

IMPORTANT

Please review the enclosed power point presentation before the meeting to create more time for discussion at the Steering Committee meeting.

Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

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MEMORANDUM

To: Steering Committee Members:
Crystal R. Starr, Chair
Skeet Boyle, Vice Chair
Kevin Aloysius, Secretary
Rodney Mills, Co-Chair, Affected Community Committee
Tony Crawford, Co-Chair, Affected Community Committee
Josh Mica, Co-Chair, Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee
Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee
Ronnie Galley, Co-Chair, Operations Committee
Matilda Padilla, Co-Chair, Operations Committee
Bobby Cruz, Co-Chair, Priority and Allocations Committee
Peta-gay Ledbetter, Co-Chair, Priority and Allocations Committee
Denis Kelly, Co-Chair, Quality Improvement Committee
Daphne L. Jones, Co-Chair, Quality Improvement Committee

Copy: Heather Keizman Mackenzie A. Hudson
Mauricia Chatman Diane Beck
Yvette Garvin Ann Robison
Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley David Williams (email only)

From: Tori Williams

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Re: Meeting Announcement

We look forward to seeing you at the:

Ryan White Steering Committee Meeting

12 noon, Thursday, October 6, 2022

Join the Zoom meeting by clicking on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85782189192?pwd=YmtrcktWcHY5SIV2RE50ZzYraEErQT09>

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Please contact Rod to RSVP, even if you cannot attend, and let her know if you prefer to meet at the Office of Support. There is room for up to 5 people who are socially distancing in our conference room. Rod can be reached by telephone at: 832 927-7926 or by email at: Rodriga.Avila@cjo.hctx.net. Thank you!

HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL



STEERING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

12 noon, Thursday, October 6, 2022

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- I. Call to Order Crystal R. Starr, Chair
RW Planning Council
 - A. Welcoming Remarks
 - B. Moment of Reflection
 - C. Select the Committee Co-Chair who will be voting today
 - D. Adoption of the Agenda
 - E. Adoption of the Minutes

- 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. 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. All information from the public must be provided in this portion of the meeting.)

- III. Reports from Committees
 - A. Affected Community Committee Tony Crawford and
Rodney Mills, Co-Chairs
Item: 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan
Recommended Action: **Motion:** Encourage the Planning Council to send a letter concurring with the 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan as presented at six community meetings and the September 19, 2022 Affected Community Committee meeting.
 - B. Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee Steven Vargas and
Josh Mica, Co-Chairs
Item: 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan
Recommended Action: **Motion** To be presented at the meeting regarding a letter of concurrence for the 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan

Over 84 people participated in one of the three Community Education Meetings that were held in September. That number will be higher when the number of unduplicated people in attendance at the three Planning Meetings is added. Those who attended included members of the Planning Council, CPG, Project LEAP and others who attended the 2021 Racial Justice Training and the 2022 Quality of Life meetings.

C. Operations Committee

Item: The Operations, Quality Improvement and Priority & Allocations Committees

Recommended Action: FYI: The Operations, Quality Improvement, and Priority and Allocations Committees did not meet in September so that their members could attend the Integrated Planning meetings.

Ronnie Galley and
Matilda Padilla, Co-Chairs

Item: 2022 Proyecto VIDA

Recommended Action: FYI: Verbal updates on Proyecto VIDA.

Steven Vargas, Co-Facilitator
Proyecto VIDA

IV. Report from the Office of Support

Tori Williams, Director

V. Report from Ryan White Grant Administration

Heather Keizman,
Interim Manager

VI. Report from The Resource Group

Sha'Terra Johnson,
Health Planner

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

* MAI = Minority AIDS Initiative Funding

** SS = State Services Funding

HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL



STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

12 noon, Thursday, September 1, 2022
Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Crystal Starr, Chair	Tony Crawford	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Skeet Boyle, Vice Chair	Matilda Padilla	Carin Martin
Kevin Aloysius, Secretary		Mauricia Chatman
Rodney Mills		Sarah Ross
Josh Mica		
Steven Vargas		<i>The Resource Group</i>
Ronnie Galley		Sha'Terra Johnson
Bobby Cruz		
Peta-gay Ledbetter		<i>Office of Support</i>
Daphne L. Jones		Tori Williams
Denis Kelly		Mackenzie Hudson
		Diane Beck

Call to Order: Crystal Starr, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Starr praised Vargas for his presentation at the National Ryan White Conference last month. She then thanked everyone who attended the first Community Education meeting for the 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. Mackenzie and her colleagues at the City Health Department collected a lot of information from people considered to be “Priority Populations”. She also said she hopes that folks have been attending the Monkeypox Townhall meetings. Dr. Ericka Brown and her team at the Harris County Health Department have been working with AIDS Foundation Houston, AETC and others to provide up-to-date information. Tori can get you added to the list if you wish to attend these important meetings. Starr then called for a Moment of Reflection.

The Chair invited committee co-chairs to select the co-chair who would be voting on behalf of their committee. Those selected to vote for their committee at today’s meeting are: Mills for Affected Community, Vargas for Comprehensive HIV Planning, Galley for Operations, Ledbetter for Priority and Allocations and Kelly for Quality Improvement.

