



Learn about changes to the
Texas HIV Medication Program that affect you

When: Thursday, May 18, 2017
2:00 – 4:00 pm

Speaker: Rachel Sanor, Manager
Texas HIV Medication Program

Location: Ryan White Planning Council
2223 W. Loop South, Room 532
Houston, Texas 77027

RSVP: **SEATING IS LIMITED**
Please confirm your attendance by
5:00 pm, Monday, May 15th to
Diane Beck: 713 572-3724 or
diane.beck@cjo.hctx.net



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Health Services

RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL

Presents



CROSS TRAINING OF ALL STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR PROCESSES

Learn the process and paperwork of each committee

May 23, 2017 --- 1:00pm

2223 West Loop South, 5th floor, Room 516
Houston, Texas 77027

Lunch will be provided ~ Please RSVP!

Council Members, External Members and LEAP
Students are encouraged to attend!

Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

Affected Community Committee Meeting

12 noon, Monday, May 22, 2017

Meeting Location: 2223 West Loop South, Room 240

Houston, TX 77027

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order Rodney Mills and
Tana Pradia, Co-Chairs
- A. Welcome and Introductions
 - B. Announce who will be chairing the meeting
 - C. Moment of Reflection
 - D. Adoption of the Agenda
 - E. Approve the Minutes
- II. Public Comment
(NOTE: If you wish to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, please sign up on the clipboard at the front of the room. No one is required to give his or her name or HIV/AIDS status. All meetings are audio taped by the Office of Support for use in creating the meeting minutes. The audiotape and the minutes are public record. If you state your name or HIV/AIDS status it will be on public record. If you would like your health status known, but do not wish to state your name, you can simply say: "I am a person with HIV/AIDS", before stating your opinion. If you represent an organization, please state that you are representing an agency and give the name of the organization. If you work for an organization, but are representing your self, please state that you are attending as an individual and not as an agency representative. Individuals can also submit written comments to a member of the staff who would be happy to read the comments on behalf of the individual at this point in the meeting.)
- III. New Business Tori Williams
- A. Results of the FY 2018 How To Best Meet the Need Process
- IV. Old Business
- A. Road 2 Success Proposal
 - 1. June 29, 2017 at Thomas Street Health Center
 - Sign up volunteers
 - PR
 - 2. Date: TBD at Hispanic Support Group
 - B. Greeters
 - C. Community Events
 - D. Quarterly Committee Reports
- V. Announcements
- VI. Adjourn
- VII. Members meet with committee mentor Teresa Pruitt

Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

Affected Community Committee Meeting

12 noon, Monday, March 20, 2017

Meeting Location: 2223 West Loop South, Room 240, Houston, TX 77027

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Tana Pradia, Co-Chair	Amber David	Cecilia Ross, RWPC Chair
Rodney Mills, Co-Chair	Herman Finley, excused	
Curtis Bellard	Arlene Johnson	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Skeet Boyle	Allen Murray, excused	Tasha Traylor
Tracy Gorden	John Poole	
Denis Kelly	Jacob Sandler	<i>Office of Support</i>
Teresa Pruitt		Tori Williams
Isis Torrente		Diane Beck
Alex Moses		

Call to Order: Pradia called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

Adoption of the Agenda: *Motion #1*: it was moved and seconded (Pruitt, Bellard) to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion #2*: it was moved and seconded (Pruitt, Bellard) to approve the March 27, 2017 minutes. **Motion carried.** Abstention: Gorden.

Public Comment: None.

Training: The Ryan White How to Best Meet the Need process: See attached. Williams gave a brief description of the process that will take place in April. All members were encouraged to sign up for How To Best Meet the Need workgroups. Email reminders will be sent to those who sign up.

The following members signed up for workgroups:

Special Workgroup #1:	Bellard, Boyle, Gorden, Kelly, Moses, Pradia Torrente
Special Workgroup #2:	Bellard, Boyle, Gorden, Kelly, Moses, Pradia Torrente
Workgroup #1:	Bellard, Gorden, Kelly, Mills, Moses, Pradia Torrente
Workgroup #2:	Bellard, Boyle, Kelly, Mills, Moses
Workgroup #3:	Bellard, Gorden, Kelly, Mills, Moses, Pradia Torrente
Workgroup #4:	Gorden, Mills, Moses, Pradia

Training: Staffing a Ryan White Booth: Committee members reviewed the attached speaking points.

Road 2 Success Proposal: The committee suggested partners (locations to hold the class where consumers will be present) and topics for the summer classes:

Motion #3: *it was moved and seconded (Bellard, Moses) to select Thomas Street Health Center for the English class. Motion carried.* Abstention: Mills.

Suggested topics include mental health, case management, what Ryan White is and what it pays for, ADAP, Stigma, and the My Health app.

Motion #4: *it was moved and seconded (Pruitt, Bellard) to collaborate with the Positive 713 Support Group and AAMA for the Spanish class. Motion carried.* Abstention: Mills.

