



2021-2022 Term

# Planning Council Meeting

Thursday, January 13th, 2022



## Welcome/Intro/MOS

4:00pm-4:05pm

Kathy Lituri, PC Chair

## Approve Dec 9th, 2021 Minutes

4:05 pm - 4:10pm

Kathy Lituri, PC Chair

## Agency representative updates and Committee Reports

4:10 pm-4:25 pm

All

## Mid-Year Check In

4:25pm-4:40pm

PCS

## Bylaw Vote 6.6 "Attendance in Meetings"

4:40pm-4:55pm

Kathy Lituri, PC Chair

## Basecamp Tutorial

4:55pm-5:10pm

Richard Swanson

## Client Utilization and Spending Update Q3

5:10pm-5:35pm

RWSD

## Presentation Debrief in Learning Circles

5:35pm-5:50pm

RWSD

## Announcements, Evaluations, and Wrap-

5:50pm-6:00pm

## List of Acronyms

<b>AAM</b>	Assessment of Administrative Mechanism
<b>ACA</b>	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
<b>ADAP/HDAP</b>	AIDS Drug Assistance Program/HIV Drug Assistance Program
<b>BPHC</b>	Boston Public Health Commission
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>EIIHA</b>	Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS
<b>EIS</b>	Early Intervention Services
<b>EMA</b>	Eligible Metropolitan Area
<b>FY</b>	Fiscal Year
<b>HRSA</b>	Health Resources and Services Administration
<b>IDB</b>	Infectious Disease Bureau
<b>MA</b>	Massachusetts
<b>MAI</b>	Minority AIDS Initiative
<b>MCM</b>	Medical Case Management
<b>MDPH</b>	Massachusetts Department of Public Health
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MSM</b>	Men who have Sex with Men
<b>NH</b>	New Hampshire
<b>NHAS</b>	National HIV/AIDS Strategy
<b>NHDHHS</b>	New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
<b>PLWHA</b>	People Living With HIV/AIDS
<b>PCS</b>	Planning Council Support
<b>PO</b>	Purchasing Order
<b>RFP</b>	Request for Proposals
<b>RWHAP</b>	Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
<b>RWSD</b>	Ryan White Services Division-BPHC
<b>SAMHSA</b>	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Resources Administration
<b>TA</b>	Technical Assistance
<b>TGA</b>	Transitional Grant Area



Planning Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 13, 2022  
Zoom  
4:00 - 6:00pm

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### Summary of Attendance

#### Members Present

Kathy	Lituri
Patrick	Baum
Adam	Barrett
Darren	Sack
Wendy	LeBlanc
Margaret	Lombe
Omar	Martinez-Gonzalez
Richard	Swanson
Robert	Giannasca
Brian	Holliday
Justin	Alves
Tad	Bailey
Ayla	Baraka
Stephen	Batchelder
Lamar	Brown-Noguera
Barry	Callis
Joey	Carlesimo
Stephen	Corbett
Damon	Gaines
Amanda	Hart
Melissa	Hector
Darian	Hendricks
Lorraine	Jones
Katie	Keating
Allison	Kirchgasser
Tim	Mercier
Lea	Nelligan
Keith	Nolen
Ericka	Olivera
Mahara	Pinheiro
Manuel	Pires
Serena	Rajabiun
Michael	Swaney

Bryan	Thomas
Catherine	Weerts
Tim	Young

#### Members Excused

Lulu Bethea

#### Members Absent

Cindi Bell  
Ta’Nisha Maitre

#### PCS

Claudia Cavanaugh  
Tegan Evans  
Lianne Hope  
Greg Lanza  
Abiola Lawson

#### RWSD

Austin	Hanna
Melanie	Lopez
Eileen	Merisola
Paola	Rivas Camarena

## **Topic A: Welcome and Introductions**

Kathy Lituri, Planning Council Chair, welcomed everyone, reviewed the virtual ground rules and led a moment of silence.

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## **Topic B: Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of December 9th, 2021, were reviewed.

**Motion to Approve:** Brian Holliday

**Second:** Stephen Corbett

**Result:** The minutes were approved. 1 abstention.

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## **Topic C: Committee Updates**

### **NRAC | Darren Sack:**

- Met 12/16/21
- WL led exercise going over various funding stream scenarios for different services. Had great dialogue and participation.
- Discussed formation of Needs Assessment Adhoc Committee and submitted an official request for a Needs Assessment intern

### **MNC | Richard Swanson (Vice-Chair):**

- Met 1/3/22
- Announced RG has stepped down as the Chair of MNC and thanked him for leading the committee over the past year and a half. A new Chair will be announced soon.
- Discussed member recruitment and activities including virtual and in-person events. A google docs calendar will be posted on Basecamp for members to update with community events.
- Plan to update member applications with a QR code to increase accessibility
- DH – Is there a breakdown of the Council by demographics for diversity in recruitment? Yes, PCS has demographic composition and uses that to drive recruitment efforts and fill in gaps. Ryan White legislation requires Planning Council to be reflective of the EMA demographics.

### **SPEC | Margaret Lombe**

- Met 1/6/22.
- Reviewed AAM recommendations from FY21 AAM Report and posed suggestion to form Adhoc AAM working group.
- Reviewed HRSA service categories that had not been approved in the Boston EMA and had a follow-up team exercise.

### **Consumer- Adam Barrett**

- Met 1 /11/22
- Member Spotlight – Kathy Lituri, Planning Council Chair
- Discussed EHE funding request for Anti-Stigma Campaign and how to measure and define campaign success.
- Discussed recruitment for consumer committee and thoughts about Covid a year on
- Next meeting, guest speaker Donna White, addictions specialist at Shaddock will be presenting on compassion fatigue and long-term survivorship.

### **Executive | Patrick Baum**

- Met 12/20/22
- Reviewed committee attendance and evaluations and Planning Council agenda for this meeting.
- Discussed submissions for Ryan White National Conference.
- Received PCS staffing updates.

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### **Topic D: Agency Reports**

The representatives for Medicaid (Alison Kirchgasser), New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NHDHHS) (Cindi Bell), Massachusetts Department of Health (MDPH) (Barry Callis), Mayor Wu's Office (Melissa Hector), Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC)/Ryan White Services Division (RWSD) (Katie Keating) gave agency updates – SEE below.

#### **BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION**

#### **INFECTIOUS DISEASE BUREAU, HIV/AIDS SERVICES DIVISION**

**REPRESENTATIVE: KATIE KEATING – DIRECTOR, RYAN WHITE SERVICES DIVISION**

- No updates

#### **MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF MEDICAID (MASSHEALTH)**

**REPRESENTATIVE: ALISON KIRCHGASSER – DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL AND STATE RELATIONS**

As part of the Baker-Polito Administration's [Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform](#), effective January 1, 2022 MassHealth is establishing a process for MassHealth-enrolled Mental Health Centers (MHCs) to qualify as Behavioral Health Urgent Care providers. Behavioral Health Urgent Care providers must increase timely access to treatment for MassHealth members, including offering same- or next-day appointments and night and weekend hours. This new process furthers the Commonwealth's goals of providing the right behavioral health services inclusive of mental health and addiction treatment, where and when people need them. See the Provider Bulletin at [download \(mass.gov\)](#)

## Questions/Comments

- SB – Some providers have long wait lists, can you temporarily access care from one of these other providers? Depends on which MassHealth plan the individual is in and which providers are in the plan. AK will look at the provider bulletin to confirm at next meeting.

