

**GREATER HAMPTON ROADS HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING  
COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Norfolk Department of Human Services, 741 Monticello Avenue, Norfolk

**MARCH 08, 2017: 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Moment of Silent Reflection:** A moment of silence was observed for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in the TGA. Remembering people who have gone before us and those still struggling in this fight.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The committee reviewed minutes from the last meeting. Two corrections were noted as follows:

Under: Present: Early should read as Earl.

Announcements: First Calvary Baptist Church, should read as New Calvary Baptist Church

After review a motion was moved by Earl and properly seconded by Mishell to approve the minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed.

**Welcome and Introductions:** The chair welcomed participants to the meeting. The following members introduced themselves:

Present:

Gregory Fordham, Tony Boston, Charles Bonamy, Darrell Brisbon, Todd England, Leon Norman Mercer, Mishell Booth, Lynea Hogan, Earl Hamlet, Teresa Malilwe-PC Support Staff, and Rachael Artise-PC member and Co-Chair of the Priorities, Allocations and Policies Committee. Coming out of the remarks Rachael made at the Planning Council meeting, she was attending the meeting to hear from the consumers, their concerns, especially as it pertains to transportation problems they experience when they need to attend Council meetings, and Support Groups.

**Old Business:**

Educational Moment: For the educational moment, the committee agreed at the last meeting, to invite committee chairs to attend the Community Access Committee meetings so that they can talk about the committees they chair. This will help committee members understand the Planning Council processes and the work that is done on behalf of the consumers. In this regard, Mr. Robert Hargett was invited to attend the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to talk about the on-going transportation problems and answer some consumer concerns.

Mr. Hargett was introduced to members of the committee. He thanked them for the invitation to attend their meeting. In his discussion, he talked about the Ryan White Program Legislation and the CARE Act; the importance of the Community Access Committee to the Planning Council both in terms of recruitment of Council members, and the community's participation in providing the Council data that is needed to make informed decisions regarding the provision of services. After extensive discussion, Robert responded to questions raised by the participants, including how the Grievance Process is handled.

At the end of Robert's remarks, the chair, on behalf of the committee, thanked Robert and Rachael for coming to attend the meeting and for their responses to questions and concerns.

Plan and Coordinate Quarterly Consumer Forums: The committee continued to plan for the next consumer forum, which will be held on the Southside. Gregg reported that he still has to talk to the Church to ask for a venue at the New Calvary Church for the event.

- Topics: Will include, for presentation, the following:
  - PrEP (Will provide resource information)
  - The Affordable Care Act
  - Life Insurance
  - Medical Case Management
  - Non-Medical Case Management
  - Understanding the Grievance Procedure as it pertains to Medical Case Management
  - Transportation

Members were requested to talk about which individuals will come to attend the Town Hall Meeting and make presentations on the proposed topics. The following proposals were made:

- PrEP: Jason was proposed by Todd
- ACA: Shelly was proposed by Earl
- Life Insurance: Mishell and Tony volunteered to find someone
- Case Management/Non-Medical Case Management: Gwendolyn was proposed by Todd
- Grievance Procedure: Gregg will find someone
- Transportation: Bell was proposed by Earl

For the April meeting's educational moment, the committee agreed to invite someone to come and talk about Medical Case Management/Non-Medical Case Management.

The chair stated that the committee will, at the next meeting, continue discussing plans for the Town Hall meeting including putting together, a proposed agenda for the event. The dates and time for the proposed event are as follows:

- Date: May 2017
- Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Proposed Location: New Calvary Baptist Church. Gregg was asked to check availability.

Rachael will come back to present her committee's update on transportation. Some one from the Quality Improvement & Strategic Planning Committee will be invited to attend the committee meeting and will discuss the committee's responsibilities.

### **Announcements/Any Other Business:**

Lynea stated that she has room in her car for three people from the Peninsula who want to come to the Community Access Committee meetings.

The Newport News Support Group will meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at M.A.S.S. Offices.

On Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, an informal support group meeting will be held at the LGBT Center at ACCESSAIDS from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This Saturday, the New Calvary Baptist Church and the Bethany Baptist Church are putting on a program for the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of HIV/AIDS, also supporting the National Women and Girls HIV Awareness Day. The program is from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at 800 East Virginia Beach Blvd. Everyone is invited.

**Next Meeting Date/Adjournment:**

With no further business, a motion was moved by Tony and was properly seconded by Mishell to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The next meeting will be April 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gregory Fordham – Chair-Community Access Committee