Suggested topics include care for those who are undocumented , case management, what Ryan White is and what it pays for, and the topics from the January Camino Hacia tu Salud class.

Announcements: DSHS will be coming to Houston to provide an update on the ADAP program at 2 pm on May 18, 2017. Pruitt said there is a re-entry summit for the recently released on March 29 at the Montrose Center from 9am-3pm.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tori Williams, Director

Date

Committee Chair

Date

Road 2 Success at Thomas Street Health Center

1. Event Name: Road 2 Success
2. Confirmed Event Date and Time:
 - Thursday, June 29, 2017 - 12 noon: Lunch provided by RW Planning Council
 - 12 noon – 1 pm: Presentation
 - 1 – 2 pm: We Are Listening
3. Official Meeting Hosts:
 - Ryan White Planning Council
 - Thomas Street Health Center
 - Thomas Street Health Center Consumer Advisory Council ???
4. Topic:
 - Eligibility Requirements
 - Case Management Services – how do you access, etc.
 - My Health App – Patient Reminder system
5. Task List:
 - Distribute Flyers

Greeters for 2017 Council Meetings

(Revised: 02-13-17)

2017 Meeting Dates (Please arrive at 11:45 a.m. Unless otherwise noted, the meetings are held at 2223 W. Loop South)	Greeter #1 External Member	Greeter #2	Greeter #3
Thurs. March 9		Curtis	John
Thurs. April 13		Isis	Allen
Thurs. May 11	Alex	Denis	John
Thurs. June 8	Alex	Curtis	John
Thurs. July 13			
Thurs. August 10			
Thurs. September 14			
Thurs. October 12			
Thurs. November 9 External Committee Member Appreciation			
Thurs. December 14			

2017 QUARTERLY REPORT
AFFECTED COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

(To be submitted May 2017)

Status of Committee Goals and Responsibilities (* indicates a HRSA mandate):

1. Educate consumers so they understand how to access HIV/AIDS treatment and medication. Provide information that can be understood by consumers of diverse educational backgrounds on client-centered issues.

Status:

2. In 2017, get a better understanding of the needs of transgender individuals through training, attending meetings of the transgender community and more.

3. Assure participation by people living with HIV/AIDS in all Council work products.

Status:

4. *Work with other committees to coordinate Public Hearings regarding the FY 2018 How to Best Meet the Need Results & Priorities and Allocations for Ryan White Parts A and B and State Services.

Status:

5. Recruit Council applicants throughout the year.

Status:

6. Annually, review the status of committee activities identified in the current Comprehensive Plan.

Status:

Committee Chairperson

Date

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*A study published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.



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Tu doctor entiende tu adicción

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La recuperación de la adicción a las drogas o el alcohol es posible

60% de las personas que tomaban buprenorfina se mantuvieron en abstinencia de todas las drogas después de 30 días en tratamiento. 59% se mantuvieron en abstinencia de todas las drogas después de 6 meses en tratamiento.* **Pregúntale a tu proveedor de tratamiento o de salud si el tratamiento con ayuda de medicamentos puede ser el adecuado para ti.**

*Un estudio publicado por la Administración de Abuso de Sustancias y de Servicios de Salud Mental.



1-800-Get-Help
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Please direct all questions to Tom Lindstrom, Houston Walgreen's representative at: thomas.lindstrom@walgreens.com or 713-876-5370.

Walgreens Healthcare Clinics to Offer Testing Services for Sexually Transmitted Infections, Including HIV, Hepatitis and Others

18 April 2017

In addition, Healthcare Clinics in the Houston market will begin prescribing PrEP for HIV prevention April 25

DEERFIELD, Ill., April 18, 2017 - Beginning April 25, Walgreens Healthcare Clinic locations in select markets will offer testing services for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV, Hepatitis B and C, chlamydia, gonorrhea and other conditions.

As part of the services, which will be offered in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus (Ohio), Dallas, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Knoxville, Las Vegas, Louisville, Memphis, Nashville, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Tucson, Washington D.C., and Wichita, Healthcare Clinic providers – nurse practitioners and physician assistants - will first conduct a consultation with the patient and, as applicable, conduct the STI testing process. The method of testing varies based on the type of condition being assessed. Healthcare Clinic providers can offer treatment or a referral to a specialist, as needed.

In addition to STI testing, Walgreens is also furthering its commitment to supporting communities impacted by HIV through prevention and early detection services. On April 25, providers at Walgreens Healthcare Clinics in the Houston area, can begin prescribing PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), a medication protocol for people who don't have HIV to help proactively protect against HIV infection. When taken daily as directed, PrEP can reduce the risk of HIV infection by more than 90 percent when used consistently.

