

**Ending the Epidemic/Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Planning Body**  
**Ryan White Office of Support**  
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**RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKGROUP**

**AGENDA**

6 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, 2024—**this meeting is Hybrid meeting**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8899837982>

Meeting ID: 889 983 7982

Or, join by telephone at: 346 248-7799

**Or, meet in person at:** Bering Church, 1440 Harold Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Houston, Texas 77006

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| I.   | Welcome  | Cecilia Ligons, Bobby Cruz and<br>Josh Mica he/him/él, Co-Chairs      |
|      | A. Identify facilitator  |   |
|      | B. Introductions   |   |
|      | C. FYI: See below for notes from previous meetings                 |   |
| II.  | Presentation: <i>Racial &amp; Social Justice in HIV – Part III</i> | Richon Ohafia,<br>Health Equity Specialist<br>RW Grant Administration |
| III. | Next Meeting Review the Following Materials Sent 05/21/24          |   |
|      | A. <i>Racial and Social Justice Index Results</i>                  |   |
|      | B. <i>Bad Care for Black Women Living with HIV</i>                 |   |
|      | C. <i>Understanding Implicit Bias</i>                              |   |
|      | D. Retrieval of materials from Fort Worth Planning Council         | Richon Ohafia   |
|      | E. Other   |   |
| IV.  | Closing  | Cecilia Ligons, Bobby Cruz and<br>and Josh Mica, Co-Chairs            |
|      | A. Confirm next meeting: 6 pm, Tues. Nov. 19, 2024                 |   |
| V.   | Adjourn  | Cecilia Ligons, Bobby Cruz and<br>Josh Mica, Co-Chairs                |

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**Racial and Social Justice Workgroup, 07/2024, Richon Ohafia, Ryan White Grant Administration**  
The July meeting was cancelled. **Next Meeting: 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**Racial and Social Justice Workgroup, 03/19/2024, Richon Ohafia, Ryan White Grant Administration:** Members discussed existing work completed by the University of Houston School of Social Work. They discussed goals for the workgroup and needing a better understanding of the purpose of the group and a review of the meaning of racial/social justice. Richon agreed to give a review at the next meeting and find tools developed by the Ft. Worth Planning Council, which relate to addressing and supporting racial and social justice issues. **Next meeting: 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024.**

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**Racial and Social Justice Workgroup, 09/17/24, Richon Ohafia, Ryan White Grant Administration:**

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

DECISIONS MADE & TASK ASSIGNMENTS:

**Next meeting: 6 p.m., Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>?**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richon Ohafia, Staff Member

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Summary Reports from Committees and Workgroups

July 2024

For more information about the groups listed below, please contact Diane Beck, RWOS by telephone at 832 927-7926 or by email at: [Diane.Beck@harriscountytexas.gov](mailto:Diane.Beck@harriscountytexas.gov). All Committees & Workgroups meet virtually only, unless otherwise noted, and can be accessed by Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8899837982> Meeting ID: 889 983 7982

**Due to a number of unusual weather events, most committee & workgroup meetings were cancelled in July**

### **Aging and HIV Workgroup, Diane Beck, RWOS**

The July meeting was cancelled, but important updates include the following from Ryan White Grant Administration: the Ryan White Part A–funded Aging and HIV Project began in July 2024 through the local AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) provider, Baylor College of Medicine. The project provides technical assistance and training to providers to address the health care and psychosocial needs of people aging with HIV. Specifically, the Ryan White Planning Council has created five case manager positions. Those hired will be trained by AETC to be geriatric HIV case managers. These case managers will encourage physicians to collect baseline data on older adults living with HIV, with the intent of using the data to develop appropriate services. Ryan White Part A is already prepared to underwrite the cost of the tests through the primary care funded service category. At the September workgroup meeting, members will watch a panel discussion from On Aging 2024, entitled “[The Duality of Aging with HIV: Understanding the Structural and Policy Barriers for Older People Living with HIV \(PLWH\)](#),” moderated by Carmen Villar, vice president of public affairs at Gilead Sciences. Also, featuring Bamby Salcedo, CEO of TransLatin@ Coalition; Jeff Berry, executive director, The Reunion Project; and Malcolm Reid, director of policy, THRIVE SS. **Next meeting: Noon, Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

