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Memorandum

To: Members, Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee

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

Date: Monday, October 24, 2022

Re: **Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee Meeting**

Please note that there will be a special meeting of the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee so that Tori and Mackenzie can provide a final update on the goals and objectives for the 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. Hopefully, the meeting won’t take more than an hour so that you can participate in any Halloween plans you have made. **Feel free to attend virtually in costume! Think of the possibilities!** Meeting details are as follows:

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee Meeting

NOTE UNUSUAL DATE AND TIME: 4:00 pm, Monday, October 31, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81030161662?pwd=ZmY2ekV6SWhsV2RNSGYydm5lc0ltUT09>

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Please contact Rod to RSVP, even if you cannot attend. Rod can be reached by telephone at: 832 927-7926 or by email at: Rodriga.Avila@cjo.hctx.net.

Thank you!

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome

Josh Mica and

B. Moment of Reflection

Steven Vargas, Co-Chairs

C. Adoption of the Agenda

D. Approval of the Minutes

E. Update on SCSN plan

Steven Vargas and
Sha'Terra Johnson

II. Public Comment and Announcements

(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 person living 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.

III. 2022 Houston Area Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan

A. Update on CPG

Tori Williams and

B. Final Goals and Objectives

Mackenzie Hudson,
RW Office of Support

IV. Announcements

V. Adjourn

Optional: Meet with Rodney Mills, Committee Mentor

Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee
4:00 p.m., Monday, October 3, 2022
Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

Minutes

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Steven Vargas, Co-Chair	Ashley Barnes	Crystal Starr, RWPC Chair
Josh Mica, Co-Chair	Evelio Escamilla	Sha'Terra Johnson, TRG
Titan Capri	Lisa Felix, excused	Sarah Ross, RWGA
Johanna Castillo	Dawn Jenkins, excused	Tori Williams, Office of Support
Shital Patel	Rodney Mills , excused	Mackenzie Hudson, Office of Support
Faye Robinson	Matilda Padilla	Diane Beck, Office of Support
Robert Sliepka	Paul Richards	
Bianca Burley	Imran Shaikh, excused	
Dominique Brewster		
Allen Murray		

Call to Order: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

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

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion #2:* *it was moved and seconded (Sliepka, Mica) to approve the July 14, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Burley, Murray, Patel.

Update on SCSN plan: Vargas said that they are holding community engagement webinar meetings every day this week to get input from the public for the plan. They will then share the draft with the HIV Syndicate next month for concurrence and after that they will talk to health planners but he was not sure of the dates. Johnson added that the planners across the state will begin to implement the plan starting in January. Williams asked if the Planning Council would need to complete any tasks for the plan. Johnson said no, other than providing feedback at the community engagement meetings. They are running a little late so they working to quickly put together a draft for approval.

Public Comment and Announcements: Vargas will be in New York next week at the Latino Commission on AIDS annual Cielo gala where he will receive the Dennis deLeon Voz de Compromiso award. He said he is very honored to be receiving the award.

2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan: Hudson and Williams presented the attached PowerPoint. Williams said that the plan is on track to be completed by the December deadline. Community meetings were held in August and September and the goals were developed to be in line with the input that was received. Staff is still in the process of polishing the text for each goal, including the addition of “hot potato” issues as shown in the presentation and some additional stakeholder interviews. In September, the Affected Community Committee agreed that the Council should provide a letter of concurrence for the plan.

Motion #3: *it was moved and seconded (Mica, Sliepka) to recommend that the Houston Ryan White Planning Council provide a letter of concurrence in favor of the 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Service Plan. Motion carried.*

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: **Motion:** *it was moved and seconded (Mica, Murray) to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Motion Carried.*

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tori Williams, Office of Support Date

Chair of Committee Date

JA = Just arrived at meeting
R = Left room temporarily
M = Left the meeting
C = Chaired the meeting

2022 Voting Record for Meeting Date October 3, 2022

MEMBERS	Motion #1: Agenda				Motion #2: Minutes				Motion #3: Letter of Concurrence			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Steven Vargas, Co-Chair				C				C				C
Josh Mica, Co-Chair		X				X				X		
Titan Capri		X				X				X		
Johanna Castillo ja 4:57 pm	X				X					X		
Evelio Escamilla	X				X				X			
Dawn Jenkins	X				X				X			
Rodney Mills	X				X				X			
Matilda Padilla	X				X				X			
Shital Patel		X						X		X		
Paul Richards	X				X				X			
Faye Robinson ja 4:10 pm	X				X				X			
Imran Shaikh	X				X				X			
Robert Sliepka		X				X				X		
Ashley Barnes	X				X				X			
Lisa Felix		X				X				X		
Dominique Brewster		X				X				X		
Bianca Burley		X						X		X		
Allen Murray		X						X		X		

2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan

Tori Williams, Director and
Mackenzie Hudson, Health Planner
Ryan White Office of Support

2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan

- The EHE Plan focuses on fewer and fewer new diagnoses to end the epidemic. It depends on biomedical solutions.
- The Integrated Plan should look at the big picture, including support services for long-term survivors and a cure. Because of this, the Houston Planning Council wants to include quality of life recommendations in the Integrated Plan; things like housing, mental health, stigma, human rights, and dignity.

All Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan
Goals and Objectives
will be woven together (integrated) into the
Integrated Plan =
ONE Plan and ONE Evaluation Process
for the 10-county Houston Area



One Plan

**EHE Plan –
Biomedical
Solutions**



**Integrated
Plan – Big
Picture**

Overview of the 2022 Integrated Plan

- Collected information from PLWH who are difficult to reach
- Collected information from non-Ryan White stakeholders
- Designed the integrated plan around their input and needs
- Per HRSA's instructions, built this plan on the shoulders of previous work products
- 100 page limit (including EHE plan)
- Encouraged to provide links to supporting documents

Data Used for the 2022 Integrated Plan

- Data from Priority Populations
- Data from Ryan White and Non-Ryan White Stakeholders
- Crosswalk of National, State and Local Comprehensive Plans
- Epidemiological Data
- Prevention and Care Needs Assessments
- Inventory of Resources
- Quality of Life Issues
- Community Engagement

Data!



- We were able to collect *a lot* of data
- Created electronic packet so easy to share
- The packet is organic, meaning we continue to add data. See Draft 3 here: <https://bit.ly/InfoPacketDRAFT3> 10-07-22

Community Engagement

- Focus Groups with Consumers
 - Group interviews with priority populations (lived experience)
- Stakeholder Interviews
 - One-on-One interviews and focus groups with stakeholders (professionally trained)
- Community Meetings
 - Review data collected and determined the goals & objectives



Thanks to Some of Our Partners!

With special thanks to the following Houston Health Department employees who helped us gather and analyze data from the focus groups and stakeholder interviews:

- Marlene McNeese
- Chelsea Frand
- Michelle Carr
- Amber David
- Eliot Davis
- Diane Beck
- Tya Johnson
- Kimberley Malerba
- Ricardo Mora
- Ivan Prater
- Zeldra Vawters
- Rod Avila

FOCUS GROUPS WITH PRIORITY POPULATIONS

- 117 priority population participants, 14 groups
- 43 student participants, 5 groups

160 TOTAL participants, 19 focus groups

Stakeholders

One on One Interviews:

Aging -5
Adolescents – 4
HIV Care – 5
HIV Prevention - 4
Homelessness/Houselessness - 2
Mental Health - 5
Recently Released - 2
Substance Use – 5
Total: 32

Focus Groups:

