

Dutchess County HIV/AIDS Health Services Planning Council
Evaluation Committee Meeting
Minutes
Monday, November 17, 2008
3:30PM

Members in Attendance: Brad Berg, Co-Chair; Gail Williams, Co-Chair; Jennifer Palecek; Marilyn Rivera; Robert Selcov; Ellen Spagnoli

Grantee Representative: Jay Landolfi; Lisa Cardinale

Planning Council Staff: Christopher Lee

Guests: Kathleen Murphy; Jessica Mack; Ann Burnett (via phone)

I. Committee Business:

The monthly meeting of the Evaluation Committee was called to order by Brad Berg at 3:30 pm on Monday, November 17, 2008 in the Planning Council office. Roll call and introductions were done at this time. Six (6) members were present at the meeting. A quorum was established. The draft minutes from the October 20, 2008 Evaluation Committee meeting were reviewed and accepted as is.

II. Updating the Standards of Care (SOC):

The Evaluation Committee continued to work on the process of updating the SOC document. The committee invited Ann Burnett from the New York State Department of Health and Kathleen Murphy and Jessica Mack from the Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance service provider to the meeting to discuss this service category in more detail.

Guest, Ann Burnett, from New York State Uninsured Programs, described the newly funded service category, Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance. She stated that the program provides financial assistance for eligible individuals living with HIV to maintain a continuity of health insurance or to receive medical benefits under a health insurance program. This includes payments, risk pools, co-payments, and deductibles. It was stated that the providers are responsible for screening clients to verify that they want the service and that they're not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, or Family Health Plus, and that they are eligible for APIC. In order to get this service, a client must be eligible for APIC because this new service pays the first month's premium and the client is then able to get continued coverage through APIC. It was stated that a person is not eligible for APIC if he/she earns \$44,000 or more a year. Also, it was stated that ADAP does not cover every need. Each plan for each person is different and is based on their particular eligibility and need.

The committee reviewed the draft SOC for this service presented to the committee by Grantee Representative, Lisa Cardinale. The committee reviewed and discussed the outline of standards and began editing the document to fit our needs. For latest version see the Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance section of the *Standards of Care-Work in Progress* document.

IV. Next Meeting:

The next Evaluation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 3:30 pm at the Planning Council office. At the next meeting, the committee will continue to work on the SOC. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.