11
Substance Abuse Services-Outpatient	12
Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance	13
Housing Services	14
Medical Nutrition Therapy	15
Emergency Financial Assistance	16
Outreach Services	17
Child Care Services	18
AIDS Drug Assistance Program	19
AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance - Local	20
Home and Community-Based Health Services	21
Home Health Care	22
Hospice Services	23
Linguistic Services	24
Referral for Health Care and Supportive Services	25
Rehabilitation Services	26
Respite Care	27
Substance Abuse Services - Residential	28

Staff lead a discussion on oral healthcare services and funding challenges. They explained that in 2024, no funding was spent as another payer had already covered services, but there were unmet needs reported by clients. The team is working to secure insurance for preventative care through Horizon Dental, with a potential meeting scheduled for September 23rd. Thomas discussed previous efforts to provide dental insurance through the city but faced legal restrictions in New Jersey. The group also addressed issues with documentation and compliance, emphasizing the importance of following rules and regulations. They concluded by breaking into smaller groups to discuss questions and concerns about oral healthcare services.

The group was then divided into smaller teams to discuss data components in detail, with staff instructing them to focus on service utilization, budget considerations, and percentage allocations for the next day's resource allocation discussions.



Richard Miles (Feb 13, 2026 12:41:46 EST)

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