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COMMUNITY SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 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**

Roll was called and quorum was not established with 3 members present. Lewis Ellis joined the committee.

3. **Public Testimony and Announcements**

Washington reported that Pastor Tracy Gittens resigned from the Committee because she is moving to south New Jersey.

Adams-Jarrells mentioned that her church, Roseville Presbyterian (36 Roseville Ave Newark, NJ 07107 between Sussex and Warren Street) will be having their annual Women's Day on Saturday from 10 AM – 2 PM. The day will include workshops on cooking, single-parenting, navigating the medical system, and a widow's support group, among other things. The church is gearing a lot of this information to the Hispanic population and has many pamphlets available in Spanish. The church will have a speaker on Sunday.

Providencia Rodriguez reported that CURA, inc. finally received their license to perform rapid HIV testing and has started testing patients in the in-patient program. They hope to begin testing the larger community soon. Rodriguez advised that testing on Wednesday is the most convenient time, but will not turn anyone needing testing. The address is 73 Lincoln Park, Newark 07102. Testing will be from 9 AM – 2:30 PM. (973) 645-4218.

Hoggard mentioned that the Christian Elger's Family Treatment Center and Beth Israel Family Treatment Center have instituted Women's Programs – fliers are available in the back of the conference room.

Rodriguez noted that CURA has funds for PSE&G assistance for HIV+ individuals. Case managers can contact her, and individuals who need a case manager and/or assistance can also get in touch with her about actually obtaining assistance.

Rodriguez is also in need of HIV+ substance-abuse clients for CURA's out-patient treatment program. There is also room in the in-patient program. The problem is that several agencies in the vicinity offer the outpatient component. Rodriguez is concerned about maintaining funding for the program. Hoggard mentioned that the shelter at Bond Street and Norfolk Street could have some potential clients for CURA. Rodriguez reported problems with some of the other

agencies. Potential patients should call CURA for an appointment and try to bring their lab work with them (or other paperwork deeming them eligible for CURA's assistance).

4. Approval of Meeting Summaries from October 13, 2011

Due to a lack of quorum, the October summary was not approved.

5. Updates from Other Committees

➤ Continuum of Care Committee

Washington reported the COC met on 11/10/11 and continued discussing its recommendations for the Grantee to consider for FY'2012. The committee also discussed and revised draft #4 of the Case Management Services Non-Medical Standards of Care. The next meeting is December 8, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

➤ Comprehensive Planning Committee

Washington reported that the CPC met on Friday, November 4th and continued discussion the FY'2012 PSRA process and determining which components work and which components should be enhanced/improved for the next PSRA cycle. The committee is also working on their 2012 calendar. The next meeting is December 9th at 9:30 AM.

➤ Research and Evaluation Committee

Washington reported that the REC met on October 17th. The committee finalized the 2011 Needs Assessment, which was approved by the Planning Council and is now available on the NEMA website. The REC's December meeting has been cancelled, so the committee will meet next in January 2012.

6. Old/New Business

Discuss the 2012 Day of Learning

Hoggard advised that she is looking for each committee member to participate and make this event happen. Hoggard noted that that Goya will be moving to Secaucus and said that the company may provide funding for an event geared towards the Latino population. Hoggard asked Rodriguez to contact Goya and will provide her with a sample letter. Hoggard asked Lewis to attend the Day of Learning subcommittee meeting.

The date for the Day of Learning has been set for October 19, 2012 at Rutgers. Damyn Kelly has been researching funding. Damyn found some information about funding through the Magic Johnson foundation. Washington will work with Damyn to ensure that someone handling the outreach will be at each meeting.

Hoggard mentioned that the letters used to contact organizations about the Day of Learning need updating, since the event's focus has changed. A discussion about the time the Day of Learning will occur followed – the subcommittee had decided 10 AM – 5 PM. A discussion on when to hold the next subcommittee meeting followed - it will be on Wednesday, November 16th after the Planning Council meeting (around 2:30 PM). The meeting is open to anyone who would like to help organize the event.

7. Date of Next Meeting: The December 2011 CSAC meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be January 2012, TBA

8. Adjournment : 3:30pm