

# Ryan White EMA Planning Council

New Haven and Fairfield Counties



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## Strategic Planning & Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, June 5, 2014  
**Start Time:** 10:04am  
**End Time:** 11:45am  
**Location:** Burrough's Community Center  
**Presiding Chair:** Joanne Montgomery  
**Recorder:** Sara Seaburg

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### Summary of Committee Business Votes

- Approval of Minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting

### Council Member Assignments

- Attend Committee/Council meetings as outlined in the Council Bylaws
- Provide ideas for 2014 PCAT for Strategic Planning & Assessment Committee

### Staff Member Assignments

#### (1.0) Moment of Silence

Joanne Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of all who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

#### (2.0) Welcome and Introduction

All participants introduced themselves.

#### (3.0) Co-Chair Announcements

There were none.

#### (4.0) Approval of May 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the **May 1, 2014** minutes was made by Roberta Stewart and seconded by Heather Garofalo.

**For: (4)** Garofalo, Stewart, Tierney, Torres, Jenkins

**Against: (0)**

**Abstain: (1)** Montgomery

#### (5.0) New Business/Old Business

##### a. Review the Strategic Planning and Assessment Planning Council Activity Timeline

The Committee reviewed the Planning Council Activity Timeline and determined that everything was on track.

##### b. Review Implementation of Health Care Reform/National HIV/AIDS Strategy and its Impact on Ryan White

- (3) Guests attended this meeting, (2) Billing Specialists and (1) Eligibility Specialist.
- Vicki Daniels distributed a spreadsheet with the Husky Health Program
- There was an overview of all Husky parts A, D, B and D and extensive definitions of these. Husky C was not included on this document which is for individuals who will



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need to use a 'spend down' which is equivalent to a deductible. There is a formula to determine the 'spend down' amount.

- 90% of Husky C recipients are covered by Medicare as well.
- With new insurance, only Husky C will have 'spend down'
- There are still many gray areas with this.
- Income Guidelines were also outlined in the document as well
- Discussion took place regarding all these Husky categories including applying for Access Health pros and cons, who would be reimbursed for insurance premiums, Healthy CT programs, Anthem programs,
- All insurance options on the Health Access include all (3) levels bronze, silver and gold.
- Joanne discussed a letter from the State of Connecticut from the Health Insurance Exchange regarding eligibility decisions.
- CIPA and its requirements were also discussed.
- Explanations of the ICD-9 codes were also given and the coverage that is offered for funding of these services.
- DEMAS/SAGA was also discussed and how these funding sources operate.
- In the Danbury Region - Individuals will have their medication co-pay paid through the 340B pharmacy plan as long as they don't have CADAP.
- A suggestion was made asking that medical case managers come to future trainings to help answer questions that are coming up. It was also suggested to ask case managers to evaluate their clients insurances and costs and gather that information.

In Summary: Joanne requested that we take some time and get actual numbers within the EMA of who is on what insurance and present that data. CAREWare is updated with this information every 6 months. Dennis said there has been increase in Health Insurance since the Affordable Care Act has been in place. We will need this data moving forward. Also, can QI create a questionnaire for their case managers to fill out with their clients over the next 90 days and what their insurance picture looks like? Joanne asked staff to work on identifying questions to ask case managers to poll their clients.

We will hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to work on Resource Allocations in late August to ensure that monies are properly allocated given the Affordable Care Act.

### **c. Review Framework for PSRA**

Jeff presented on this using a spreadsheet that identified each service category, core and support and the unduplicated client count for the last (3) grant years, and the following information for grant year 2013: units of services, units per client, unit cost and cost per client for Part A only. Roberta asked if we can get this information broken out by region, Arvil will do this and send it to Jeff. We can use this information for resource allocation that will be looked at at the end of August.



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## **d. Discuss Topics for Region Leads Update for Planning Council Meetings**

- Heidi opened up this discussion regarding the past topics that were covered. Tom suggested that we find out more about their experiences and any issues with the Affordable Care Act they may be having with their clients.
- The issue of attendees asking a direct question to a regional and what process should take place in order to address the question.
- It was decided that the committee would decide a topic each month and ask that of the regional leads.
- The topic for June will be high level trends regarding the impact of the Affordable Care Act.
- In August it was decided to ask the regions to come with detailed data on the insurance plans of their clients.

## **(6.0) Parking Lot Items**

1. When discussing Directives also look at how we deliver services, what does Ryan White funding provide. Financial eligibility may require Ryan White moves to a closed system where every person has a MCM to better determine client counts and eligibility or a process to make sure financial eligibility is determined within the guidelines from HRSA. – Tom Butcher asked all attendees to look at their regions and find out how they are operating with their clients, whether they require a MCM or not. Tom would like to regions to say to their providers something like “... it is expected for each client to have an MCM with documented exceptions.’ These exceptions can be documented in CAREWare and can be seen across providers. A Circle of Care document will be created in SPA that addresses this issue with Jeff as the lead. This will be on the August agenda
2. PSRA Framework: Include data requests for PSRA, ACA, accurate CAREWare numbers, Standards of Care, Standards of Care: SNAP application required, regional service category details, EIS detailed data, and eligibility specialists. This will be resolved when we discuss PSRA in August.

## **(6.0) Announcements**

- Dennis asked that the Needs Assessment questions from the State of CT be reviewed and regions should e-mail the state with suggestions.
- The next SPA meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2014 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Burrough’s Community Center
- Aids Walk in Waterbury will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Jeff will e-mail all Planning Council members regarding when to have the he 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for this committee in August.

## **(8.0) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

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**Strategic Planning and Assessment Committee Attendance Record – 2014**

	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
1.	Ric Browne	X	X	A	X	A	X				
2.	Heather Garofalo	X	A	X	X	X	X				
3.	<b>Heidi Jenkins Co-Chair</b>	X	X	X	A	X	X				
4.	Jerod Geter	-	-	-	-	-	X				
5.	Tom Kidder	X	X	X	X	X	A				
6.	<i>Brian Kuerze PC Co-Chair</i>	A	A	A	A	X	X				
7.	Ronald Lee	A	A	A	A	A	A				
8.	Sylvia Mitchell	-	-	-	-	A	A				
9.	<b>Joanne Montgomery Co-Chair</b>	A	X	X	A	X	X				
10.	Raphael Muniz	-	-	-	A	A	A				
11.	Alex Ortiz	A	A	A	A	A	A				
12.	Christine Romanik	A	A	X	A	A	A				
13.	Poonam Sharma	X	X	X	A	A	X				
14.	Robert Sideleau	A	A	A	A	A	A				
15.	<i>Roberta Stewart PC Co-Chair</i>	X	X	X	A	X	X				
16.	Lauren Tierney	X	X	X	X	X	X				
17.	Dennis Torres	X	X	X	A	X	X				
18.	Ryan White Office	X	X	X	X	X	X				
19.	Planning Council Staff	X	X	X	X	X	X				
20.	% of Council present:	59%	59%	59%	33%	50%	59%				

Mark Sanchez, Vicki Daniels, Yaretza Pizarro, Sabrina Delgado, Michael McKinney, Jennifer Loschiavo