### **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

#### **BUREAU OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND LABORATORY SCIENCES (BIDLS)**

#### **OFFICE OF HIV/AIDS (OHA)**

**REPRESENTATIVE: BARRY CALLIS - DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION**

- No Update

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**REPRESENTATIVE: CINDI BELL - MANAGER, NH RYAN WHITE CARE & TB FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION & CARE SERVICES**

- NH will begin the Integrated HIV Planning later this month which will incorporate the 2020 Needs Assessment and updated Epidemiological profile into a 5-year statewide plan. The plan will be completed and published December 2022.
- The Early Intervention Services for Human Immunodeficiency Virus Request for Proposal posted in December – NH Department of Public Health Services is eager for applicants; please refer interested to <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/business/rfp/index.htm> (under DPHS)
- NH providers have increased remote operations when necessary in response to high community spread of COVID
- NH CARE has 2 remaining vacancies: Program Manager and Quality Coordinator; DHHS has hired a Public Health Detailing Manager focused on provider relations and education as well as HIV surveillance staff – these positions had been vacant for some time
- It's tax season! Guidance is going out to clients whose ACA premiums were paid for by NH CARE for processing Advanced Premium Tax Credits from 2021
- A reminder that ACA enrollment closes on January 15<sup>th</sup>
- NH CARE Meets with Case Managers next week, and the Medical Advisory Board meets on Jan 31
- The next NH HPG full membership meeting is in March. Please check the website for a full calendar: <https://nhhiv.org/>

### **CITY OF BOSTON**

#### **OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**REPRESENTATIVE: MELISSA HECTOR - DIRECTOR OF CAPACITY BUILDING**

- The City of Boston Vaccine Mandate will take effect this Saturday January 15th. You can find details about the mandate [boston.gov](https://boston.gov).
  - There will be vaccine requirements for indoor spaces such as dining spaces, gyms, and entertainment venues.

- Vaccine clinics are being set up across the city for those who need first/second doses or booster shots.
  - Scaling up test sites throughout the city for more access to walk-in testing. Soft launch in Nubian Square in Roxbury at the Bolling Building. Open this week by appointment and starting next week Tuesday, will be walk-in only.
  - There is a new vaccine clinic hosted by the Governor's Office in Roxbury at Melnea Cass Community Center Monday- Friday
  - BPHC is hosting weekly community calls on covid updates. If you would like to be added to the distribution list for those calls email [melissa.hector@boston.gov](mailto:melissa.hector@boston.gov)
  - Questions/Comments:
    - KN - Is it required to have a booster shot for the vaccine mandate? Right now, the requirement is based on CDC guidelines on full vaccination i.e. One dose of Johnson and Johnson and two doses of Moderna/Pfizer.
    - TY - Is testing PCR or quick swab? All the ongoing testing will be molecular PCR test
    - DH - Is someone only allowed to get vaccinations or boosters in the state where they reside? Each state has their own regulations regarding whether they're a resident of their own city or county. In Boston, not turned away based on residency.
    - OMG - Confirm PCR testing going on in Bolling building. Can we get a flyer? Information is under City of Boston website under the testing page. MC will share poster with PCS to distribute. Also posted on BPHC Instagram and Twitter (@healthyboston) and on the mayor's handle.
    - BC - Curious to know what folks are hearing about access to testing and vaccinations for persons with HIV? Are there particular needs that PLWH have regarding access to vaccines or boosters or testing? Most people haven't heard anything. Seems they have the same access as everyone else.
    - BC - New offer to purchase rapid COVID tests available to faith, medical, CBO, local boards of health, and others using state cost. Will send link with info.
    - TB - What resources are out there for those that do not want to get vaccinated? In Boston, the vaccine mandate is not required at essential places such as grocery stores
    - Members discussed the difference between PCR test and Rapid testing, the importance of understanding the difference and when to use each. Suggestion was made to continue the conversation in another forum such as Consumer Committee.
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### **Topic E: Mid-Year Check In**

Claudia Cavanaugh, PCS led a mid-year check-in with the Council. Highlighted things going well such as working group participation, connecting with mentors, and having productive discussions with group dialogue and case studies. She encouraged members to attend the Consumer Committee and increase the response rate in the meeting evaluations.

Action Item –PCS to post evaluations earlier in the zoom chat, send after the meeting and post in Basecamp.

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### **Topic F: Bylaw Vote 6.6 “Attendance at Meetings”**

Claudia shared changes made to the Planning Council Bylaws Section 6.6 Attendance at Meetings (pages 20,21). BH highlighted one importance of the change is to give members the opportunity to make up an absence by viewing meeting recordings to avoid getting warning letters or termination.

Motion to Approve Amendment to Bylaws Section 6.6 as written.

**Motion:** Justin Alves

**Second:** Richard Swanson

Result: Motion approved. 29 approve (1) abstention

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### **Topic G: Basecamp Tutorial**

Richard Swanson walked the Council through a Basecamp tutorial and highlighted various sections and meeting material. He demonstrated how to access meeting recordings, schedule meetings to your calendar and send private messages to other members.

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### **Topic H: Client Utilization and Spending Update Q3**

Eileen Merisola, and Austin Hanna, Ryan White Services Division, presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Quarter 3 (September 1,2021 – November 30,2021) spending and utilization report to the Planning Council. They highlighted the following:

- Overview of services and number of clients served across the EMA. Across 13 service categories, a total of 4,775 clients had been served at the end of the third quarter.
- Demographics of clients served in FY21 Q3 by Age and Gender, Race and Ethnicity and Exposure category



- Service Category Spotlights - spending and number of clients served for Medical and Non-medical Case Management, Housing, Psychosocial Support, and Emergency Financial Assistance.

➤ Key Takeaways:

\* Some agencies behind in data due to understaffing and some behind in invoicing so some of the numbers may be higher than what is being reported.

Medical and Non-Medical Case Management –Agencies continue to face difficulties filling vacancies which has led to underspending and a lot of them are back to hybrid work

Housing – High need across the EMA but facing challenge assisting clients with effective housing search due to the pandemic

Psychosocial support – Some agencies provided incentives like meal delivery for remote support groups. Facing challenges with remote support groups due to privacy/safety concerns so doing more one-on one sessions to support consumers.

EFA – Agencies continue to report a high need for EFA funds to increase client housing and food supports as a result of COVID-19. EFA has been supplemented by other local and federal funding for some agencies, but the high need remains.

➤ Questions and Comments:

JA - For MAI EFA, are individuals getting less money since they provided services for more clients? From what's been reported there hasn't been any issue meeting need. This agency got carry over funding. Agencies have also reported use of other funding to supplement EFA.

KN - What was EFA being used for? Seeing a lot of requests for assistance with housing and utilities.

KN - Regarding psychosocial support, spending on track as majority of the funds goes towards staffing but challenge in gathering folks for support groups. How are agencies spending funds for virtual support groups? One agency is doing home delivery with staff hand delivering meals to clients.

DH expressed concerns with the reports stating agencies are meeting the needs of the clients but not seeing the correlation in the general population, as other general data shows a rise in HIV infection rates and people falling out of care with the bad economy.

KK clarified the presentation is program level data of people receiving the services and program invoicing, spending and service utilization. It provides data on Part A clients that are already connected to care, showing an overview of spending for the program and how agencies are meeting projected goals. Addressing people out of care and need is important and looked at in the needs assessment, EHE and integrated plan.

The purpose of the service utilization presentation is to provide an update on Part A funded agencies and how the agencies are doing in terms of spending and service delivery.

SB- Curious about geographics of where the services are offered. For future utilization presentations, request to see a map of EMA showing service areas to give a better idea of gaps.

TB – People who are left out are really the hardest to reach such as homeless and active substance abuse users. Case managers need to follow-up with the clients.

LB - These numbers are only from the programs directly funded from BPHC. Almost all the programs from BPHC funds are last resort so they will most likely refer clients to different programs

Members made suggestions to emphasize context and purpose of the presentation. Include a caveat that the report is describing services for people engaged in care, and numbers reported are related to agency contracts and scope of work.

KL – What’s the status of Linguistic Services? Agency has almost fully utilized their Part A and carry over funds. The increased funding the agency received made a huge difference this year.

NRAC’s Needs Assessment Adhoc group will explore demand and gaps in meeting the needs of PLWH.

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### **Topic I: Other Business, Announcements, Evaluation & Adjourn**

#### **Announcements:**

- February 7<sup>th</sup> is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD)
- KL - Announced two members resigned, Stanley Flores and George Diaz, and thanked them for their service. Please keep in mind potential members and ways we can keep reflectiveness up
- RS - Reminded people to update the calendar of events on Basecamp with any events the Planning Council might be interested in for recruitment.

