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Continuum of Care Committee

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 9:30 AM

I. **Welcome**

Patricia Moore called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

II. **Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was observed for those living with HIV/AIDS and those who have passed.

III. **Roll Call**

Ka'leef Washington took the attendance. Quorum was established. Later in the meeting.

IV. **Public Testimony and Announcements**

- The CHAMP sub-committee meets every 1st Thursday of the Month. The meetings are held at the CHAMP office from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

V. **Approval of Meeting Summary from May 12, 2011 Meeting**

The meeting summary was not available.

VI. **Committee Reports**

- Comprehensive Planning Committee – The committee met on May 13, 2010 at 9:30. They reviewed the committee calendar and the 4th part of the current Comprehensive Plan. The committee added two additional meeting dates to their schedule to accommodate the priority setting process. They also reviewed and discussed the Needs Assessment. The next meeting will be Friday, June 10, 2010 at 9:30.
- Research and Evaluation Committee – The committee met on May xxth. The committee discussed ways to survey the youth population for the Needs Assessment and what information should be collected to be to determine how to best a questionnaire will be developed for focus groups and an on-line survey. The Self Assessment tool was finalized and will be sent to all of the committees to complete. The next meeting will be Monday June 20th at 10:00 am.
- Community Service Advisory Committee – The committee met on May 12th at 2:00 pm. They discussed future projects and tasks for the committee. The next meeting will be following this meeting, June 9th at 2:00 pm.

VII. **Old Business**

- 2011-2012 Committee Calendar/Work Plan

The committee was asked to make adjustments and determine if additional topics/discussions should be added. The calendar will be reviewed at each meeting and used to complete the Self Assessment tool for next year.

- Self Assessment Tool
The committee was asked to be prepared to complete the self assessment tool at the next meeting.
- Medicaid Changes
The committee continued to discuss the impact that the changes in Medicaid could have on Ryan White clients even though RW doesn't pay for medical care. Information available on the New State web site was distributed. The committee felt that it was our responsibility to educate ourselves and to make as much information as possible available to the Medical Case Managers to assist them in making this transition as smooth as possible for our clients. Kelly Rooney will send information to all NEMA Medical Case Managers and Case Managers.
- Medical Case Medical Training Curriculum
Discussion was postponed to the next meeting. Please review the copy of the curriculum that was distributed at the previous meeting.
- Mental Health Standards
The committee will review Standards 5, 6 & 7 at the next meeting.
- Jail discharge Planning Program
As a follow-up to last month's meeting, there will be a meeting of agencies and all those interested in this program on July 6th at 10:00 at the Planning Council.

VIII. New Business

- Smoking Cessation
 - Calvin Daniels of East Orange General Hospital described his program to counsel clients and to encourage smoking cessation. This program is funded by Ryan White through the hospital addiction services department. Agencies and groups can contact him if they would like to have a presentation for staff and/or clients. He described some of his methods and emphasized the effect that smoking has on compromised immune people. A fact sheet about the risks for HIV+ was distributed. He can be reached at (908) 307-1319.
 - Smoking cessation is one of the HAB Clinical Performance measures. This measure urges HIV care providers to provide cessation assistance in the form of counseling, pharmacotherapy or referral to cessation programs.
- Impact of State cuts for hospice and nursing home care
The committee discussed the effect on the hospitals, in particular the emergency rooms if funds were cut for hospice and nursing care facilities. Members were requested to contact their state representatives to express their concerns. A sample letter was distributed.
- Inpatient Substance Abuse detoxification/treatment
 - In response to Public testimony at the Planning Council; the committee discussed the availability of inpatient detoxification programs. A few programs in our area were identified such as St. James', St. Michael's, Evergreen Bergen Pines and Eva's Village. These are primarily programs that include a 3 day detox and a connection to an in-patient or out-patient long term program.
Problems identified were:
 - Limited treatment beds
 - Transportation – The client must get there on their own
 - Insurance – Most programs will not treat clients without insurance
 - Outpatient detox (medication assisted) – This program has limited success as it does not remove client from surroundings of previous drug use.

- Methadone detox/maintenance programs have been successful for heroine addicted clients. Long term maintenance programs can make it possible for clients to function normally.
- Hepatitis B screening
At the request of the CHAMP Sub-committee; the committee was asked to clarify Hepatitis B screening and the resulting treatment. The committee was asked to come prepared to discuss this at the next meeting.

IX Date of next meeting

- July 14, 2011 @ 9:30am at the NEMA Office

X. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm

Attachments:

Draft # 6 Calendar/Work Plan
Draft Self Assessment Tool
Draft #2 Mental Health Standards
Draft #1 Substance Abuse Standards