



New Haven / Fairfield Counties EMA
Ryan White Part A Planning Council

WHAT DO THESE LETTERS MEAN?

Understanding the Acronyms

You Hear at

Planning Council Meetings



In this presentation, we will review the most frequently used acronyms that you may hear at any of the 5 Ryan White Planning Council meetings held monthly.

An **acronym** is a word or name formed from the initial components of a longer name or phrase, usually using individual initial letters. In the following slides you'll see several examples of this.

RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL COMMITTEES

SPA – **S**trategic **P**lanning & **A**ssessment

QI – **Q**uality **I**mprovement

PC – **P**lanning **C**ouncil

FEDERAL AGENCIES AND TERMS

HRSA – Health Resources and Services Administration

Is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and whose programs help those in need of high-quality primary health care, people with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, and mothers.

CDC – Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Works to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S.

HAB – HIV/AIDS Bureau

Provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, essential support services, and medications for low-income people with HIV.

NHAS- National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Is a five-year plan that details principles, priorities, and actions to guide the national response to the HIV epidemic.

FEDERAL AGENCIES AND TERMS

HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

The only Federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.

SPNS – Special Projects of National Significance

Supports the development of innovative models of HIV care and treatment in order to quickly respond to emerging needs of clients served by Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs.

ACA – Affordable Care Act

The comprehensive health care reform law enacted in March 2010 and can also be referred to as Obamacare

MAI – Minority AIDS Initiative

It was established to improve access to HIV care and health outcomes for disproportionately affected minority populations.

STATE AGENCIES AND TERMS

DPH – Department of Public Health

The mission of Connecticut's Department of Public Health is to protect and improve the health and safety of the people of Connecticut.

DSS – Department of Social Services

Delivers and funds a wide range of programs and services as Connecticut's multi-faceted health and human services agency.

DIS – Disease Intervention Specialist

In health departments, community health centers, and other similar locations they perform contact tracing, partner services, and emergency response.

CADAP – Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program

Helps eligible Connecticut residents with HIV or AIDS afford the cost of medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

CHPC – Connecticut HIV Planning Consortium

A diverse group of people (providers and consumers) dedicated to planning for HIV care and prevention services.

PLANNING COUNCIL FREQUENTLY USED TERMS

ASO – AIDS Service Organization

A non-governmental organization that provides services related to the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

CEO – Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer of the Ryan White Program for Fairfield and New Haven Counties is the Mayor of the City of New Haven, Justin Elicker.

CQM– Clinical Quality Management

Involves activities to improve client health outcomes by developing and implementing clinical quality management programs.

EFA – Emergency Financial Assistance

A funded service for PLWH that allows for short-term payment(s) to utility providers to assist with emergency expenses related to essential utilities, such as heat, electricity, water/sewer, and telephone service.

PLANNING COUNCIL FREQUENTLY USED TERMS

EMA – Eligible Metropolitan Area

An area that must have reported at least 2,000 AIDS cases in the most recent five years and have a population of at least 50,000.

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

A document created to enhance a collaborative working relationship between the Recipient and the Planning Council.

PCAT– Planning Council Activity Timeline

This tool outlines all tasks that each committee is responsible for completing in each month that they meet.

PLWH – People (Person) Living With HIV

PSRA – Priority Setting and Resource Allocation

Is a legislative requirement for all Planning Councils and is a decision-making process which sets priorities and allocates resources among service categories, based on documented needs.