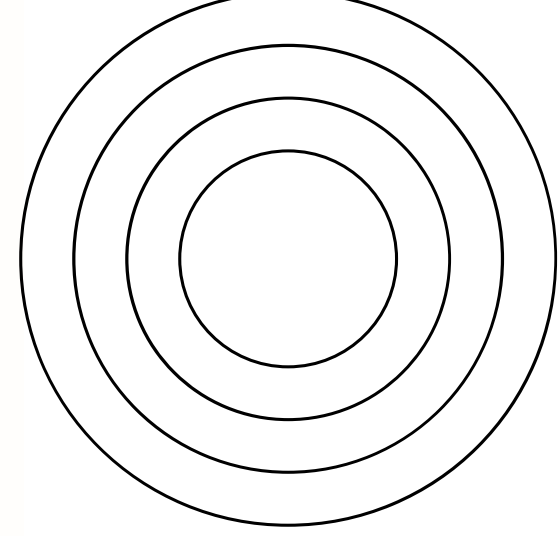
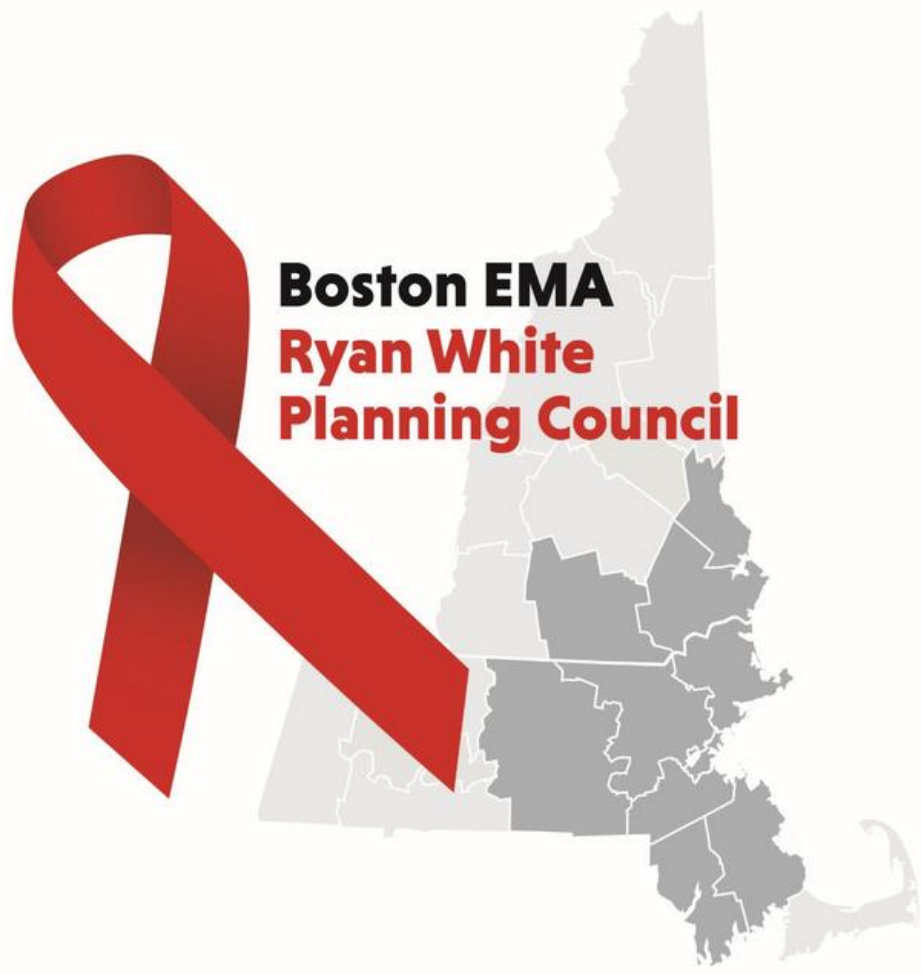
#### **Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion: Stephen Batchelder**

**Second: Tim Young**

**Result:** The meeting was adjourned.

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# Planning Council Meeting

Kathy Lituri, Chair  
Patrick Baum, Chair-Elect  
January 13, 2022

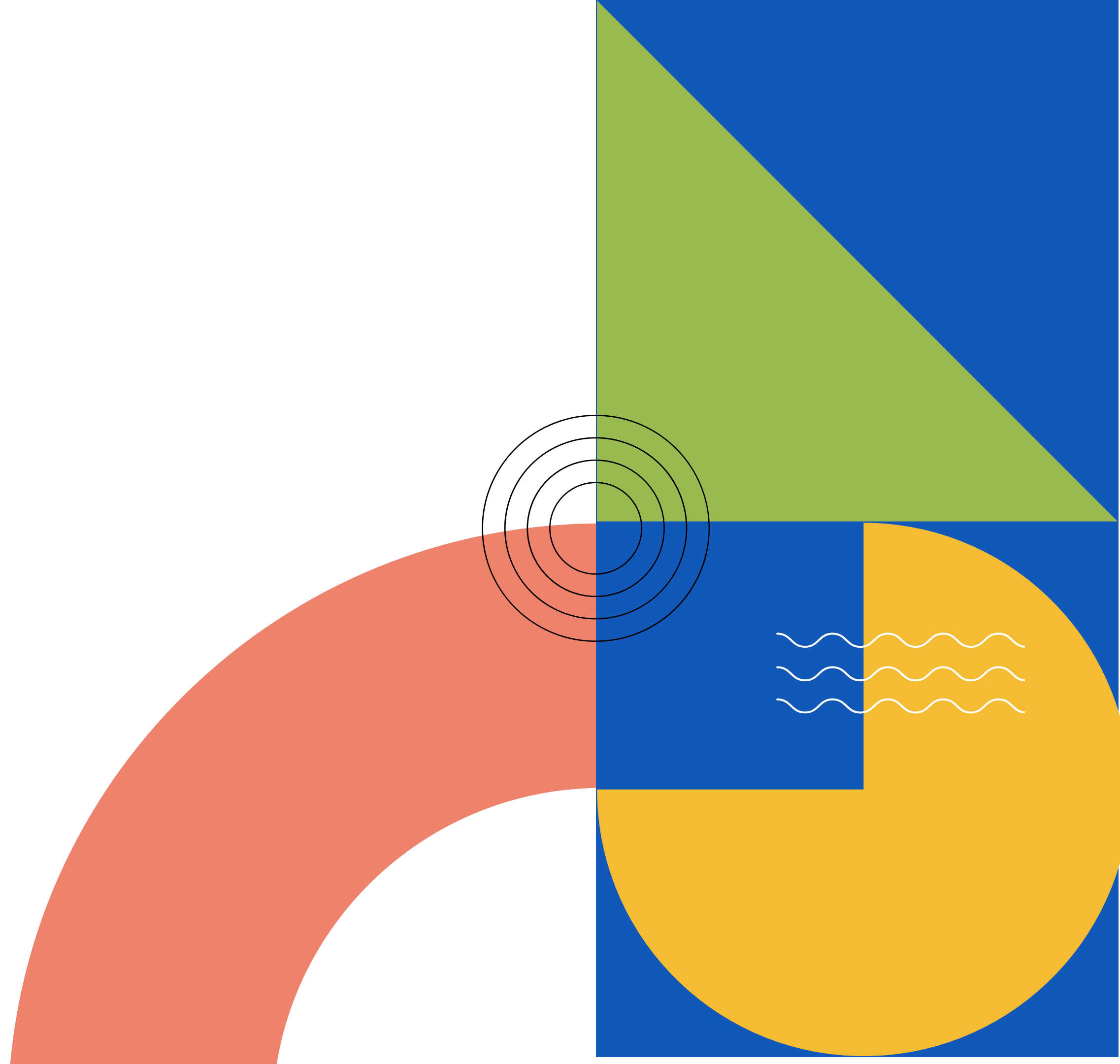
(happy new year!)



# Moment of silence



At this moment, let's take a moment of silence in remembrance of those who came before us, those who are present, and those who will come after us. before an audience.