Following an initial PrEP consultation with a patient, Healthcare Clinic providers will be able to conduct tests for HIV and other STIs, as needed. Upon review of test results, providers will conduct a follow-up visit and may prescribe PrEP, as necessary.

"Offering these new services in our Healthcare Clinics demonstrates our ongoing commitment to improving the comprehensive health and wellbeing of our patients," said Pat Carroll, MD, chief medical officer for Walgreens Healthcare Clinics. "We're proud to introduce the testing services during STD Awareness Month in April, and support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in raising public awareness about the impact that STDs - the diseases that can develop from STIs – can have on the lives of Americans and the importance of testing and prevention."

Glen Pietrandoni, Walgreens senior director, virology disease state, said, "With our long history of working with the HIV/AIDS community, we are as committed as ever to the ongoing, incredible advancement in HIV testing, prevention and treatment that has occurred over the last decade, and to providing greater access to high quality testing and prevention services through the clinics and our pharmacies."

Also, as part of this commitment, Walgreens pharmacy staff and store managers chain-wide will be completing HIV Continuing Education (CE) training courses. The curriculum includes a Walgreens-developed HIV stigma course as well as a HIV prevention course developed by Walgreens in collaboration with the National Alliance of HIV Education and Workforce Development (NAHEWD). The educational training also includes tools for improving adherence to PrEP.

Pietrandoni said, "With this training, our pharmacy staff will be even more equipped to offer one-on-one medication counseling and other support services that provide our patients living with HIV/AIDS and their families, as well as those at risk for HIV, with compassionate, confidential care."

Walgreens also collaborates with health departments and local AIDS service organizations to help provide free HIV testing as part of an ongoing effort to broaden the reach of HIV information and testing in non-traditional settings and to support local organizations' outreach efforts.

New Source of HIV Persistence Identified

April 18, 2017 • Press Release

Team Identifies a New HIV Reservoir



HIV cure research to date has focused on clearing the virus from T cells, a type of white blood cell that is an essential part of the immune system. Yet investigators in the [Division of Infectious Diseases](#) at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine have found the virus persists in HIV-infected macrophages. Macrophages are large white blood cells found in tissues throughout the body including the liver, lung, bone marrow and brain. The discovery of this additional viral reservoir has significant implications for HIV cure research. These findings were published in [Nature Medicine on Monday, April 17](#).

“These results are paradigm changing because they demonstrate that cells other than T cells can serve as a reservoir for HIV,” said Jenna Honeycutt, Ph.D., lead-author and postdoctoral research associate in the UNC Division of Infectious Diseases. “The fact that HIV-infected macrophages can persist means that any possible therapeutic intervention to eradicate HIV might have to target two very different types of cells.”

Last spring, this laboratory lead by J. Victor Garcia, Ph. D., professor of medicine, microbiology and immunology at UNC School of Medicine, demonstrated the ability of tissue macrophages to support HIV replication in vivo in the total absence of human T

cells. But how macrophages would respond to antiretroviral therapy (ART) and whether macrophages represented a reservoir for HIV after treatment were unknown.

Macrophages are myeloid lineage cells that have been implicated in HIV pathogenesis and in the trafficking of virus into the brain. Using a humanized myeloid-only mouse (MoM) model devoid of T cells, Garcia and his team showed that ART strongly suppresses HIV replication in tissue macrophages. Yet when HIV treatment was interrupted, viral rebound was observed in one third of the animals. This is consistent with the establishment of persistent infection in tissue macrophages.

“This is the first report demonstrating that tissue macrophages can be infected and that they respond to antiretroviral therapy,” Honeycutt said. “In addition, we show that productively infected macrophages can persist despite ART; and most importantly, that they can reinitiate and sustain infection upon therapy interruption even in the absence of T cells – the major target of HIV infection.”

Now that Garcia and his team know HIV persists in macrophages, the next step will be to determine what regulates HIV persistence in tissue macrophages, where in the body persistently infected macrophages reside during HIV treatment and how macrophages respond to possible therapeutic interventions aimed at eradicating HIV from the body.

The UNC School of Medicine team collaborated with scientists in UNC’s Department of Biostatistics, the Theoretical Division at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System, and the Departments of Medicine and Pathology at the University of California at San Diego. This study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

You are invited

Educational Presentation and Lunch

For

**Health Care Professionals, Outreach Workers,
Case Managers and other HIV Service Providers**

Topic

***** New Cure for Hep C *****

Provided By Derwin Hall at Merck

Wednesday May 24, 2017 at 11:15 AM

The Montrose Center Room 106

Branard Street. Houston, TX 77006

***** FREE Lunch provided with RSVP *****

Please register by Monday May 22, 2017

Contact Chris (713) 965-4483 or positive713@yahoo.com

NOTE:

Presentation begins shortly after the SIRR meeting

SIRR: (Serving the incarcerated and recently released)

SIRR Meet and Greet: 9:00-9:30 SIRR meeting: 9:30-11:00 AM.