

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 4, 2024

1pm-2:00pm

Zoom meeting

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kerry Thomas, Chair
Nancy Duncan, Vice-Chair
Colin Pearsall
Gregson Pigott, MD
Sofia Porres

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Susan Baldridge
James Colson
Irina Gelman, DPM
Cathy Martens
Angie Partap
Jacqueline Ponce-Rivera

STAFF PRESENT:

Georgette Beal
JoAnn Henn

STAFF ABSENT

Nina Sculco, NSDOH
Andrew Knecht DO, NCDOH

I. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Thomas, Council Chair, began the meeting at 1:05pm by welcoming the members. He requested a moment of silence, to set our intentions for the work we do and to remember about those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS,

II. Approval of September 9, 2024 Executive Committee minutes

Dr. Pigott made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024, Executive Committee minutes as read. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion.
3 approvals 2 abstentions 0 Opposed

III. Approval of November 13, 2024 Planning Council Agenda

In addition to the usual agenda items such as meeting minutes and committee reports, the November Planning Council agenda will also include a presentation on the full results 2024 Consumer Needs Assessment Report and the annual member training needs assessment, which is typically conducted in January. The Executive committee suggested the following topics to be included in the needs assessment: stigma, which is also a social determinant of health; increasing consumer involvement; any possible benefit changes in 2025; the importance of active advocacy; as well as cultural and linguistically appropriate language. Although it's still early, Ms. Beal mentioned the 1115 Medicaid redesign. Many Medicaid eligible consumers are served through Ryan White, and it is important to understand its impact both as a Planning Council and a region. Ms. Theresa Regnante is a steering committee member and UWLI staff plan to attend the meetings to bring relevant information to the Planning Council and to learn how the Medicaid redesign may affect Ryan White Part A as a payor of last resort. As to suggestions about presenters, Dr. Pigott suggested contacting the Health Equity Alliance of Long Island (HEALI), Ms. Porres mentioned a presentation about advocacy at the recent LGBTQ Symposium, and Mr. Thomas recommended a refresher on Debi Brown's *Words Matter*. Two Planning Council candidates will also be balloted at the November Council meeting

Mr. Pearsall made a motion to approve the Planning Council agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Porres

All in favor-motion carried.

IV. Administrative Update

Site visits have begun. The process has been paired down to be more of a check-in and follow-up on any agency issues as well as assess technical assistance needed. This is a multi-year contract, and it is advantageous to simplify the process and reduce the administrative burden by requesting less information.

The decision to increase the social media presence by adding Face Book and Instagram to disseminate information and direct followers back to Planning Council website was met with approval. Plans to update the Planning Council website may be challenged by limited funds.

V. PC Membership

Currently, there are 30 Planning Council members. Two candidates will be balloted at the November Planning Council meeting, an unaligned consumer and an organizational Part B representative to fill the vacancy left by Claire Simon's passing. Efforts are ongoing to boost representation of Hispanics and Blacks council members. Aligned and unaligned consumer membership are at 57% and 47% respectively.

VI. Announcements

- Northwell CART is hosting a World AIDS Day event on December 2, 2024, 4pm. See Ms. Duncan for registration information.
- Mr. Thomas announced the 2nd annual recognition of World AIDS Day in Suffolk County on December 2, 2024, 3pm-4:30pm in the lobby of the Dennison Building in Hauppauge. The building will be illuminated in red to honor the day.
- The Planning Council's World AIDS Day event is Friday evening, December 13 at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore. Registration is required

VII. Adjournment/Next meetings

Mr. Pearsall made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Duncan, to adjourn the November 4, 2024, Executive Committee meeting. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 1pm-2pm.