

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 4, 2021

1:00pm-2:00pm

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Felix Ruiz
Gregson Pigott, MD
James Colson
Lawrence Eisenstein, MD
Victoria Osk, Esq.
Joseph Pirone
Katelin Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clara Crawford
Kevin McHugh
Angie Partap
Traci Shelton

STAFF

Georgette Beal, UWLI
JoAnn Henn, UWLI
Nina Sculco, NCDOH

STAFF ABSENT

Tavora Buchman PhD., NCDOH

I. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Ruiz began the May 4, 2021 Executive Committee conference call at 1:05 pm with welcome and introductions, followed by a moment of silence for those affected and infected by HIV/AIDS and COVID.

II. Approval of January 8, Executive Committee Minutes

Ms. Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Mr. Pirone.
6 Approved 0 Abstention 0 Opposed

III. Approval of May 12, 2021 Planning Council Agenda

The Planning Council agenda was reviewed and approved. The agenda includes a Youth and HIV/AIDS Awareness presentation in acknowledgement of National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. It was suggested that a next level COVID presentation be included on the agenda, as a follow-up to the COVID presentation given by Dr. Tarika James at the previous Planning Council meeting. This presentation would address continued hesitancy, why people aren't getting 2nd shots, barriers for PLWHA of color, and any work the health department is doing on Long Island with PLWHA and communities of color on disparities in care and vaccines. Dr. Eisenstein, schedule permitting, agreed to speak on the topic. Dr. Pigott will be contacted regarding the presentation as well. Thirty minutes will be allotted for the presentation. Ms. Thomas made a motion to accept the amended Planning Council agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pirone. All in favor-motion carried.

Moving forward, potential speakers are being sought to speak about the HIV vaccine, sharing its progress and any new information.

IV. Administrative Update

FY21-22 award had an increase of approximately \$118,000. Additional funds were applied to mental health and legal services; a small amount went into Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) as well as per the PSRA recommendations. The EMA received a score of 99 on the FY21-22 grant application. Preparations have begun for the next grant application. There have been some changes from the previous grant submission. It will be a multi-year grant, for a three year period. The process for calculating unmet need has been revised by HRSA. The EMA is coordinating with the state on needed data and a decision will be made as to whether a required or enhanced unmet need calculation will be submitted. The enhanced framework requires that Ryan White data will be compared to surveillance data. The PSRA process has been moved back a month to allow time to receive and review data.

A week is remaining to send final vouchers to close out the current grant. Fiscal staff are waiting for some backup documentation from some of the providers. The 5% penalty has been waived, however we are nowhere near that amount.

The Planning Council's Bylaws needs to be reviewed for possible updates this year. The terms of all the committee co-chairs will be ending at the end of September.

V. PC Membership

The previously balloted applicant has been appointed to the Planning Council increasing the Planning Council membership to 32. The unaligned consumer membership is at 34%. Three second term members will be balloted after the May Planning Council meeting. A Planning Council application is expected which will fill the vacant substance abuse membership category and will be reviewed by the membership sub-committee at its next meeting.

IV. Adjournment/Announcements.

Ms. Beal congratulated Ms. Victoria Osk, Esq. on her promotion to Executive Director at Nassau-Suffolk Law Services

Ms. Thomas made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Pirone to adjourn the May 4, 2021 Executive committee meeting. All in favor-motion carried.

V. Next Executive Committee Zoom meeting is Tuesday, July 6, 2021.