

**Houston Ryan White Planning Council**  
**Office of Support**  
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**Memorandum**

To: Members, Affected Community Committee

Cc: Crystal R. Starr  
Mauricia Chatman

Sha'Terra Johnson  
Reachelian Ellis

From: Tori Williams, Director, Ryan White Office of Support

Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Re: Meeting Notice

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Please join us for a meeting of the Affected Community Committee. Details are as follows:

**Affected Community Committee Meeting**  
**12 noon, Monday, August 21, 2023**

Click on the following link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032740414?pwd=V1hTMnltaklDanBDNU9XYkVkdllTZz9>

Meeting ID: 810 3274 0414

Passcode: 125162

Or, use your telephone to dial in: 346 248 7799

**In-person location: Bering Church 1440 Harold Street, Houston, Texas 77006**

(Meeting room on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and parking lot is located behind the church facing Hawthorn street)

Please be sure to contact Rod to RSVP, even if you cannot attend. She can be reached at: [Rodriga.Avila@harriscountytexas.gov](mailto:Rodriga.Avila@harriscountytexas.gov) or by telephone at 832 927-7926. We look forward to seeing you next Monday!

# Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

## Affected Community Committee Meeting

12 noon, Monday, August 21, 2023

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### AGENDA

\* = handout will be available at the meeting

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| I. | Call to Order                                | Rodney Mills and<br>Diana Morgan, 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                       |   |
|    | F. Food form                                 |   |

- 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 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 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 living person with HIV", 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 yourself, 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.)

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| III. | New Committee Activities                       |            |
|      | A. Updates 2023 Project LEAP and Proyecto VIDA | Tori & Rod |
|      | B. House Warming Party at Bering Church        | Tori       |
|      | • Date:  |            |
|      | • Refreshments:                                |            |
|      | • Decorations:                                 |            |
|      | • Greeters and Host(esses)                     |            |
|      | C. Greeters at Council Meetings                | Skeet      |
|      | D. Youth Council                               | Rodney     |
|      | E. Integrated Planning Activities              | Mackenzie  |

IV. Announcements

V. Adjournment

Optional: Members meet with committee mentor Johnny Deal

## Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

### Affected Community Committee Meeting

12:00 pm, Monday, July 24,2023

Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

### MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Rodney Mills, Co-Chair	Diana Morgan, Co-Chair	Mauricia Chatman, RWGA
Ronnie Galley	Skeet Boyle	Reachelian Ellis, TRG
Cecilia Ligons	Servando Arellano	Evelio S. Escamilla, RWPC
Caleb Brown	Rosalind Belcher	<b>OFFICE OF SUPPORT</b>
<i>Johnny Deal</i>	Kenia Gallardo	Tori Williams
<i>Deborah Hurd</i>	Tony Crawford	Diane Beck
	Josh Mica	Rod Avila
	Allen Murray	Mackenzie Hudson
	Tana Pradia	
	Ryan Rose	
	Robert Sliepka	
	<i>Akia McPhaul</i>	
	<i>Tony Williams, excused</i>	

**Call to Order:** Rodney Mills called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m., and asked for a moment of reflection. Mills invited everyone present to introduce themselves.

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Ligons, Deal) to approve the May 22, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Brown and Hurd.

**Public Comment:** Evelio S. Escamilla provided public comment in writing via chat “Quality of Life - HIV & Aging Medical Case Management (50+ and over) - Providing adequate MONITORING and EVALUATION of positive health outcomes for individuals 50 years and older with more than 10 years since their HIV diagnosis. Measurable outcomes addressing Diabetes, Cholesterol management, Hypertension, and maintaining HIV viral suppression. We need to expect more healthier outcomes” It was further discussed in item D. HIV and Aging Workgroup.

**Food Form:** Mills asked committee members to please fill out a form and submit it to the Office of Support so that they can partake of food at our meetings. Williams added that the form will be mailed in meeting packets, available at in-person meetings, and electronically. Also please let the Office of Support know if someone needs the form sent to them by mail.

**Updates on Council Activities**

**2023 Project LEAP and Proyecto VIDA:** Williams summarized that recruitment for Project LEAP and Proyecto VIDA are still ongoing, with interviews being scheduled. Robert and Kenia are staying in touch with agencies to continue their efforts. Please reach out to them if you have time to help. The start day for Project LEAP is August 16, 2023. Please mark your calendar because graduation for both Project LEAP and Proyecto VIDA will be on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Group & Project LEAP:** Williams stated that if there is no evening class for Project LEAP, then staff is prepared to work with the Operations Committee to organize a 2023 Project LEAP for Youth. Williams wanted to recognize Committee Member Johnny Deal for introducing us to the Youth Group at Allies in Hope, which has continued to grow with their monthly meetings. Members also suggested that youth could be recruited from Montrose Grace Place and Tony’s Place.

**Youth Council:** Williams informed members that the Affected Community and Operations Committees will be working hand in hand to create a Ryan White Youth Council. Members will need to work together to determine: how to engage youth in having a voice, design services and ultimately be a Youth Council.

**Upcoming Activities: The HIV and Aging Workgroup:** Williams updated the committee on various Integrated Planning activities for which members can get involved. The HIV and Aging Workgroup has met three times. Additional meetings will be announced to discuss topics like “Case Management for Older Adults in HIV Care” and “Frailty Among Older Adults”. Please see the attached public comment for more information. Another workgroup that comes out of the Integrated Plan is the **Houston HIV Education Coalition**. This will include educating special populations, Ending the HIV Epidemic, HIV education in rural areas, and PrEP and PEP. **The Woodlands Pride Festival:** Members will be notified so that they can volunteer for events such as these. **SIRR** will be meeting to continue their discussion about condom distribution in local jails and prisons. Beck added that there are other jurisdictions in other parts of the country that allow condom distribution. At future meetings, more will be discussed regarding current Texas laws that prohibit condom distribution.

**Announcements:** Ellis announced that TRG is recruiting for grant reviewers and will email the Office of Support with details for grant reviewer meetings in August.

**Adjourn: Motion #5:** *it was moved and seconded (Ligons, Galley) to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Tori Williams, Director

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Date

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Committee Chair

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Date