### **Consumer and Community Engagement Workgroup, Cydney Clay, Houston Health Department**

This committee merged with the Ryan White Affected Community Committee. Members are calling local colleges and universities and gathering information for an inventory of HIV prevention and care services provided on campus. **Next meeting: in-person or virtual, 11 a.m., Monday, September 23, 2024**

**Education and Awareness Committee.** *See* Treat, Education, and Awareness Committee.

### **Housing Workgroup, Tori Williams, RWOS and Amber David, Houston Health Department**

The July meeting of the committee was cancelled. **The date of the September meeting is to be announced.**

### **Needing In-Person Engagement Workgroup, Tori Williams, RWOS**

The July meeting of the committee was cancelled. In the meantime, **Tori, Marlene and Jason are working on securing funding** for the video HIV training project for staff who work with individuals who are unhoused and/or impacted by mental health, substance use disorder or interpersonal violence. **The date of the September meeting is to be announced.**

**Professional Health Care Engagement Workgroup, Tori Williams, RWOS, and Richon Ohafia, Ryan White Grant Administration.** The July meeting of the committee was cancelled. In the meantime, **Tori, Marlene and Jason are working on securing funding** for the video HIV training project for staff who work with individuals who are unhoused and/or impacted by mental health, substance use disorder or interpersonal violence. **The date of the September meeting is to be announced.**

### **Prevention and Policy Committee, Eliot Davis, Houston Health Department**

The committee’s July meeting was cancelled. **The date of the September meeting is to be announced.**

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**Quality of Life and Social Determinants Committee, Tori Williams, RWOS and Jovaun Hicks, Houston Health Department.** The Co-Chairs of the Committee met with staff on July 19th and determined that the next Quality of Life and Social Determinants Committee meeting should be dedicated to reviewing the five Quality of Life Goals from the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, which are also in the Houston Joint Plan. Before setting a date for the Committee to meet, Steven is going to work with the Houston Medical Monitoring Project to get the data that they have already collected that relates to the goals. In the meantime, the workgroups under the committee have been meeting and working on their goals and activities. **Next meeting: To be announced**

**Racial and Social Justice Workgroup, Richon Ohafia, Ryan White Grant Administration**  
The July meeting was cancelled. **Next Meeting: 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**Research, Data, and Implementation Committee and Monitoring, Quality Assurance, and Evaluation Committee, Tori Williams, RWOS, and Aryana Butler, Houston Health Department.** Members of the committee were encouraged to spend July and August meeting with their assigned EHE/Integrated Plan committee or workgroup so that they could begin to develop evaluation strategies. **Next Meeting: 2 p.m., Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**Respond Committee, Cydney Clay, Houston Health Department**  
The committee's July meeting was cancelled. **Next meeting: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**Status-Neutral Systems and Diagnose Committee, Chelsea Frand, Houston Health Department**  
This committee's July meeting was cancelled. **Next meeting: To be announced.**

**Treat, Education, and Awareness Committee, Tori Williams, RWOS**  
The committee is a merger of the Treat Committee and the Education and Awareness Committee. Members will dedicate between July and December 2024 to participate in meeting the goals and activities of its four related workgroups 2024. **Next meeting: January 2025**

**Youth and College Engagement Workgroup, Rod Avila, RWOS, and Sha'Terra Johnson, The Resource Group** Members of the Ryan White Planning Council are meeting with Allies in Hope clients 18 to 24 years old. The RWPC provides speakers on health-related issues and meals for the participants. **Tori, Marlene and Jason are working on securing funds to underwrite the cost of meals for the expanded program.** Once this happens, the program will be expanded to provide monthly speakers for young clients of three organizations: Allies in Hope, Tony's Place, and the Montrose Center. In the meantime, clients of the three organizations are electing representatives to serve on a Youth Steering Committee that will select monthly topics, speakers, and dinner menus; name the program; and govern other activities. On a different note, D. Perez provided the workgroup members with information about *Connect to Protect*, a quarterly meeting for agency staff who work with youth. The meetings bring together various organizations to discuss such topics as research on HIV prevention for youth and ways to engage young people. One member of the workgroup asked members to be mindful of stigmatizing language used for unhoused youth (C. Brown will share a list of preferred language). K. Jones will create evaluation benchmarks. **Next meeting: 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, 2024**