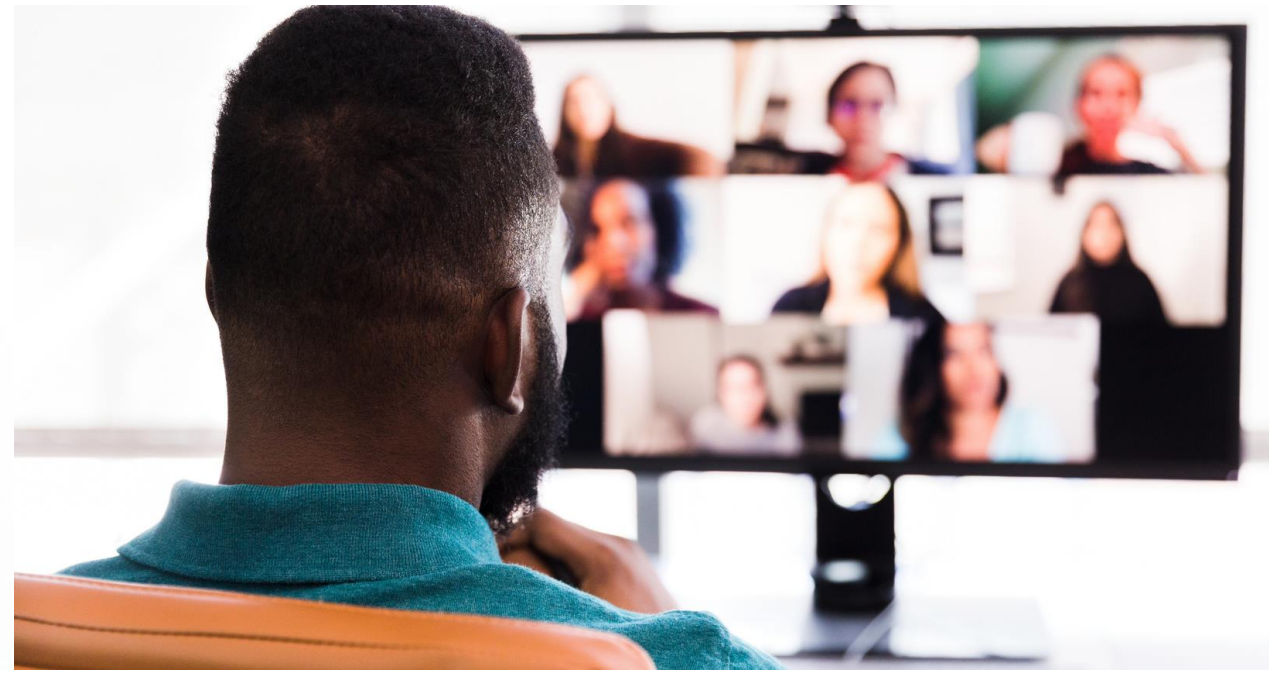


# Attendance



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# Overview

## TODAY'S AGENDA DISCUSSION TOPICS

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- Approve December meeting minutes
- Agency representative updates and committee reports
- Mid-year check in
- Bylaw vote 6.6, "Attendance at Meetings"
- Basecamp tutorial
- Client utilization and spending update Q3
- Announcements, evaluations, and wrap-up



# Approving meeting minutes

DECEMBER 9th, 2021

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## Steps in approving minutes:

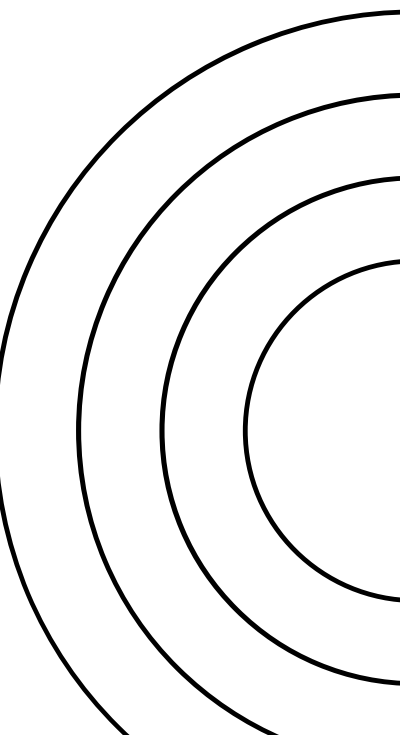
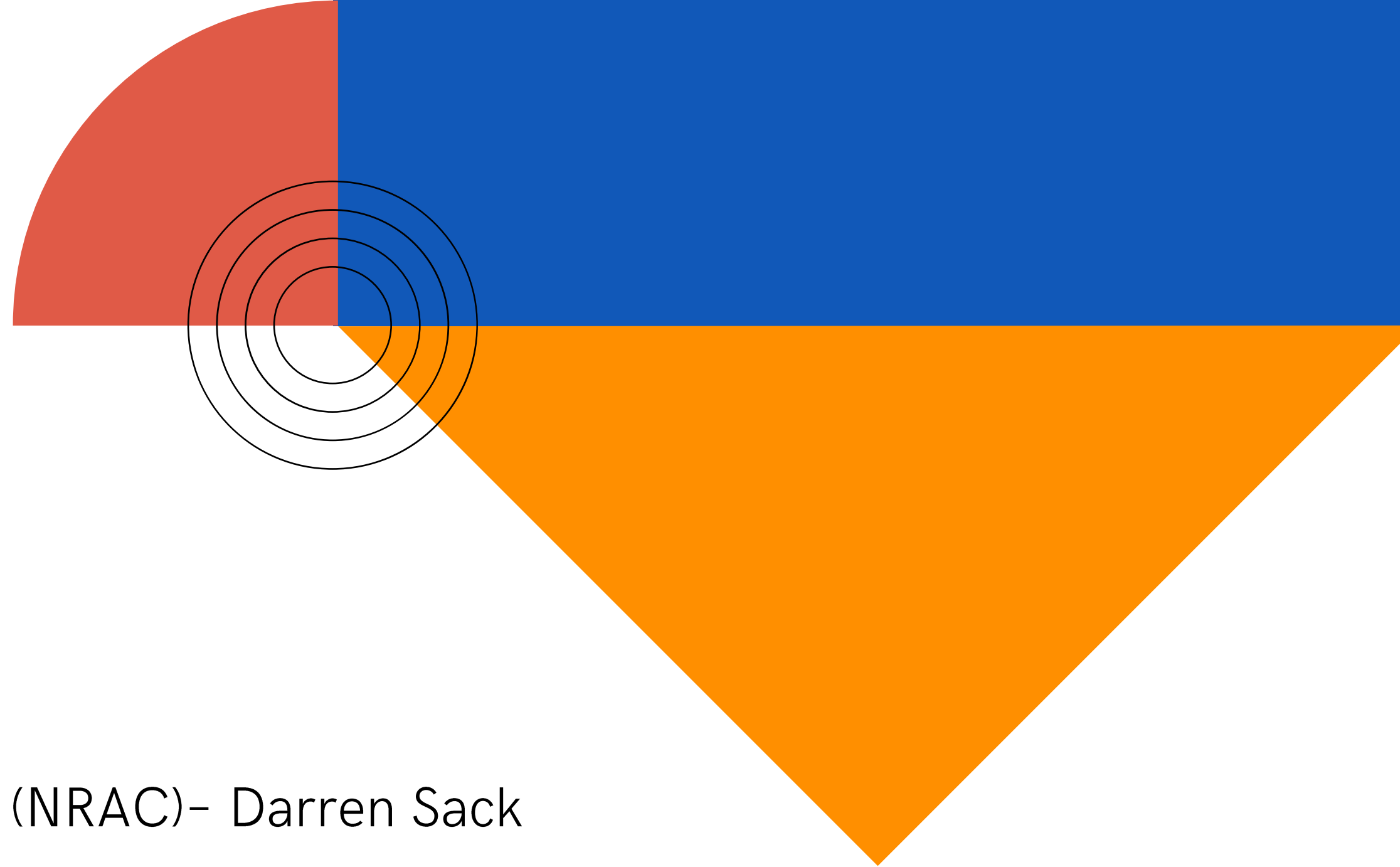
- Review minutes
- Make a first and second motion to approve minutes
- Vote (Zoom poll)
  
