

# Ryan White EMA Planning Council

New Haven and Fairfield Counties



Brian Kuerze & Ken Teel, Co-Chairs

## Quality Improvement Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Friday, April 12, 2012  
**Start Time:** 12:10 p.m.  
**End Time:** 1:47 p.m.  
**Location:** Burroughs Community Center, Bridgeport, CT  
**Presiding Chair:** Brian Kuerze  
**Recorder:** Tracy Kulik

### Summary of Committee Business Votes

A motion to approve the March 2, 2012 Quality Improvement Committee minutes was made by Chris Romanik and seconded by Ken Teel. This passed with 5 for, 0 against and 1 abstention - detail in Minutes. A second motion to approve the QI-related section of the 2012-2015 Comprehensive Plan, the Care Goals, was made by Beverly Leach and seconded by Ronald Lee. This passed with 6 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

**Council Member Assignments** – Finalize the 2012-2015 Care Goals in the Comprehensive Plan and review the Core funded Standards of Care

**Staff Member Assignments** – To take minutes and provide insight into the Care Goals, Core Standards.

### Attendance Record – 2012

	Council Member	1/6	2/3	3/2	4/12	5/4	6/8	7/6	8/3	9/7	10/5	11/2	12/7
1.	Ric Browne	Y	Y	Y									
2.	Kenneth Cousar												
3.	Michael Contreras												
4.	Brian Datcher	Y	Y	Y									
5.	Adaline DeMarrais												
6.	Heidi Jenkins												
7.	Tom Kidder	Y	Y	Y	Y								
8.	Brian Kuerze <b>Co-Chair</b>		Y		Y								
9.	<i>Beverly Leach PC Co-Chair</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y								
10.	Ronald Lee				Y								
11.	Andrew Lyons				Y								
12.	<i>Leif Mitchell PC Co-Chair</i>	Y	Y	Y									
13.	Caesar Moffett, Jr.												
14.	Ken Teel <b>Co-Chair</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y								
15.	Joanne Montgomery	Y		Y									
16.	Cedric Reid												
17.	Christine Romanik		Exc	Y	Y								
18.	Gabrielle Rosa												
19.	Robert Sideleau												
20.	Roberta Stewart												
21.	Dennis Torres												
	Ryan White Office	Y	Y		Y								
	Planning Council Staff	Y	Y	Y	Y								
	% of Council present:	35%	40%	40%	35%								

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**(1.0) Moment of Silence**

Brian Kuerze called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of all who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

**(2.0) Welcome and Introduction**

All participants introduced themselves.

**(3.0) Co-Chair Announcements**

Brian Kuerze reviewed today's agenda and the PCAT with the committee.

**(4.0) Approval of March 2, 2012 QI Meeting Summary**

**MOTION 1:** A motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2012 QI Committee was made by Chris Romanik and seconded by Ken Teel.

For: 5 (Ken Teel, Beverly Leach, Chris Romanik, Ronald Lee, Andrew Lyons)

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 (Brian Kuerze)

**(5.0) New Business/Old Business**

**a. Review PCAT**

**b. Review Core funded (Clinical) Standards of Care**

The Standards of Care for the seven core funded (clinical) services were reviewed.

These include:

- i. Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Care
- ii. Medical Case Management
- iii. Oral Health
- iv. Mental Health
- v. Substance Abuse
- vi. Health Insurance Program/Cost Sharing Assistance
- vii. Early Intervention Services

The majority of discussion concerned revisions and more specificity for the Early Intervention Services or EIS Standard, with integration of some elements of the prior Outreach Standard of Care to reflect HRSA's mandate that this service combine outreach to re-engage Out of Care in addition to identifying, testing, referring and linking individuals at high risk of HIV positivity to HIV medical care.

The Ryan White Office informed the group following extensive revisions that a third EIS Summit will be held on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, with updated presentations by the five regions.

The Committee decided to postpone approval of the Standards until the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting when all services will be reviewed (including the five support services) and information will be available about the findings of the EIS Summit.

**c. Review and Approve 2012 Care Goals**

**Discussion:** The committee updated the QI Plan with the decision to focus on three (3) Care Goals which comprise the care goals for the 2012-2015 Comprehensive Strategic Plan for the EMA.



## 2012 Care Goals (per 2012-2015 Comprehensive Strategic Plan)

**(1) Continue to maintain Standard of Care Compliance** (integrated US Public Health Service guidelines, compliance with statewide, professional society standards) – Core at 96%, Support at 97% as measured by Annual Site Visits.

**(2) Meet or exceed National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) Plan:** indicators that respond to four NHAS goals:

*Goal 1:* Reduce the number of people who become infected with HIV (NH baseline in 2011 of 12% decrease for new HIV, 40% for new AIDS as measured by CT DPH; NHAS: 25% HIV/AIDS decrease)

*Goal 2:* Increase access to care and optimizing health outcomes for people living with HIV –

a. Newly Diagnosed: Increase newly diagnosed entering AOMC within 3 months of diagnosis (NH FF EMA Baseline: 83%), NHAS goal: 85%, NH FF EMA goal: 85%

b. Continuous Care: Increase % of PLWHA in 'continuous care' in 2011 as measured by annual site visits. (NH FF EMA is 92% as measured by annual site visits). Improve to 95% in 2012 then 96% in 2013 and 2014, 97% in 2015 (NHAS: 80%)

*Goal 3:* Reduce HIV-related health disparities: Increase % of PLWHA with undetectable viral load. (NH FF EMA: 85.6%), NHAS goal: Increase by 20% (NH FF EMA increased by 18.6% from 2009 to 2010). Target increase by 25% from 2009 to 92%.

*Goal 4:* Increase the number of Ryan White clients with permanent housing (NH FF EMA baseline of 89% as measured by annual site visits in 2011, target of 90% then maintain). NHAS goal of 89%.

**(3) Improve electronic reporting of HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) Performance Measures** (41 in total) – 95% current compliance per annual site visits for 5 AOMC measures, increase to 96% in 2012 and reduce variance of 30% compared to CAREWare.

Beverly Leach moved to approve these Care Goals with a second from Ronald Lee. The motion was approved with 6 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

For: 6 (Beverly Leach, Ronald Lee, Tom Kidder, Chris Romanik, Andrew Lyons, Ken Teel)

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 (Brian Kuerze)

### (6.0) Announcements

Tom Butcher reminded the group that an EIS Summit will be held on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at The Greek Olive in New Haven from noon-4 p.m. Findings of that session will be shared with the QI Committee at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### (7.0) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.