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COMMUNITY SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011 AT 2:00 P.M.

1. **Welcome and Moment of Silence**

Janice Adams-Jarrells, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. A moment of silence was observed for those living with HIV/AIDS and for those who have passed on.

2. **Roll Call**

The roll was called and quorum was established.

3. **Public Testimony and Announcements**

Adams-Jarrells announced that Dr. Johnson appointed Brenda Hoggard Co-Chair of the Committee to serve with her.

Maria Santiago announced the opening of Peace House in December, 2010. She stated that it is a 12 bed facility for single women, age 18 to 65, with 6 beds currently available, and explained that emergency housing is not offered at Peace House. Applicants must first obtain a voucher from the housing section of Social Services. Further information can be obtained at: (973)732-5129.

Michael Folger announced that the Mpower men's group will meet on March 21, 2011 at 140 Bergen Street, Newark, in conference Room E. Mpower meets the third Thursday of each month. Folger also announced the E=MC2 conference to be held on Friday, March 25, 2011 at the Robert Treat Hotel, from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Attendance at the conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Further information is available from Wali Bradley at AAGC (973)639-0700.

4. **Approval of Meeting Summary from November 4, December 9, 2010 and February 10, 2011 *The January 2100 meeting was cancelled.**

A motion to accept the Summaries of the November 4, 2010, December 9, 2010 and February 10, 2011 meetings was made by Folger and seconded by Hoggard. The Summaries were then unanimously accepted without further discussion.

5. **Updates from Other Committees**

➤ Continuum of Care Committee

Peavy reported that the committee met on March 10, 2011 at 9:30am. The Committee had a lively discussion, and worked on the Mental Health Standards to address some of the issues that are occurring in the EMA. COC also discussed the revisions to the Committee Self Assessment Tool that is to be received from the Research and Evaluation Committee, and had a presentation by Postel regarding the EMA Epi Profile. COC will next meet on April 14, 2011 at 9:30am.

➤ Comprehensive Planning Committee

Ka'leef reported that CPC met on February 11, 2011. The Committee discussed the Needs Assessment research topics. CPC also discussed the need for support services and the issue of clients seeking them without enrolling in HIV medical care. EIIHA (Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS) and sub-populations (those 45 years of age and older, Injection drug users, and MSM) were also discussed. In addition, CPC discussed Part II of the 2009-2011 Comprehensive Health Plan, and reviewed sections to be edited for the 2012-2014 Comprehensive Health Plan. CPC will next meet on March 11, 2011 at 9:30am.

➤ Research and Evaluation Committee

Peavy reported that REC met on February 28, 2011 at 9:30am. The Committee reviewed the Self Assessment Tool and discussed the Needs Assessment. Three topics chosen to be researched are: Those Lost to Care (enrolled in medical care in 2008, dropped out of care in 2009, and returned or still missing in 2010), Youth (ages 13 to 30, MSM Latino and Men of Color), and Mental Health. REC will next meet on March 21, 2011 at 10:00am.

6. **Old/New Business**

Discuss 2011 Tasks/Calendar/Goals

Peavy advised that there is no calendar included in the 3/10/2010 meeting materials, but that it had to be included in the Agenda for discussion. Peavy then gave a brief presentation of CSAC's background and the issues the Committee faces. It was stated that the calendar will be an Agenda item, and be set up at the April 14, 2011 meeting. The 2010 calendar is to be reviewed and edited for that purpose. In discussing CSAC, it was stated that the Day of Learning, a biannual event has been a focus of the Committee. The last Day of Learning was held in June, 2010. It was stated that CSAC is the "eyes and ears" of the community. The Committee has been re-organizing itself and participating in community events to make itself known to community members. CSAC will take on some of the tasks charged to the Planning council to complete the Needs Assessment. The calendar will continue to be an Agenda item for the Committee to use to organize its goals for 2011. This will help guide its activities during the year. Members were asked to consider goals and tasks for the Committee's calendar and bring their lists to the April 14, 2011 meeting.

Consumer Needs

Hoggard reviewed the Committee's Goals and OPPs and gave her vision around educating the community and the importance of cultural sensitivity and gender specific care. Adams-Jarrells expressed agreement with the vision about educating the community, because it is so important. It was stated that it is important to educate parents so they can in turn educate their children. Members discussed doing presentations aimed at HIV prevention, testing and care education in middle and high schools, owing to the reported high transmission rate among adolescents. The Committee also discussed engaging in outreach in senior residences and Town Hall meetings. Peavy encouraged the use of technology as part of this endeavor in order to identify providers and create a rapport with them. This could then create the opportunity to more easily reach community members. Peavy asked the Committee to create a time line for this project.

The Committee discussed the possibility of having a Case Managers conference to further spread information among the Case Managers and Medical Case Managers in the EMA. The need to plan far enough ahead to allow attendees to reserve the date in their calendars was also discussed.

Action Step: CSAC members were requested to bring lists of their own topics of interest regarding community outreach to determine consumer and community needs. This should include lists of locations for local Town Hall meetings and contacts. Deloris Dockrey is to be solicited for support.

The Committee discussed and agreed to participate in a Prayer conference, to be held by Pastor Tracy at the Wyndham Gardens from August 4th to August 6th, 2011. Pastor Tracy would like a presentation on HIV/AIDS in women. Dockrey to be consulted to determine her availability to assist with this, and choice of Friday or Saturday. Pastor Tracy indicated that she would like to donate a portion of the conference's proceeds to a women's organization, such as NJWAN.

Committee Membership Recruitment

CSAC welcomed three prospective new members who were given applications by Washington.

7. **Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**

8. **Adjournment : 3:40pm**