- All in Favor:** Yes, I approve the minutes
- Opposed:** No, I do not approve the minutes
- Abstention:** Decline to vote



# Subcommittee updates

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO  
THE COUNCIL'S WORK

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- Needs, Resources, and Allocations (NRAC)– Darren Sack
  - Membership and Nominations (MNC) – Richard Swanson
  - Service, Priorities, and Evaluation (SPEC) – Margaret Lombe
  - Consumer Committee – Adam Barrett
  - Executive Committee – Patrick Baum





# Agency Updates

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

Melissa Hector

MA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
Office of HIV/AIDS

Bary Callis

NH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES, NH Care Program

Cindi Bell

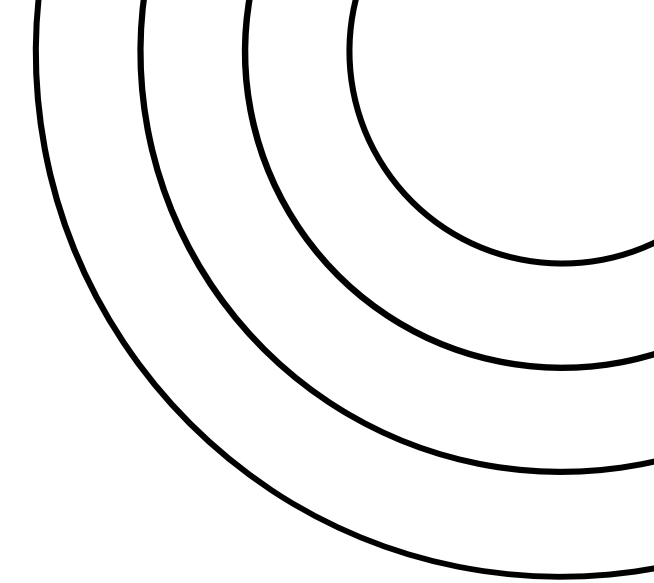


MA OFFICE OF MEDICAID

Alison Kirchagasser

BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Katie Keating



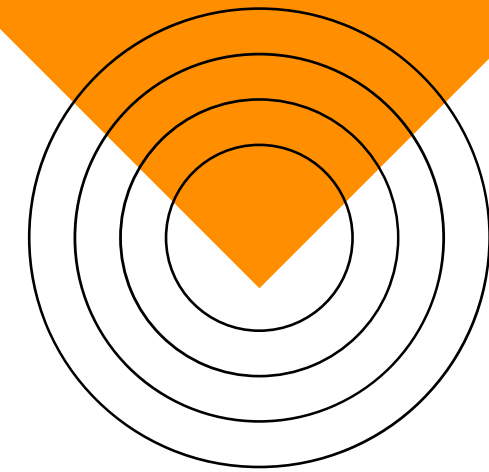
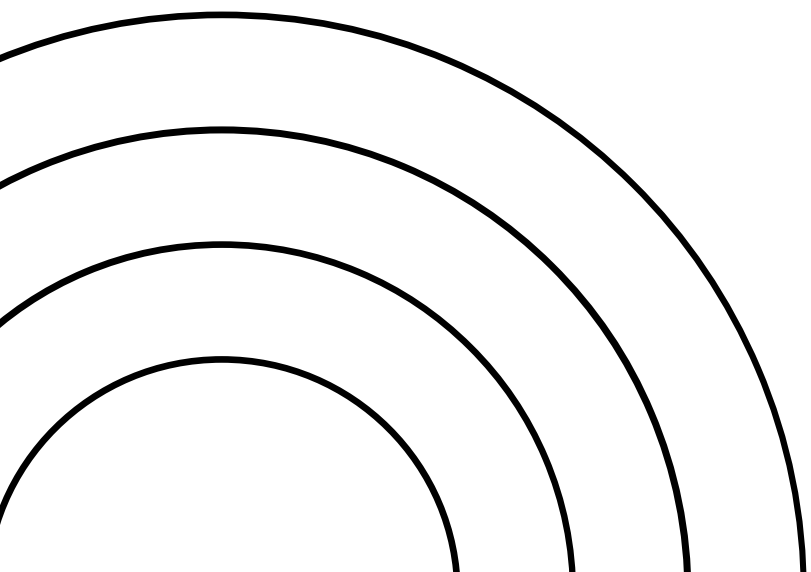
# Mid-year Review

Planning Council Support

# Mid-Year Review

you're all halfway there!

- FAQ
- Check In



# Ryan White Planning Council | FAQ January 13, 2022

## 1. Resources to link clients to other Part B/C/D/F funded services:

- Provider handbook ([all Part A programs in the EMA](#))
- Google <https://findhivcare.hrsa.gov/?zip=02118&btnSubmit=>
  - HRSA website will list Part C, D and F funded agencies per state

## 2. I want to learn more about...

- Service categories – <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/dME29t4yjPe6ndxF93ZTWf5t>
- HOPWA, Ryan White Part D

## 3. Evaluations

- Breakout rooms
- Group dialogue
- Case studies/practice examples
- Ending meetings on time

YOU'RE  
DOING  
GREAT

## Check In

- What's going well:
  - You're participating in working groups
  - You're connecting with mentors
  - You're having productive, meaningful discussions
- We can improve on:
  - Consumer committee attendance
  - Filling out meeting evaluations

## Evaluation Participation 2020-2021 vs 2021-2022

Evaluations	PC	SPEC	Consumer	NRAC			PC	SPEC	Consumer	NRAC
Oct-20	62%	65%	60%	91%		<b>Oct-21</b>	57% (20/35)	<b>81% (13/16)</b>	50% (3/6)	<b>80% (12/15)</b>
Nov-20	85%	61%	78%	81%		<b>Nov-21</b>	44% (14/32)	65% (11/17)	67% (4/6)	<b>86% (9/14)</b>
Dec-20	69%	63%	64%	79%		<b>Dec-21</b>	42% (14/33)	47% (7/15)	0 (6)	37% (7/19)
Jan-21	93%	79%	56%	75%		<b>Jan-22</b>				
Feb-21	60%	100%	100%	95%		<b>Feb-22</b>				
Mar-21	70%	100%	89%	100%		<b>Mar-22</b>				
Apr-21	86%	87%	100%	79%		<b>Apr-22</b>				
May-21	60%	100%	43%	95%		<b>May-22</b>				
06/10/21						<b>Jun-22</b>				
06/24/21		n/a	n/a	n/a		<b>Jun-22</b>				
<b>Max</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>						
<b>Min</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>75%</b>						
<b>Average</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>88%</b>						

# Bylaw Vote

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# Basecamp Tutorial

Richard Swanson

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Where do I find meeting recordings? How to I send a message? How do I download the PowerPoint?

