

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**July 8, 2025
1pm-2:00pm
Zoom meeting**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kerry Thomas, Chair
Jody Brinson (member at large)
Maria Mezzatesta (CQM)
Joseph Pirone (SAP)
Sofia Porres (member at large)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nancy Duncan, Vice-Chair
Pam Biafora (CIC)
Susan Baldrige (CIC)
Andrew Knecht, DO, NCDOH
Angie Partap (CQM)
Colin Pearsall (Member at large)
Gregson Pigott, MD, SCDHS
Jacqueline Ponce-Rivera (SAP)
James Colson (Member at large)

STAFF PRESENT:

Georgette Beal, UWLI
JoAnn Henn
Shauna Bednar

STAFF ABSENT

I. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Thomas, Chair, began the meeting at 1:05pm by welcoming the members. He requested a moment of silence to center ourselves and remember why we are here.

II. Approval of May 5, 2025 Executive Committee minutes

Mr. Pirone made a motion to approve May 5, 2025, Executive Committee minutes as read. Ms. Porres seconded the motion.

4 approvals 1 abstentions 0 Opposed

III. Approval of July 9, 2025 Planning Council Agenda

The Planning Council agenda for the July 9th meeting includes an overview of the 2027-2032 Integrated Plan and timeline for completion as well as an overview of the Priority Setting & Resource Allocation (PSRA) Process for FY 26-27. In addition, there will be vote for Planning Council candidates. Ms. Brinson made a motion to accept the Planning Council agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Mezzatesta

All in favor-motion carried.

IV. Administrative Update

Members were informed that HRSA has stated in writing that it is in the process of finalizing full awards for this fiscal year. Providers will be notified as to what their final award will be when this information is received. There has been limited guidance from HRSA regarding the executive orders and their impact on service the delivery of services as well as the terminology to be used. As a result, providers were informed that the Request for Proposals (RFPs) anticipated for early fall have been postponed for a year, thereby extending multi-year contracts.

There will be a reverse site visit in D.C. August 6-8, 2025, during which Ms. Beal, Ms. O'Keefe and Ms. Van Tassel from UWLI and Ms. Bednar from NCDOH will be in attendance. Ms. Beal

will present on the relationship between Nassau County and UWLI. Details of the visit will be shared with the committee. The data dictionary has been updated.

Future site visits will be slightly modified with a focus on charts and service delivery, to assess what is happening across the region, to help prepare for potential changes. We are gathering data through the PSRA process to ensure funds are going to the services most needed. The updated Planning Council website is nearing completion. The revised website includes a provider portal as well as a section on the benefits of joining the Planning Council.

V. PC Membership

Current Planning Council membership is 32 members with the recent appointment of returning Council member, Ms. Traci Bryant. 59% (19 consumers) of the members are consumers. 44% of consumers are unaligned (14 consumers). There will be a membership vote at the July Planning Council meeting for three new applicants and eight second-term nominations. Proxies were sent to ensure quorum.

Five consumers will be cycling off their second term at the end of September of this year. Continued ongoing recruitment is necessary to remain reflective of the epidemic.

Adjournment/Next meetings

There were no announcements

Mr. Pirone made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Mezzatesta, to adjourn the July 8, 2025, Executive Committee meeting. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2025, 1pm-2pm.