Outreach Workers: 12
Case Manager Supervisors:11
Case Managers: 71
Total: 94

Grand Total: 126 stakeholders provided input

Needs Assessments with PLWH

2020 HIV Prevention and Care Needs Assessment
Surveyed 575 PLWH and some caregivers

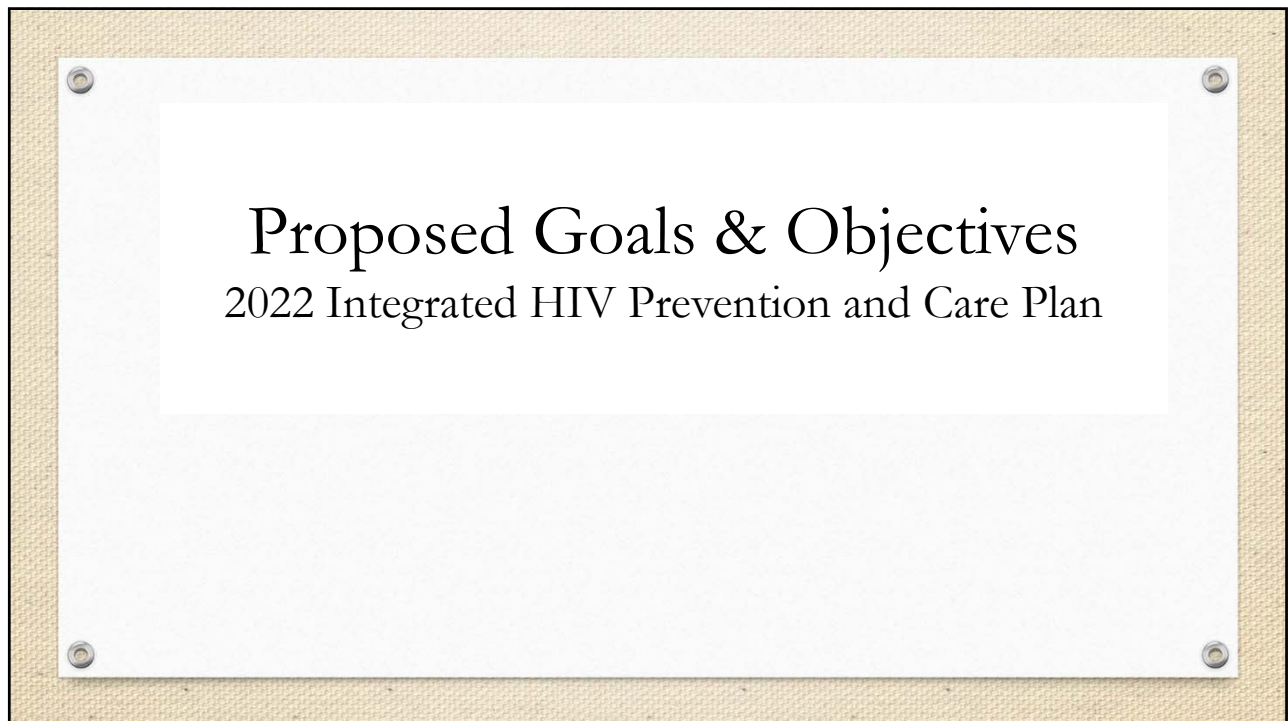
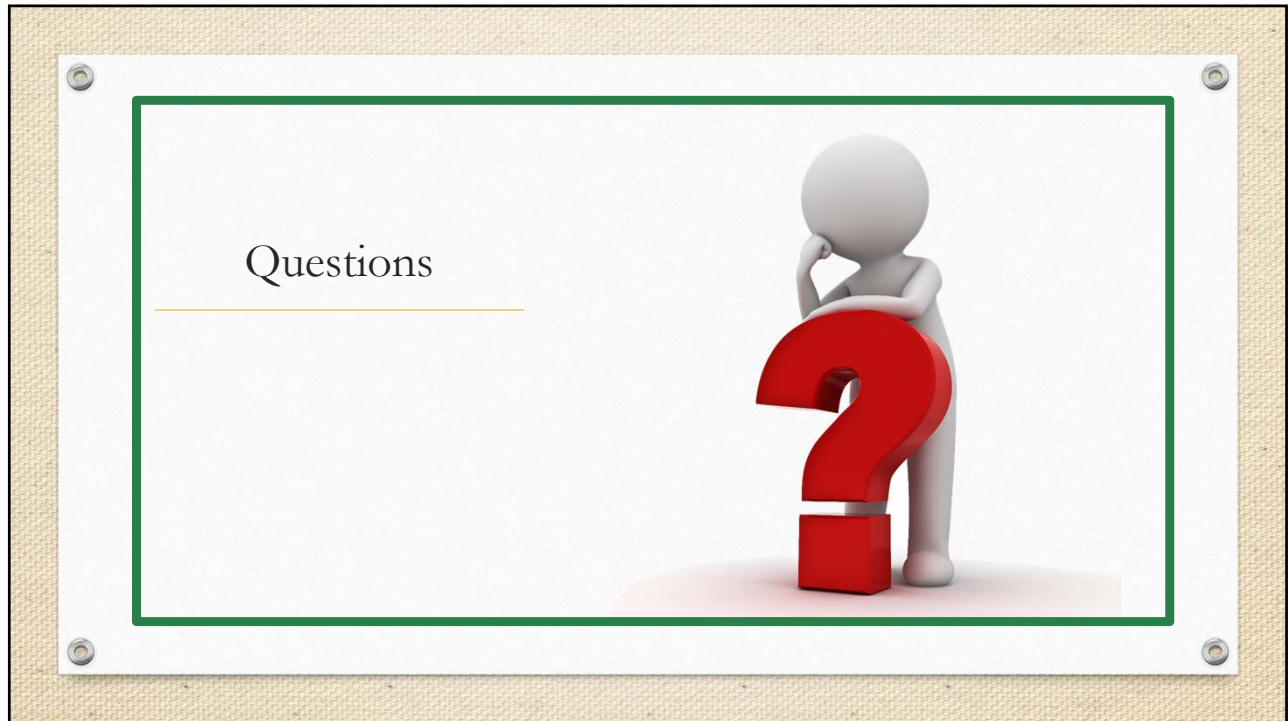
Quality of Life - Methodology