Fiscal Year 2021  
Quarter 3 Spending & Utilization Report  
*September 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021*

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# Objectives

- Summarize spending and utilization data for Q3 FY21

# Background & Overview

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# FY 2021

AIDS Drug Assistance Program

Medical Case Management\*

Medical Nutrition Therapy

Oral Health

## Overview

❖ \$14,954,148

❖ 34 funded agencies

❖ 13 services categories

❖ 4,775 clients to date

Non-Medical Case Management\*

Housing

Psychosocial Support\*

Foodbank/Home-Delivered Meals

Medical Transportation

Emergency Financial Assistance\*

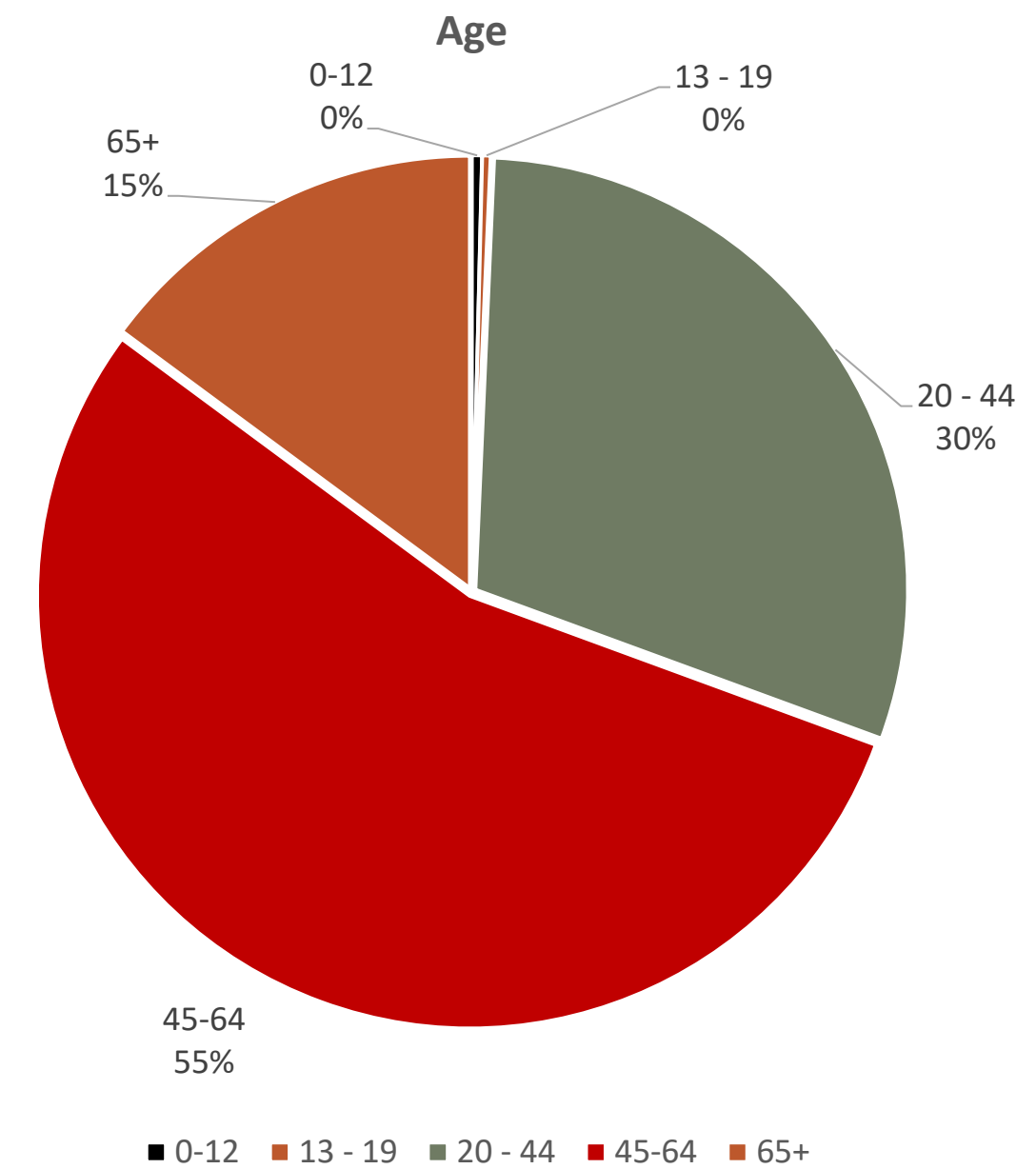
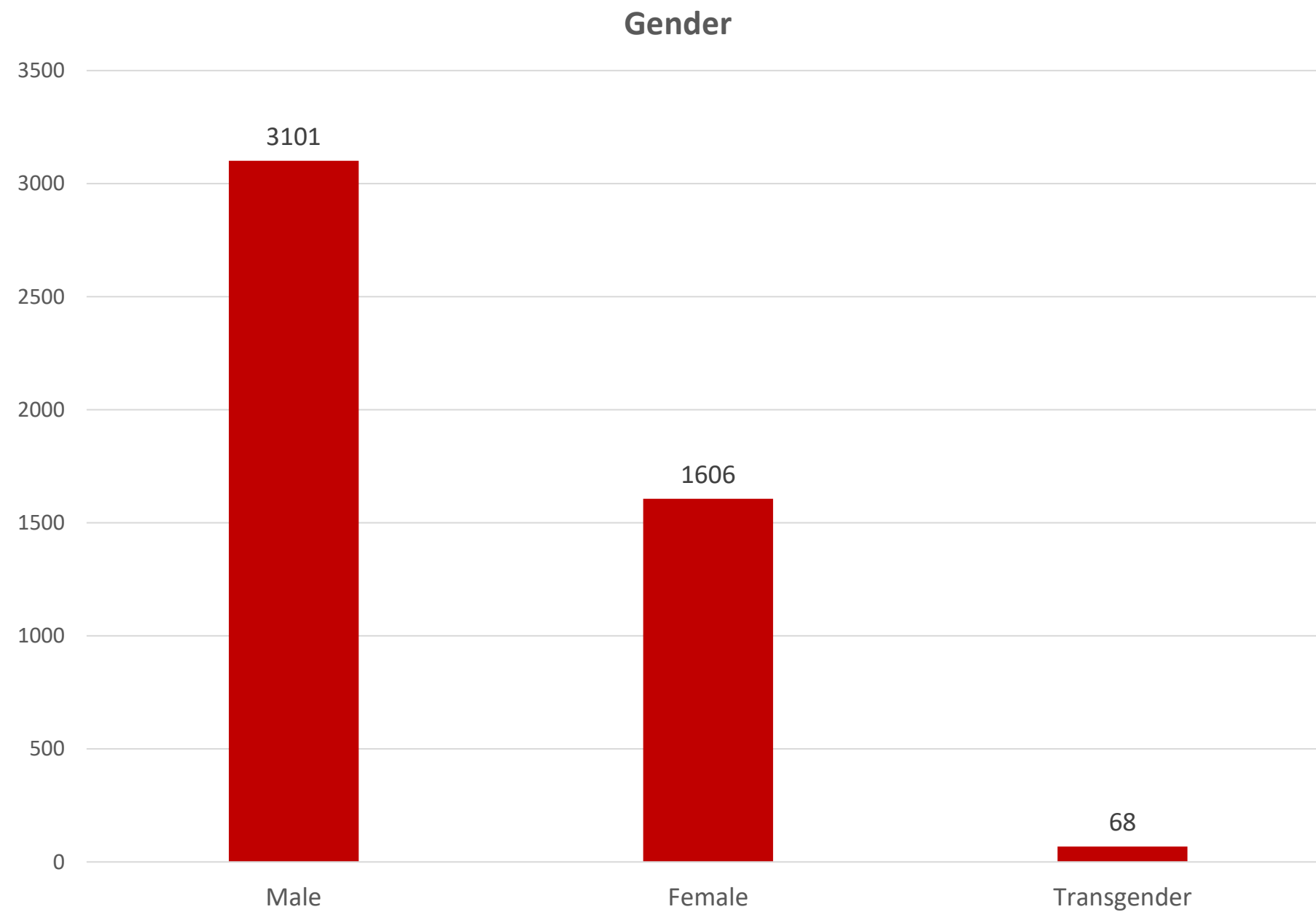
Health Education/Risk Reduction

