



Section I – Mission Statement

The mission of the Greater Hartford Ryan White Part A Planning Council is to determine priorities for how Ryan White Part A funds are allocated based on the documented needs of the HIV/AIDS communities within the TGA. It is the responsibility of the Council to assure that all infected and affected communities and populations of the TGA are represented on the Planning Council.

Section II – Goal and Objective

The goal of the Greater Hartford Ryan White Part A Planning Council is, through its needs assessment and planning processes and through the allocation of funding, to create a seamless continuum of care that addresses the needs of the infected and affected populations of the three counties it is charged to serve. Its major objective is to ensure access to core medical services.

	Member	Regular Planning Council Meetings			Priority Setting Sessions				Regular Planning Council Meetings		
		3/3 2021	4/7	5/5	6/2 P S & AAM	6/23 Data P	7/8 Data Make up	7/21 P & A	9/1	11/3	2/2 2022
1	Alice Ferguson	P	P								
2	Alix Dittmore	P	DPH/P								
3	Angie Bremser	P	P								
4	Cheena Rivera	A	A								
5	Danielle W. Dias	P	P								
6	Danielle Montaque	P	P								
	Ivette Brown	A	Resigned								
7	Ivette Santiago	P	A								
8	James Lloyd	A	A								
9	Luis Irizarry	P	P								
10	Luis Martinez	E	A								
11	Maria Lorenzo	P	DPH								
	Marie Raynor	P	P	Resigned							
12	Melanie Alvarez	P	P								
13	Michael Ostapoff	P	P								
14	Myrna Millet-Saez	P	P								
	Nitza Agosto	P	P	Resigned							
15	Ruth Garcia	P	P								
16	Sylvia Miller	E	A								
17	Valerie Ingram	P	P								
18	Anna Marie Shand*	A	A								

*Alternate - nonvoting member
7 Members needed for Quorum



Guests Present: Atkinson, Cristian Ortiz, Erika Mott, Gabrielle Mitchell, Albert Ruperti, Caitlin McNulty, Crystal McPherson, Debbie, Khelsy, William Bofo, Loyd Johnson

Recipient's Office: Angelique Croasdale, Peta-Gaye Nembhard

Meeting Facilitated By: Danielle Warren Dias & Luis Irizarry

Recorded By: Sou Thammavong, Planning Council Support

Wednesday April 7, 2021 Planning Council Meeting

Danielle Warren Dias, Planning Council Co-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed participants. Luis Irizarry, Planning Council Co Chair, continued with the Council Mission, Notices, a Moment of Silence and asked attendees to introduce themselves in the Chat Box. Ground rules were quickly reviewed.

March 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes and Evaluation Results

The Co-chair then requested members to review the minutes of March 3, 2021 meeting. Members were given a few minutes to review, and a motion was requested. Melanie made a motion to accept the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes and was seconded by Alice. With no corrections or further discussion, 9 members voted in favor of accepting the March 3, 2021 minutes. With no objections or abstentions, the minutes were accepted.

The March 3, 2021 Planning Council Meeting Evaluations shared that the meeting provided a good recap of last year's events and activities. Information sharing was appreciated, and it was recommended to have announcements entered in the Chat Box or emailed to Sou to be compiled into an email. A respondent shared that they did not like the idea of a separate Integrated Care Plan. Luis I was congratulated as the new Council Co-Chair and that meeting facilitation was good.

Housing Updates Presentation

Melanie Alvarez from ACT presented on the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Waitlist for Greater Hartford & Central CT. The presentation is available on their website at <https://aids-ct.org/hopwa-can.html>.

Recipient's Office Upcoming 2021 – 2022 Ryan White Program Highlights

The Recipient's Office then presented upcoming Program Highlights. Discussion included approximately \$17,000 in unspent funding that included CARE Act funds. It was also noted that the fall award was reduced by 2.7% for Part A and a 6% cut in MAI funding. The presentation is available in a separate document.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Waiver Committee – reported that the Core Medical Services Waiver application is still in progress. The ad hoc committee is meeting to propose an alternate Allocation table and requested other members join to be a part of the process. The goal is to have a proposal approved by the Steering Committee so that a formal vote can take place in May.

Continuum of Care Committee (CoC) – requested the Training Compendium from the CT HIV Planning Consortium to review available trainings to address the concerns that came from the Smashing Silos conference in December 2020. The committee reviewed the FY 2020-2021 timeline to inform the FY 2021-2022 timeline. Discussion included National HIV/AIDS Awareness days and the need to collaborate with

agencies for events and visibility. Providers were also requested to send events to Planning Council Support to share.

Membership Committee – finalized grievance letter to the Mayor’s Office since no Member appointment letters have been received from the since the request was made in December 2020. It was shared that the Council currently has 18 members and is in HRSA compliance of 33% nonaligned consumers but below the 25-member minimum. The committee is also working on a recruitment video to help outreach for new members.

Positive Empowerment Committee (PEC) – did not have quorum and did not meet.

Evaluation Committee – reviewed the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism, included COVID questions and chose to survey Planning Council Support. Polls will also be used to review the Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS/HCV 2020 at the next meeting.

Priorities Need Assessment (PNA) Committee – began reviewing Requests for Information to the Recipient’s Office and to the Department of Public Health for the Priority Setting Session that will happen in June. Also continued to finalize the Non-Virally Suppressed Survey and the Out of Care Survey of our Transitional Grant Area (TGA) with the goal of including Part B to help survey the identified individuals for the upcoming Needs Assessment.

Multicultural Care Team (MCCT) – will meet on April 15th, calendar invites to be sent out shortly. The MCCT will continue to work on collaborating with agencies for HIV/AIDS Awareness days and outreach events. Angelique shared that the well-attended World AIDS Day event that the TGA plans annually is looking to expand to a state wide event and to stay tuned for updates.

Public Comments, Other Business, & Announcements

Public Comments, Other Business, and Announcements are available in a separate document. Danielle W reminded everyone to submit their meeting evaluations, refer to the agenda for upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting.