- 8 workgroups were held during the months of March- June 2022 (community-wide and PLHIV only)
- A quality of life definition and themes were developed
- Goals and objectives being developed
- Purpose of Project: develop a tool to measure quality of life to inform service design and resource allocation in Ryan White planning processes

Quality of Life Themes



- Intersectional stigma, discrimination, racial and social justice, human rights and dignity
- Overall wellbeing, mental, emotional and spiritual health
- Aging, comorbidities and life span (can include functionality, cognitive ability, geriatrics)
- Healthcare services access, care and support
- Economic justice, employment, stable and safe housing, food security
- Policy and research



2022 Integrated Planning Goals

Access to Care and Medication

Quality of Life

Education

Policy Issues

Access to Medication



Goal: Work with government relations workers and others to support the efforts of the Texas ADAP program to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

Stakeholders

Comments made at SIRR Focus Group Meeting



- Folks living in smaller counties have difficulty getting their medication; smaller jails cannot fund medication
- Care is limited to three counties, outside of these, care varies
 - “Even though [HIV medication] is the responsibility of the county jails, we know that it is not necessarily happening, so that’s something else that needs to happen outside of the big county jails.”

Access to Medication and Care



- **Goal:** Increase access to identification, especially among those who are discharged from jail or prison, people who are experiencing homelessness, and others who are undocumented.
- **Key Activities:** 1) Assess current resources 2) Provide additional resources to those currently providing the service 3) Expand capacity of current providers
- **Key Partners:** Operation I.D., Texas I.D. Connect, The Beacon

Access to Medication and Care



Tie the distribution of prepaid cell phones for clients to pharmacies, making the phone a medical necessity (not an incentive).

Access to Medication and Care

- **Goal:** Increase individual knowledge of HIV, including HIV prevention and care services information, among individuals with the **history of a sexual offence**.
- **Key Objective:** Employ one full-time person with lived experience to provide HIV education and case management services to this population.

The Coordination of Substance Use Disorder Services

Suggested response: Per the October 2020 Harris County Operations Review of Public Health, HCPH should “establish a Coordinating Council focused on the social determinants of health to.....coordinate the activities of agencies around agreed upon health goals for Harris County”. This Coordinating Council will also develop an annual County Health Survey.

The role of coordinating substance use disorder services should be with this Coordinating Council and the Ryan White Planning Council should ask for a seat on the Coordinating Council.

Quality of Life

- **Goal:** Develop tools which planning bodies can use to design or strengthen services that improve the quality of life for people living with HIV. The ultimate goal is to integrate these tools into all Houston planning processes, share these tools with other communities, and encourage CDC and HRSA to add a fifth pillar that uses these tools and is dedicated to addressing quality of life concerns.



Important Note !



An outgrowth of the Quality of Life work has been the development of an HIV Data Committee that identifies and inventories all HIV data available in the Greater Houston area (i.e. the 10-county area). The inventory of data will be available to anyone interested in requesting permission to use the data and will hopefully increase coordination and cooperation among those interested in conducting HIV-related research.

Reorganize specific goals:

- Move the following goals to the April 2023 RW How To Best Meet the Need process:
 - Study the possibility of alternative hours at all RW agencies
 - Extend Lyft accessibility to more RW clients
 - Reduce high turnover among case managers and service linkage workers
 - Reorganize how RW agencies receive transportation funds so that they can organize their own transportation services

Education



Because individuals in need of prevention need: a better understanding of transmission, easy access to HIV education, information about PrEP and easy access to PrEP;

Education



Because individuals in need of treatment and/or support services need: easy access to HIV education; information about all services available to them, especially resource information about HIV, mental health and substance use disorder services; easy access to treatment and/or support services; providers with accurate information and good customer service skills;

Education



And, because non-Ryan White funded providers need: training in how to refer clients to the HIV prevention and care system;

Goal:

Organize the Houston Area HIV Education Council

Sponsors:

CPG and the Houston RWPC

Co-Chairs for the Education Council will represent RW Part A, RW Part B and CPG

Education - **Individuals**

- Workgroups dedicated to providing education tailored to:
 - Youth
 - College Students
 - The LatinX Community
 - Populations needing In-Person Outreach
 - Seniors
 - Others

Education - **Providers**

- **Workgroups dedicated to teaching providers:**
 - How to refer clients to the Houston area HIV prevention and care system
 - When and how to offer PrEP
 - Good customer service skills and regular service updates, especially among front desk staff

Educate Ourselves



Make thoughtful decisions regarding policies related to:

- Comprehensive Harm Reduction
- Condoms in jails and prisons
- Making Texas a Medicaid Expansion State

Questions

See next 2 slides for
action items



Vote to Approve the Concepts

Vote to provide a positive letter of
concurrence with the 2022 Integrated HIV
Prevention and Care Plan