

**Ryan White Planning Council of the Philadelphia Part A EMA
Positive Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2015
12:00-2:00p.m.**

Office of HIV Planning, 340 N. 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Present: PH (24), PA (2), NJ (1)

Staff: Nicole Johns, Jennifer Hayes

Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Introductions: K. Carter called the meeting to order at 12:05p.m. He read the mission statement.¹ A moment of silence followed. Those present then introduced themselves and participated in an icebreaker activity.

Approval of Agenda: K. Carter presented the agenda for approval. **Motion:** D. Gana moved, L. Way seconded to approve the agenda. **Motion passed:** All in favor.

Approval of Minutes (*November 9, 2015*): K. Carter presented the minutes for approval. **Motion:** L. Way moved, D. Gana seconded to approve the minutes. **Motion passed:** All in favor.

Report of Chair:

- **Participation Acknowledgments**

K. Carter recognized individuals who were attending their first Positive Committee meeting with a token of their participation.

Report of Staff: N. Johns thanked attendees for RSVPing to the meeting so she could order the appropriate amount of lunches. She said the group would be having lunch and participating in a raffle today. She apologized that the minutes from last month were not yet translated into Spanish. She stated that the minutes were currently being translated and would be posted on the OHP website after they were completed.

Discussion Item: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: D. Gana announced that the LGBT Elder Initiative (LGBTEI) had hosted a workshop concerning HIV and Aging. He said 3 doctors had attended and discussed medications, adherence, Hepatitis C, and talking to medical providers about sexual health. He said more workshops would be held in March, April, and May. He stated that the next workshop (in March) would be about sex positivity, and the workshop in April would concern spirituality and mind and body. He concluded that the May workshop would focus on substance use disorders and HIV. K. Carter noted that the sex positivity workshop would cover HIV criminalization laws. D. Gana explained that the dates and locations for the workshops would be announced in the near future, and participants would be able to sign up online. N. Santiago asked if the conversations would be translated into Spanish. D. Gana

¹ Mission statement: The Positive Committee supports and enhances the role of people living with HIV/AIDS to empower their participation in the decision-making process of the Ryan White Part A Planning Council and the HIV Prevention Planning Group.

replied that Spanish-speakers who were interested in attending could contact the event organizers in advance to potentially arrange for a translator.

N. Santiago asked participants to speak with friends who interested in attending meetings and were Latino and HIV positive. She offered to share her contact information with these individuals, and she encouraged them to call or email her².

Announcements: M. White stated that he'd travelled with a group to Harrisburg to speak with the Secretary of Health and Welfare on World AIDS Day. He explained that the Secretary was unable to speak with the group, as the state budget had not yet passed. He said the Secretary was rescheduling the meeting for a later time.

C. Street said he had attended the recent Gay Bingo event in Philadelphia. He urged members to participate in future Gay Bingo events.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 12:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Hayes, Staff

Handouts distributed at the meeting:

- Meeting Agenda
- November 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- OHP Calendar

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