

Tri-county meeting notes- 4/24/12

Attendance: Sheila, Robert, Joel, Sr. Roberta, Allison, Ray, Sunny, Bill

Absent: Joanne, Linda

Introduction/moment of silence observed

Announcements: Sunny is newly engaged and will be relocating to Maine within the next couple of months. Congratulations to Sunny and we celebrate your upcoming marriage. You will be missed.

Introduction of Allison who is a new case manager at Hope House. Welcome Allison

NEMA report: Reviewed continued work on the Comprehensive Health Plan. Particular focus was the new goals of the plan to focus on engaging and keeping patients in care. Discussion re: comprehensive plan's focus on how to better use tools such as Memorandums of Understandings (MOU), ERICS, treatment team meetings between providers (both Ryan White providers and other community providers).

Extensive conversation held about importance of speaker bureaus and other community education opportunities as an effective way to share information and engage consumers into HIV testing and HIV services. Discussion about sit in focus of such avenues away from a purely prevention focus to direct services focus. Question about how to effectively provide such services and fund such opportunities discussed. Suggestions about how to look at developing measurable outcomes of such tools so that value of such programs can be clearly seen and; consequently, open up potential funding streams. Suggestion that we could look to NEMA's research subcommittee to help explore how to best explore developing measurable outcomes.

Discussion about Fiscal year 2012 grant awards held. Due to continued challenges with funding, suggestion was made to see how we could explore county funding to help supplement grant awards to enable all potential providers to meet the growing demands of HRSA and our consumers. Suggestion made to explore if such issues should be incorporated into comprehensive health plan in some manner. Suggestion also made to explore what role NEMA might be able to play in working with individual counties to explore ways to coordinate potential funding resources available in a similar way we are looking at the individual agencies and ERICS to coordinate services between RW providers and non RW providers.

Ray Suttles advised that the Research and Evaluation subcommittee is working on developing standards in regards to measuring medical compliance and measuring the effectiveness and outcomes of mental health treatment.

Priority Setting is about to begin for 2013 fiscal year. Committee advised that there will be additional meetings scheduled over the next few months to enable us to work on setting percentages and preparing for presentation to NEMA. Dates to be announced.

AGENCY REPORTS

NJAS- no report available but reminder about upcoming NJ AIDS Walk scheduled for Sunday May 6th. Please contact NJAS for further information about how to participate

Hope House: Introduction of new Case Manager.

Hope House announced 2 new AOP outpatient groups and a Spanish HIV support group. Discussion on working to restart Gay Men's Support group as well

Morris County: Announcement of the Morris County's 10 year plan to End Homelessness retreat on Friday 5/18/12 at College of St Elizabeth Annunciation Center between 830 am and 3 pm. See attached flyer for more information about how to register for event. Also announced the opening of the Morris county Family Success Center that is providing support services to families. They offer multiple services for families in need and are bi-lingual.

FHC- no significant changes or announcements at this time

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm. Next Meeting scheduled for 5/22/12 at 11 am at NJAS in Morris Plains

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Shapiro