

Ric Miles- Chair & Anjettica Boatwright- Vice Chair

Bergen/Passaic TGA Planning Council Annual Meeting

MEETING Minutes

Tuesday, June 6th, 2023, 11:30 – 2:00 pm

Meeting via Zoom Teleconference

ATTENDANCE

Planning Council Members		Planning Council Members		Recipient Staff		Support Staff	
David Adams		Yusuf Lloyd-Bey		Milagros Izquierdo	P	Thomas Schucker	
Anjettica Boatwright	P	Ric Miles	P	Phillip Velazquez		Deryk Jackson	
Jerry C. Dillard	P	Gloria Price	P			Clifford Barnett	
Dorris Ezomo		Freddy Rodriguez				Tatum Townsend	
Graziella Ferreira	P	Paula Tenebruso	P				
Jeff Friedman		Miriam Torres	P				
Peter Gennat	P	Karen Walker	P				
Deeanne Hackett	P	Ray Welsh	P				
Andriana Herrera	P						
P= Present L= Late A= Alternate Absent = O							
Guests: Marie Hill, Abraham Corsino, Shemetra Hall, Michael Valentin, Bre Azenado, Donna Wilson, War Talley							

AGENDA

(1.0) Moment of Silence

- A moment of silence was observed by the chair.

(2.0) Welcome by the chair.

- The chair observed a moment of silence.

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Reading of Open Public Meeting Statement

Open Public Meeting Act Statement– In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, notification of this meeting has been sent to The Record and the Herald News and notices have been posted on the Planning Council webpage at www.bergenpassaic.org. Meeting notices are also posted on the bulletin board at the City of Paterson Grants Management Division- Ryan White/HOPWA Office.

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(3.0) Roll Call

- Roll call was taken, and a quorum established.

(4.0) Public Comments *(Discussion, all matters in this item are information only)*

- There were complaints expressed about the living conditions at one of the facilities for PLWH

(5.0) Review & Approval of Minutes: May 2nd, 2023, meeting *(For possible action)*

- Motion made by Ray and seconded by Anjettica; motion carried.

(6.0) Report of the Chair (For possible action)

- Ric spoke about the project officer's call. The following items were discussed.
 - The enrollment of new commissioners
 - PSRA process
 - Community Forum
- Mark Benge Awards: We are still accepting nominations year-round.

(7.0) Recipient's Report

- Site visit monitoring reports have been sent out.
- Award letters have been sent out.
- They are currently in the process of reviewing the expenditure reports for 2022
- All contracts have been signed as of today and will be emailed back to everyone and over the next week and everyone will be receiving their reimbursement.

Program Updates and collaboration with the Recipients office (Discussion)

- No updates currently. Support Staff continues to collaborate with the recipient's office.

(8.0) Receive award from HRSA/HAB for grant year.

- The award has been received.

(9.0) Business Items (For possible action)

- Review Planning Council Activity Timeline (PCAT)
 - Reviewed the Planning Council Activity Timeline
- Review and resolve parking lot items.
- Planning & Development Committee (P&D) Report
 - Reviewed and approved the minutes for April 13, 2023
 - Reviewed the Planning Council Activity Timeline to ensure compliance in meeting our legislative requirements. All the items on the PCAT were covered during the April meeting.
 - The committee reviewed its PSRA process, framework, and meeting logistics. The committee approved a motion to accept the current PSRA process.
 - The committee reviewed the TGA's Care Continuum data for GY2022.

