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RESEARCH & EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.

- I. **Welcome and Moment of Silence**
Deloris Dockrey, Chair, welcomed those in attendance. A Moment of Silence was observed for those living with HIV/AIDS, and for those who have passed on.
- II. **Roll Call**
In lieu of Roll Call, Dockrey asked attendees to introduce themselves. Quorum was established.
- III. **Public Testimony/Announcements**
None
- IV. **Ratification of Meeting Summary of November 15, 2010 and Approval of Meeting Summary of December 20, 2010**
Dockrey noted that the date of the November, 2010 meeting was the 15th, rather than the 20th. A motion was then made to approve both summaries by Black, and seconded by Mohammed. The summaries were then unanimously approved without further discussion.
- V. **Updates from other Committees**

Continuum of Care Committee

COC met on January 15, 2011. The Committee reviewed and made minor changes to its goals and objectives, which were then approved by the planning Council. COC also reviewed its Action Steps for the 2009/2010 Comprehensive Plan to determine which have been completed and which will need to be added to the 2011/2012 Work Plan. All topics were completed, with the exception of Prisoner Re-entry, which will be added to the 2011/2012 Work Plan. COC will next meet on February 10, 2011, at 9:30am.

Comprehensive Planning Committee

CPC met on Friday, January 14, 2011. The Committee discussed the Comprehensive Health Plan extensively, suggesting changes that are needed for the 2012 Comprehensive Health Plan. CPC also voted on their membership roster. CPC will next meet on February 11, 2011 at 9:30am.

Community Service Advisory Committee

CSAC did not meet officially in January 13, 2100, due to insufficient attendance to conduct business. CSAC will next meet on February 10, 2011.

VI. Old/New Business

Continue Discussing the 2011 Needs Assessment

It was stated that each year, there are approximately 1200 new Ryan White clients and that approximately 1200 to 1500 clients from the previous year drop out of Ryan care, and that a study needs to be done to determine the reasons for this, and what happens to the clients who drop out of Ryan White care.

REC also discussed addressing the Youth population (age 13 to 25). It was stated that those age 18 to 25 tend to enter into care much more quickly after diagnosis than those over 25. The question of whether the rate of infection among MSM youth of Color is increasing in the EMA was raised. Miller stated that the House Balls are an excellent means of gaining entrée to this community, since it is widely attended by African American MSM Youth.

In discussing Mental Health Care, it was stated that CHAMP is the best source of information on services used vs. services available.

The Committee drafted its three questions as follows:

#1 – The number of people who dropped out of Ryan White care, who they are; have they re-entered the system; are they getting support services from Ryan White and medical care elsewhere? Providers are to be surveyed for this information.

#2 – Regarding Youth (13 – 25) study how long a period elapses between diagnosis and entry into care; is there an increase in the infection rate among members of the African American MSM and Transgender community in NEMA?

#3 – What levels of Mental Health Therapy are provided, based on CHAMP service utilization data; what is the level of referrals outside Ryan White; is there a waiting list for care?

A motion was made by Nakata and seconded by Wheeler to accept the Committee's three questions, which were then unanimously approved.

Postel is to create the Epi Profile as a separate document, and will present a final draft of the Committee's questions at the February 28, 2011 meeting.

Continue to Discuss the 2010 Matrix

REC is waiting for further data on the per patient/per year cost of medical care and transportation; data on the cost of housing has just been received from other committees. It was stated that Providers have not been a viable source of data regarding the cost of medical care, and that at present, the total cost has to be estimated. Current estimates are between approximately \$3000 and \$4000 per person per year. Data obtained online shows a cost of \$18,000 to \$20,000 per patient per year, but this is an aggregate number and itemization was not

available. Postel will do a final report on the per year cost at the February 28, 2011 meeting.

Review Committee's Calendar/Timeline

The Committee discussed its 2011 Calendar/Timeline and members were asked to use a blank copy of the Calendar to enter topics they wished to add for each month. These are to be discussed at the February 28, 2011 meeting. Topics for the months January to August, 2011 were discussed during the meeting, and these were added to the Calendar and emailed to members after the meeting.

Discuss Self-Assessment Tool for 2011

To be discussed at the February 28, 2011 meeting

Finalize Topics for Training

The Committee will coordinate with the Planning Council, and attend its trainings as appropriate.

VII. Date of Next Meeting: **Monday March21, 2011, at 10:00AM**

VIII. Adjournment