

# Ryan White EMA Planning Council

New Haven and Fairfield Counties



Joanne Montgomery & Lauren Gau, Co-Chairs

## Strategic Planning & Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, March 2, 2017  
**Start Time:** 9:40 am  
**End Time:** 11:48am  
**Location:** Burrough's Community Center  
**Presiding Chair:** Lauren Gau  
**Recorder:** Sara Seaburg

### Summary of Committee Business Votes

- Approval of Minutes from the February 2, 2017 meeting

### Council Member Assignments

- Attend Committee/Council meetings as outlined in the Council Bylaws

### Staff Member Assignments

#### (1.0) Moment of Silence

Lauren called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. 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

There were none

#### (4.0) Approval of February 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the February 2, 2017 SPA committee minutes was made by Roberta Stewart and Christine Romanik seconded it.

**For: (3)** Stewart, Garofalo Teel

**Against: (0)**

**Abstain: (2)** Gau, Romanik

#### (5.0) New Business/Old Business

- **Review the Strategic Planning and Assessment Planning Council Activity Timeline**

The Committee reviewed the Planning Council Activity Timeline and determined that everything was on track.

- **Review implementation of Health Care Reform/National HIV/AIDS Strategy and its impact on RW – MCM Health Insurance Survey:**

Staff e-mailed all regions the MCM Health Insurance Client Survey with instructions and deadlines for conducting the survey.



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- **Review Framework of PSRA**

Staff presented the datasets that were used for 2017 and discussed the datasets for 2018. The current MCM Client N/A will replace the 2012/2013 N/A. We will remove the red ribbon exercise. We will use the 2015 Consumer in Care Quick Survey and add another survey on viral suppression based on special populations.

Staff discussed the meetings with the Mayor and the New Haven AIDS Task Force regarding the FPL being raised to 400% and the impact this would have on our EMA. At this last meeting, the mayor has agreed to keep the FPL at 300%.

Moving forward we will be working with CIRA to develop a new cost model which will go line by line and assess this amount for each region to ensure data accuracy. Also, when data is requested from Arvil from CAREWare, these reports will be sent to all regions prior to presenting the data to allow them to identify any questionable data. Attendees expressed opinions regarding active clients at the end of the GY vs. unduplicated clients for an entire GY. The number of visits was also discussed and how if at all to use that data. Also, do we only count clients who are uninsurable and could not receive services any other way. Conversations may be needed to determine Medicaid vs. Ryan White to ensure if any changes regarding funding are made that this process is transparent. Incidents vs. Prevalence came up and who should we be looking at? Our most current N/A conducted by the MCMs will gather information from clients who have a high acuity and are being served more. Attendees also discussed the substance abuse in/out services and how much money is allocated to this vs. clients who are IV drug users as mode of transmission and clients who need this service who are not IV drug users. Fee for Service vs. FTE model and which makes the most sense was discussed.

Regarding using CIRA – we need to compile a list of questions that we need to answer to go through the PSRA process more effectively. Staff presented a possible starting point using the uninsured number per region and cost per client for services not covered by Medicaid/Medicare or private insurance.

- **Review Comprehensive Plan**

Staff presented the Statewide Integrated Plan and focused on the goals section. Each goal was discussed and how it relates to Ryan White Part A and our EMA. At this time the CT Integrated Plan is being reviewed by HRSA in order to ensure its accuracy and we are going to wait on their feedback.

- **Define One New Study and Present Results**

Staff presented the Norfolk in Care Needs Assessment. The medical case managers would do this with each of their clients. Staff will update this N/A and customize it to our EMA. This will be mailed to all MCM agencies for distribution. This will be distributed to all agencies in early March to be done by the end of April.

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- **Review Scope of Work for Next Year**  
This was updated and approved last month.
- **Unresolved Parking Lot Items**

## Parking Lot Summary

ITEM	STATUS
Medicaid Expenditures by Service Categories from DSS	Charlotte will request this data from DSS 8/4/16. 9/1/16 – we are still awaiting this data. Update: Charlotte is going to look into this request again, she is not sure they will be able to identify the service categories. 11/3: Charlotte will make a detailed request for their data programmer in January so they can use the new numbers for this upcoming fiscal year. 2/2 – Charlotte suggested that we ask for data from 2016. 3/2 Charlotte requested a list of services categories from staff and this will be e-mailed to her.
Review Our Portion of the Statewide Comprehensive Plan When it's complete	In process – still waiting on the Statewide Comprehensive Plan 8/4. The Plan has a deadline of 9/30 so we will discuss this at our next meeting. 10/6: We looked at this today and staff e-mailed this out to all PC members as well. We will take another look at this next month. 3/2 Staff presented this to the committee today. At this time the CT Integrated Plan is being reviewed by HRSA in order to ensure its accuracy and we are going to wait on their feedback.
Directives - What type of evidence do we have or need to prove that the regional funding allocations are working or not working	In process - We discussed this on 8/4 and thought the number of MCM clients would be the number to focus on. A lengthy discussion was heard from all regions represented at the meeting on funding pathways for services received in their region. We will continue to discuss this. 10/6: we continued to discuss this. 11/3: Staff presented comprehensive spreadsheet that captured all funding resources by region and attendees could see the gaps. 2/2 – PC staff and members are meeting with CIRA to identify the best evidence to use and how to gather that. 3/2 there are still meetings with CIRA to help with this.
FPL Eligibility for Ryan White Services	In process - Staff has sent this request to Sera Morgan at HRSA and is waiting to hear back. We have heard back from HRSA and we have a data request to determine the impact of changing the FPL for MCM. 11/3: This will be presented during the SPA meeting this month. Staff and PC co-chairs met with Byron Kennedy regarding this and presented data which demonstrated why the FPL cannot be raised from 300% to 400%. Staff presented the information to the committee. This presentation will be added to with more details about the impact that this would have. There will be another meeting and a summary of that meeting will be given in the future. 3/2 Another meeting took place with the Mayor of New Haven and she decided not

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to raise the FPL from 300% to 400%. This will stay open in case of any appeal.

**(5.0) Announcements**

There were no announcements

**(6.0) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:48am

**Strategic Planning and Assessment Committee Attendance Record – 2017**

	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
1.	Inthiany Ardila	X	A	A							
2.	Bradford Briggs	A	A	A							
3.	Cassandra Cokley	A	A	A							
4.	<i>Christopher Cole PC Co-Chair</i>	X	X	A							
5.	Sabrina Delgado	A	A	A							
6.	Heather Garofalo	X	X	X							
7.	<b>Lauren Gau Co-Chair</b>	X	A	X							
8.	Heidi Jenkins	A	A	A							
9.	Gerald Lewis	A	A	A							
10.	Raphael Muniz	A	A	A							
11.	<b>Joanne Montgomery Co-Chair</b>	X	X	A							
12.	Christine Romanik	A	A	X							
13.	Mark Sanchez	A	A	A							
14.	<i>Roberta Stewart PC Co-Chair</i>	X	X	X							
15.	Charlotte Teel	A	X	X							
	Ryan White Office	X	X	X							
	Planning Council Staff	X	X	X							
	% of Council present:	40%	33%	33%							

Guests: Sara Burns, Jim Petinelli, Albana Lame