

Ric Miles- Chair & Bre Azanedo – Vice Chair

Bergen/Passaic TGA PSRA Workshop Day 2 Meeting

MEETING Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

11:00am – 4:00pm

Crossroads Ministry

511 East 22nd 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	P
Sara Grajeda	A	Karen Walker	P
Deeanne Hackett	P	Ray Welsh	P
Michelle Harvey	P		
Edward Marshall	P		
Ric Miles	P	GUESTS	
Robert Schaffer	P	Jennete Rodriguez	Wendy Henderson
Marc Scott	P	Mary Gomez	Donna Giofre
Dan Smith	P	Jeffery Waters	June Burton
Monique Springer	A	Jerry Waters	Shamitra Hall
PC Support Staff		Recipient Staff	
Thomas Rodriguez-Schucker	P	Milagros Izquierdo	P
Tatum Townsend	P	Phillip Velazquez	A
		Maricela Marin	A

- 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**
Staff reminded attendees that they consider the following when making decisions today:
The potential impact of HOPWA being moved to New York and the reduction of 340B services. The transition of HOPWA services to New York was discussed, noting that while there had been previous attempts to move the program, it was now being implemented with a 2026 target date. They clarified that while the City of Paterson would no longer administer HOPWA, the service providers would remain unchanged, though New York's requirements and regulations might differ from those

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in New Jersey. Staff expressed concern about potential changes in service delivery and staffing and confirmed that current service providers would likely continue unchanged for the next 6 months.

Staff discussed medical case management funding and potential changes to Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) services under the current administration. They explained that MAI funding might be at risk due to political changes, suggesting it could be merged into formula supplemental funding if the term "minority" becomes problematic. The group discussed the need for additional funds to maintain current service levels, particularly as medical case managers take on increased responsibilities.

Staff led a discussion on epidemiological trends of newly diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases, noting that in 2023, there were 33 AIDS and 137 HIV incidents. They highlighted that Hispanic/Latino individuals were disproportionately impacted, and males were more affected than females. They emphasized the importance of connecting newly diagnosed individuals to early intervention services (EIS) and discussed the redesign of EIS to better serve Black and brown communities. It was also mentioned that about a third of newly diagnosed individuals in their TGA system received EIS services, which was seen as a positive indicator.

Staff began reviewing and discussing the budget allocations and service delivery trends for various health and social services categories. They presented data on spending across different areas, including health insurance premiums, mental health services, substance use treatment, and food assistance programs, noting that some categories had not been fully utilized in the past, while others showed increased demand. The group discussed potential reasons for changes in service utilization, including staffing changes and billing practices. It was explained that the state was anticipating cuts to Medicaid funding in the future, which could impact service delivery. The conversation ended with a discussion on how to better allocate resources and improve service delivery based on community needs and feedback.

Finally, staff presented the recommended percentages, which were based on maintain and trending data, and explained how the funding would be distributed between core and support services. The group discussed the possibility of losing \$290,000 in NAI funding and considered contingency plans in place to address such changes.

Anjettica Boatwright made a motion to approve the resource allocation percentages as presented and Dan Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

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Service Category	2026/27	2026/27 % Request
Medical Case Management	\$ 800,655	25.0000%
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services	\$ 1,216,996	38.0000%
Oral Health Care	\$ 96,079	3.0000%
Early Intervention Services	\$ 128,105	4.0000%
Health Insurance Premium/CSA	\$ 32,026	1.0000%
Mental Health Services	\$ 128,105	4.0000%
Substance Abuse Services (Outpatient)	\$ 160,131	5.0000%
Referral for Healthcare and Support Services	\$ 320,262	10.0000%
Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals	\$ 96,079	3.0000%
Other Professional Service: Legal Services	\$ 32,026	1.0000%
Medical Transportation	\$ 64,052	2.0000%
Health Education/Risk Reduction	\$ 64,052	2.0000%
Psychosocial Support Services	\$ 64,052	2.0000%
Total Request for Services Formula/Supplemental	\$ 3,202,621	100.0000%
15% Grantee Administration	\$ 565,168	
TOTAL REQUEST FOR FORMULA/SUPPLEMENTAL	\$ 3,767,789	

MAI Service Category	2026/27	2026/27 % Request
Substance Abuse Services (Outpatient)	\$ 116,333	40.00%
Early Intervention Services	\$ 29,083	10.00%
Medical Case Management	\$ 116,333	40.00%
Health Education/Risk Reduction	\$ 29,083	10.00%
Total Request for Services MAI	\$ 290,833	100.0000%
15% Grantee Administration	\$ 51,324	
TOTAL REQUEST FOR MAI	\$ 342,157	

Total Grant Request for Services including MAI	\$ 3,493,454
15% Grantee Administration	\$ 616,492
TOTAL GRANT REQUEST	\$ 4,109,946

77.50%	Core Services	\$ 2,707,513.25
22.50%	Support Services	\$ 785,940.86

A discussion on planning The Day of Capacity Planning Council event on October 7th, where Gilead will provide lunch and there will be other presentations. There is a need to finalize topics of interest and coordinate with service providers for potential demonstrations. The group also talked about the importance of a status-neutral approach in HIV services and the need for advocacy work to support funding. Additionally, they discussed ongoing efforts to improve coordination between providers and reduce paperwork burden through updated systems like eCompass.



Richard Miles (Feb 13, 2026 12:43:25 EST)

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