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- The committee talked about the review of Service Standards and presenting them in plain language. Members of the PC volunteered to help in this endeavor.
- The committee spoke about the past community forum.
 - Where would we like to have the next forum?
 - What information we would like to collect from participants?
 - Determining end goals once forums are complete.
 - How do we address the voices of the consumers?
- Community Development Committee (CDC) Report
 - The CDC committee met for a business meeting on April 13, 2023
 - The committee reviewed the current membership attendance for the current grant year and determined that we should send out a letter to members who have not attended this year.
 - Support staff drafted a letter that was sent to the co-chair to go out to members.
 - It was reported at the time that there was one new application from an unaligned consumer.
 - The committee talked about the vacancy's federal reflectiveness categories:
 - Local Public Health Agencies
 - Hospital Planning Agencies
 - Recipients under subpart II of Part C
 - Representative of the recently (within 3 years) incarcerated.
 - The committee discussed creating a digital new member binder to be utilized by the PC for new members and refresher training.
 - The committee started planning for its day of capacity.
 - Discussed topics and speakers.
 - It has been suggested that we should find a speaker in North Jersey that can reach the young Latino male population.
 - The committee determined the next person to be highlighted in the Commissioner spotlight will be Miriam Torress
- Department of HIV, STD, and TB Services (DHSTS) Report (Inclusive of Part B)
 - The STD intervention grants were due on May 26th.
 - On June 9th the status neutral grants were due.
- New Jersey HIV Planning Group (NJHPG) Update
 - Ric Miles had his interview a week and a half ago and expects an answer by the end of July.
 - It may be a benefit to the planning council to have a representative for NJHPG become a part of the Planning Council
- Approval of new Planning Council members

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(10.0) New Business (for discussion)

- Planning Council Training: Medicaid Unwinding - Phyllis Melendez
 - Restarting Eligibility Renewals
 - Effective April 1st began the process of renewing membership.
 - North Star Principles for Eligibility Unwinding
 - Reviewed the timeline for unwinding.
 - If anyone has any questions, they can call 1-800-701-0710 (TTY 711)
 - Remind members not to share their personal information with anyone who claims to represent NJ Family care or your health plan.
 - Phyllis covered the risks of losing coverage and what they are doing to ensure that they do not lose coverage.
 - Phyllis covered different scenarios related to Medicaid renewals.
 - Stay Covered NJ Toolkit has information for you to print and utilize as desired.
 - Remind clients to respond to any mail that they receive from NJ FamilyCare
 - Applications can be taken over the phone, online and in person.
 - CR staff will share the presentation with the Planning Council for review
- Commissioner Spotlight: Miriam Torres
 - We will work with Miriam for the next meeting.

(11.0) Planning Council Evaluations (Discussion)

- Support staff provided the evaluation link for participants to today's meeting.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BSJDL92>

(12.0) Announcements (Discussion, all matters in this item are informational only)

- War Talley announced that they applied for money for an ending the HIV epidemic campaign. It is set to launch around mid-July so stay tuned.
- Anjettica announced an event for a 4-week session for women living with HIV. She will send the information to CR staff to distribute. The location is virtual. The flyers will go to Planning Council members.
- CAPCO's Together we RISE program will be having a National Testing Day event June 27th and 28th at 89-91 Main Street in Paterson New Jersey
- There will be an event on Thursday in the back of the medical center in the gazebo. It is a LGBTQ Flag raising event. If you are interested reach out to Ray Welsh

(13.0) Public Comments (Discussion, all matters in this item are informational only)

- No public comments currently

(14.0) Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm

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Upcoming Planning Council Meetings:

- Steering Committee – Tuesday, July 11th, 9:30 am – 11:00 am
- Planning Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 11th, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm
- **Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Meeting – Thursday, July 13th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

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Name of Commissioner	3/2023	4/2023	5/2023	6/2023	7/2023	8/2023	9/2023	10/2023	11/2023	12/2023	1/2024	2/2024
1. Adams, David	P	O	O	O								
2. Boatwright, Anjettica	P	P	P	P								
3. Dillard, Jerry C.	P	P	P	P								
4. Ezomo, Dorris	P	P	P	P								
5. Ferreira, Graziella	P	O	P	P								
6. Friedman, Jeff	O	O	O	O								
7. Gennat, Peter	P	P	P	P								
8. Hackett, Deeanne	P	P	P	P								
9. Herrera, Andriana	O	O	O	P								
10. Lloyd-Bey, Yusuf	O	P	P	O								
11. Miles, Ric	P	P	P	P								
12. Price, Gloria	P	P	P	P								
13. Rodriguez, Freddy.	O	O	O	O								
14. Tenebruso, Paula	P	P	P	P								
15. Torres, Miriam	P	P	P	P								
16. Walker, Karen	P	P	P	P								
17. Welsh, Ray	P	P	P	P								
Members Present	13	12	12	13								
Alternates Present	0	0	0	1								
Recipient's Office	0	0	1	2								
Public/Guests	7	7	20	7								
Support Staff	2	3	3	4								

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

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

**Resignation received on this day.

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