

Morris/Sussex/Warren HIV AIDS Advisory Meeting
Tuesday, 07-12-2011

Attendees: Bill Shapiro, Joann McEniry, Cathy Bocard, Shawn Welty, Sister Roberta Feil, Shelia Carter, Bob Armstrong and Mercedes Rolon.

Not Present: Ray Suttles, Linda Hendrixson, and Joel Aronson.

Minutes: Joann McEniry

Meeting Location: New Jersey AIDS Services, Morris Plains, NJ

Bill Shapiro welcomed all to the meeting and called for a moment of silence for all living with HIV/AIDS, as well as those who have passed on.

Agency Reports and Announcements:

None were heard due to time restraints. Reports will be given at next meeting on 7/26/11.

Chair Report:

Bill Shapiro announced that Shawn Welty has resigned from Hope House and as a result will no longer be attending the MSW HIV/AIDS Advisory meeting. It was also announced by Shapiro that Cathy Bocard of Hope House was voted on as an alternate member of the NEMA Comprehensive Planning Committee replacing Diane Silbernagel.

Joann McEniry introduced new Case Manager for New Jersey AIDS Services, Mercedes Rolon.

Sheila Carter announced that CEAS has been meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the human service building and are working on the development of the HUD application which has a funding component regarding the HIV/AIDS population.

A revised draft of a letter of support from this committee on behalf of the Sussex County AIDS TASK Force was distributed and reviewed. Additional information and suggestions were noted and a final draft of the letter was approved.

Bill Shapiro explained that there still has been no final Federal approval of this current fiscal year's grant award which runs from 3/1/11 through 2/28/12. He added that there has been a shift in funding from moving agencies that were traditionally funded under Medical Case Management to Case Management and consequently this consideration needs to be made when priority setting. Shapiro informed that the committee that due to changes that now include the Morris, Sussex and Warren region with Essex County, there is flexibility to go outside of the 75% core and 25% supportive service requirement. Therefore, a core service may

be reduced in order to accommodate for the need to increase case management. Shapiro will be requesting information from the grantee regarding the percent that is now funded under case management that has previously been funded under medical case management. In addition, the change to include our region with Essex may result in the grantee awarding MAI dollars to our area.

As the committee prepares for priority setting, Shapiro reminded the committee that recommending percentages is a region issue and not to be reflective of your own organizational needs. He further advised the committee to consider environmental issues, and particularly discussed the threat to ADDP dollars, as well as the Medicaid changes to require HMO enrollment. In addition, he informed the committee that the Service Category Definitions have remained unchanged from last year.

Shapiro reviewed NEMA data from the 2010 Part A and MAI Summary distributed at the CPC meeting last week. Shapiro drew attention the reduction in unobligated dollars spent by the grantee, as well as the use of 88% of the funds for direct care and treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS. Shapiro will request an electronic copy for distribution to the committee.

Next meeting to be held on July 26th at 11:00 am at Hope House in Dover, NJ.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann McEniry