Other Professional Services (Legal)\*

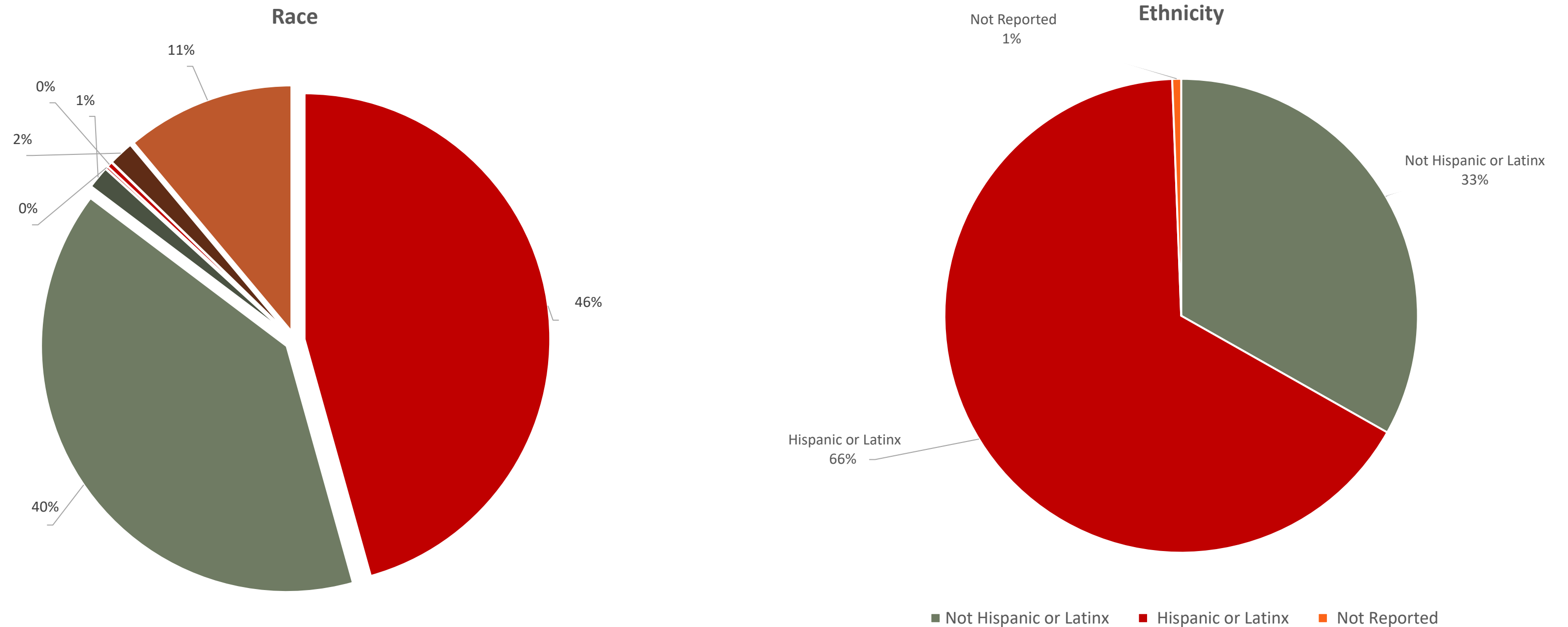
Linguistic Services\*

- Red = Core Medical Services
- Green = Support Services
- \* = Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

# FY21 Q3 Demographics: Age and Gender

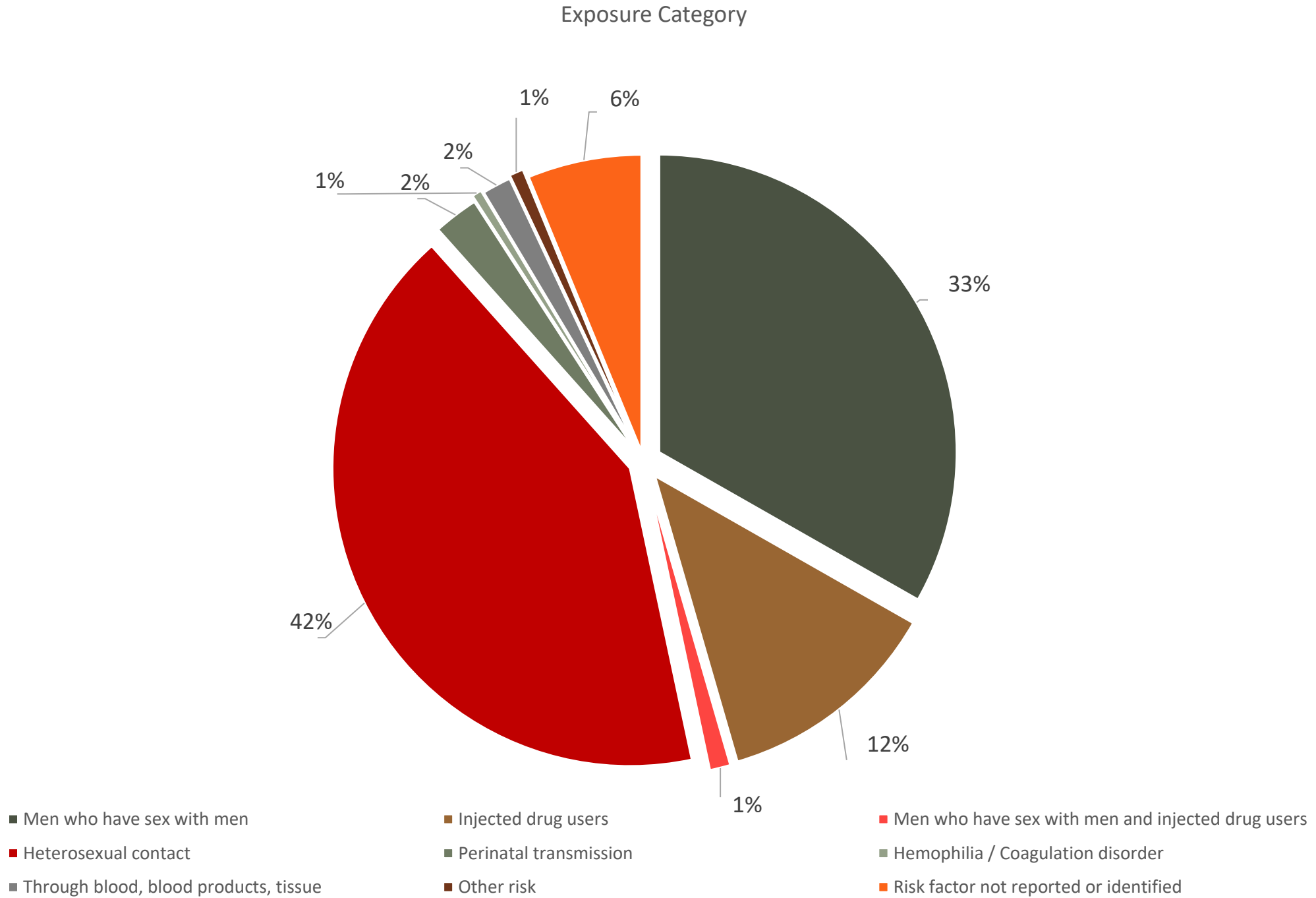


# FY21 Q3 Demographics: Race and Ethnicity





# FY21 Q3 Demographics: Exposure Category



Source: Visual Analytics (Demographics) report in e2Boston ran on January 7, 2022.



# Service Category Spotlights

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MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT, HOUSING,  
PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT, EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

# Medical Case Management (MCM)



18 funded agencies

3 of 18 funded under Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)



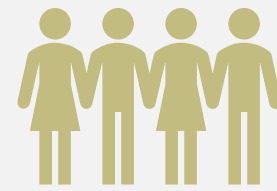
Provides services that link clients with primary medical care and all health-related support services

# MCM: Spending and Clients Served

FY21 Q3 Spending			
	Allocated	Spent	% Spent
General	\$4,446,987	\$2,691,955	61%
MAI	\$442,599	\$281,176	64%

FY21 Q3 Clients Served			
	# Clients Served	FY21 Projection	%
General	2059	2427	85%
MAI	306	443	69%

# Non-Medical Case Management (NMCM)



8 funded agencies

1 of 8 funded  
under Minority  
AIDS Initiative  
(MAI)



Provides services that improve access to and retention in essential medical and support services for PLWH

# NMCM: Spending and Clients Served

FY21 Q3 Spending			
	Allocated	Spent	% Spent
General	\$944,196	\$580,711	65%
MAI	\$171,620	\$124,101	72%

FY21 Q3 Clients Served			
	# Clients Served	FY21 Projection	%
General	540	550	98%
MAI	97	93	104%

# Key Takeaways

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## Medical and Non-Medical Case Management

- ❖ Agencies continue to face difficulties filling vacancies which has led to underspending and lags in data entry
- ❖ Agencies are largely back to remote or hybrid work and continue to utilize telehealth options.

