

# 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, January 5, 2017  
**Start Time:** 9:30 am  
**End Time:** 11:48am  
**Location:** Burrough's Community Center  
**Presiding Chair:** Joanne Montgomery  
**Recorder:** Sara Seaburg

### Summary of Committee Business Votes

- Approval of Minutes from the November 3, 2016 meeting

### Council Member Assignments

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

### Staff Member Assignments

#### (1.0) Moment of Silence

Joanne called the meeting to order at 9:30 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

Joanne summarized the meeting that Planning Council members had with CIRA on January 4, 2017.

#### (4.0) Approval of November 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the November 3, 2016 SPA committee minutes was made by Roberta Stewart and Chris Cole seconded it.

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

**Against: (0)**

**Abstain: (3)** Gau, Montgomery, Cole

### 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 Training:**
  1. Joanne Montgomery presented on the MCM Health Insurance Survey – she summarized the previous years of conducting this survey and the discrepancies that the council has experienced. She explained to all case managers how to use the DSS system to collect

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the data that is needed. She also presented the updated survey that was approved by the council. Updates were made real-time to the survey as suggestions were heard. The e-mail will go out to all regions on March 1, 2017.

2. Lauren Gau presented on the CIPA process – This included PowerPoint highlighting the basics, how to qualify clients, the income requirements, a cheat sheet to determine overall insurance eligibility, what types of insurance will CIPA pay for, what types of insurance will CIPA not pay for, special requirements regarding employer-sponsored health insurance, prescription drugs, enrollment, and the application itself. All attendees view the actual application and Lauren explained how to fill this out.
3. Chris Cole presented on Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing Assistance Programs. Beginning on March 1, 2017 client health insurance premiums will not be paid for by Ryan White. Ryan White will pay co-pays for office visits, prescription co-pays and deductibles only for HIV related care, documentation may be requested. Prescription eyewear is also covered as long as it relates to HIV. Almost all pharmaceutical companies offer co-pay assistance and will pay for co-pays for all medications related to HIV but will not pay for anyone who is on a state or federal Medicare or Medicaid program but will pay for everyone else. If a client is using an HIV specialty care pharmacy, the pharmacy will take care of the co-pay assistance for them. If they're not, RiteAid or Walgreens for example, the client will have to get a co-pay assist card which is available online and is very easy for the MCM or client to do themselves. Often know of this as supplemental insurance and may not know it as co-pay assist. They may pay up to \$6000.00 per year. For clients who have Medicare or Medicaid, there is patience assistance network and this is very easy to enroll in. For agencies that have 340B pharmacies these are very important to help bring program income back into services to support clients .

- **Review Framework of PSRA**

This was discussed in a meeting with CIRA that took place with some Planning Council members and Joanne gave a summary of the meeting.

- **Review Comprehensive Plan**
- **Define One New Study and Present Results**
- **Bylaw Review and Update**

A motion was made by Roberta Stewart and seconded by Joanne Montgomery to carry remaining agenda items over to next month.

**For: (6)** Stewart, Ardila, Garofalo, Gau, Montgomery, Cole

**Against: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

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- **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.
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.
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 were able to see the gaps.
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 QI meeting this month
Undocumented Numbers in CT from DPH	In process– 9/1: Heidi was unable to find anything from DPH to capture this number but there was an estimate. The number of undocumented clients in Part A are 200. The state estimates 3% of our number which would be 180 according to the state. We are at 8% in RW part A. We will continue to discuss this. 11/3: Heidi is still unable to get this and has asked Jim Petinelli if he can help with this.

**(5.0) Announcements**

There were no announcements

**(8.0) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:48am

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## Strategic Planning and Assessment Committee Attendance Record – 2017

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

Guests: Sara Burns, Vivian Acevedo-Rivas, Claudia Ahumada, Rolo Lopez, Valorie Mosley, Nick Boshnack, Ana Torres, Erica Rodriguez, Frank Cintron, Adrienne DeBarros, Erma Benedetto, Desmond Cordovez, Mike Little, Jennifer LoSchiavo, Kartisha Hall, Yamesha Smith, Kelli McDermott, Shakeia Graham, Lourdes Sanchez, Laura Adams, Albana Lame, Agatha Caniano, Joel Gonzalez, Breanna Riollano, Joyce Boone, Abbigail Tporrez, Martina Delacruz, Mercedes Turbides, Josefina Ossers, Katherine Naula, Monica Gonzalez, Charlene Lee, Olina Calan, Ilissa Gabriel-Torres, Michele Ocasio, Fior Ayala, Andre Campos, Michael Walton, Rosie Rodrigues, Roberta Wilds, Jamelia Beckford, Jennifer Alvarado, Clara Simmons, Lutger Pierre-Louis