# Housing



5 funded agencies



Provides short-term, emergency or transitional housing assistance



Provides housing search support and advocacy



Goal is to improve access, medical adherence and health outcomes



# HOU: Spending and Clients Served

FY21 Q3 Spending			
	Allocated	Spent	% Spent
General	\$1,362,345	\$820,760	60%

FY21 Q3 Clients Served			
	# Clients Served	FY21 Projection	%
General	228	442	52%

# Key Takeaways

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## Housing

- ❖ Housing supports continue to be a high need across the Boston EMA.
- ❖ As a result of COVID-19, there has been difficulty assisting clients with permanent housing placements due to the challenges accessing housing authority services and viewing apartments.

# Psychosocial Support (PS)



11 funded agencies

3 out of 11 funded under Minority AIDS Initiative



Provides counseling and emotional support to PLWH

Support for people who experience stigma, isolation, and behavioral health issues



Individual and group sessions

# PS: Spending and Clients Served

FY21 Q3 Spending			
	Allocated	Spent	% Spent
General	\$870,621	\$603,837	69%
MAI	\$153,554	\$99,190	65%
FY21 Q3 Clients Served			
	# Clients Served	FY21 Projection	%
General	405	600	68%
MAI	129	216	60%

# Key Takeaways

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## Psychosocial Support Services

- ❖ Some agencies have reported issues with remote support groups due to privacy/safety concerns from the consumers
- ❖ PS staff have continued to use telehealth and try and engage those who are unable to attend groups in a one on one session

# Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA)



11 funded agencies

2 out of 11 funded  
under Minority AIDS  
Initiative



Limited one-time or short-term payments to assist the client with an emergency need directly related to health status



Services include essential utilities, housing, food (including groceries and food vouchers), transportation and medication

# EFA: Spending and Clients Served

FY21 Q3 Spending			
	Allocated	Spent	% Spent
General	\$208,304	\$130,227	63%
MAI	\$29,518	\$23,399	79%
FY21 Q3 Clients Served			
	# Clients Served	FY21 Projection	%
General	223	255	87%
MAI	31	17	200%

# Key Takeaways

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## Emergency Financial Assistance

- ❖ Agencies continue to report a high need for EFA funds to increase client housing and food supports as a result of COVID-19
- ❖ EFA has been supplemented by other local and federal funding for some agencies, but the high need remains.





# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Please unmute yourself to ask a question or enter your question in the chat.

# Thank you!

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# Breakout Rooms

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- Discuss
  - What is one thing from the Q3 Spending and Utilization Report presentation that you found interesting or surprising?
  - Be ready to share with the group!

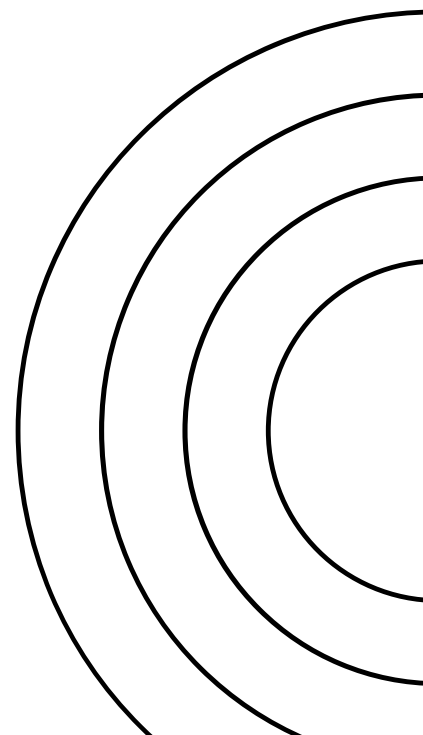
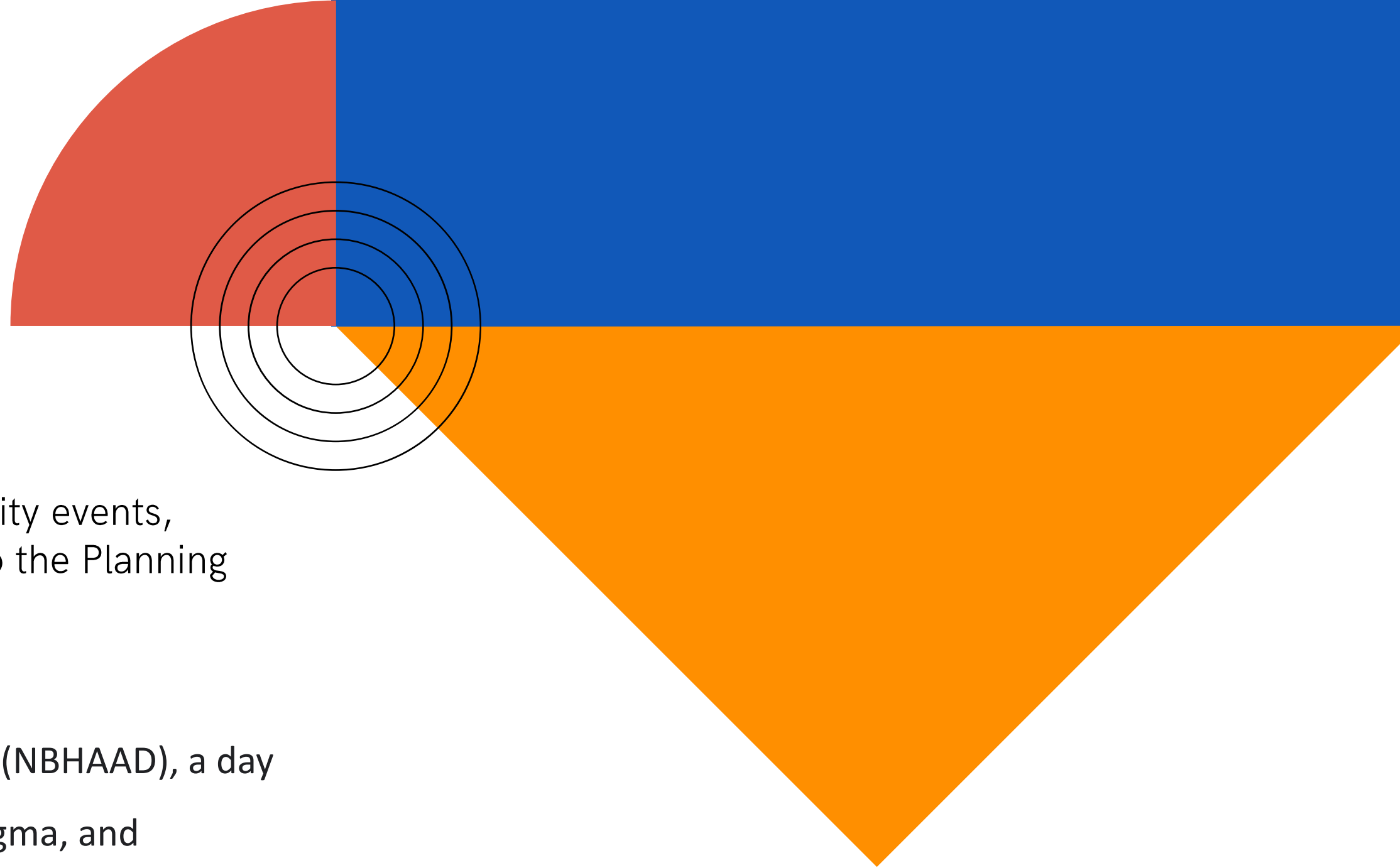
# Announcements

SHARE WITH THE COUNCIL

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This is your chance to spread the word about community events, research studies, or other resources that are related to the Planning Council's work.

- **February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD)**, a day to celebrate progress in HIV prevention, reduce HIV stigma, and encourage HIV testing and treatment among Black communities. This year's theme, *We're in This Together*, emphasizes the role we each play in ending HIV.





# Thank you!

DO NOT FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR EVALUATION!!!!