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

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion #2:* *it was moved and seconded (Galley, Kelly) to approve the August 4, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.*

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following: 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan: The first Community Education Meeting was held on Monday, August 29th. Vargas said that Hudson and Williams did a great job presenting the information collected from consumers and stakeholders. Beck sent out an information packet for the meetings. The same information will be presented tonight.

All are encouraged to sign up for one of the remaining Community Education Meetings that will be held virtually from 4 – 6 pm this evening, Thursday, September 1 and Tuesday, September 6. Then sign up to participate in one or all three planning meetings where we will take what we learn in the Community Education Meetings and create the strategies and action steps for our 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan.

Affected Community Committees: Rodney Mills, Co-Chair, reported on the following: There was no meeting in August so that Committee members can attend one of the Community Education meetings and one or more Community Planning meetings described earlier. Over 250 people have been interviewed or participated in focus groups to tell the Planning Council and CPG what they believe will strengthen HIV Prevention and Care services and end the HIV epidemic. Please attend the meetings and hear what these individuals are telling us.

Operations Committee: Ronnie Galley, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Letter of Agreement among RW Part B Stakeholders: The Operations Committee has reviewed the attached Letter of Agreement among RW Part B Stakeholders. Please review the attached draft document so that it can be voted on at the October or November 2022 Steering and Council meeting.

2022 Proyecto VIDA: Steven Vargas, Proyecto VIDA Co-Facilitator said that the class graduation is scheduled for September 22, 2022. Last night was their favorite class – Vargas and Torrente facilitated the leadership training that is usually done for Project LEAP by Mike Alexander. It went very well, we were so into it that we all lost track of time. It was a very enjoyable session for all.

Quality Improvement Committee: Denis Kelly, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism – Part A: Vargas suggested adding a statement regarding the EHE funding to the report. ***Motion #3: Approve the attached 2022 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism for Ryan White Part A. No corrective action required. Motion Carried.*** Abstention: Aloysius.

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report since the Committee does not meet in August or September.

Report from Ryan White Office of Support: Tori Williams, Director, reported that the staff is extra busy right now with Proyecto VIDA, Project LEAP and the integrated plan.

Report from Ryan White Grant Administration: Carin Martin, Manager, summarized the attached report. Aloysius (after declaring a conflict of interest) said that he did not agree with giving carryover funds to ADAP. ADAP is taking forever to approve applicants and the main patient assistance program made changes so patients are unable to get meds while waiting for ADAP. Martin said that slow approval by ADAP led to an increased use of patient assistance programs, which may have

brought about the delays. With assistance from NASTAD, Martin was able to speak with the local representative for Gilead. The company has agreed to allow patients to stay longer on the patient assistance program, which should immediately make medication more accessible to clients. Martin reminded members that the Council also put funds in place in the Emergency Financial Assistance-Pharmacy Service that can cover the cost of medication for clients waiting for approvals from ADAP. Typically, carryover funds are offered to providers first. If they can't use them then the funds are sent to ADAP as reimbursement for Houston EMA/HSDA clients.

Report from The Resource Group: Sha'Terra Johnson, Health Planner, summarized the attached report. They are currently working on non-Houston HSDA RFPs and HOPWA. All Houston providers are on target for spending. She will send updated reports to Tori after today's meeting.

Announcements: Beck put the link for today's Community Education meeting in the chat. Vargas said that he, Pradia and Amber David are co-chairs of the Houston Host Committee for the Reunion Project for long-term survivors. They are holding 2-day town hall meetings across the country and will be in Houston November 18-19. The host committee is in charge of activities for Saturday; they are considering doing something like Road 2 Success. They are looking for venues to rent. Ledbetter will be out in October, she will be in Greece for a pageant.

Adjournment: Motion: *it was moved and seconded (Galley, Vargas) to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m. Motion Carried.*

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tori Williams, Director

Date

Committee Chair

Date

2022 Steering Committee Voting Record for Meeting Date 09/01/22

C = Chaired the meeting, ja = Just arrived, lm = Left the meeting

Aff-Affected Community Committee, Comp-Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee, Op-Operations Committee,
PA-Priority and Allocations Committee, QI-Quality Improvement Committee

MEMBERS	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 Assessment of the Admin Mechanism Carried			
	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain
Crystal Starr, Chair				C				C				C
Skeet Boyle, Vice Chair		X				X				X		
Kevin Aloysius, Secretary		X				X						X
Rodney Mills, Aff		X				X				X		
Steven Vargas, Comp		X				X				X		
Ronnie Galley, Op		X				X				X		
Peta-gay Ledbetter, PA		X				X				X		
Denis Kelly, QI		X				X				X		
<i>Non-voting members at the meeting:</i>												
Josh Mica, Comp												
Bobby Cruz, PA												
Daphne L. Jones, QI												
<i>Absent members:</i>												
Tony Crawford, Aff												
Matilda Padilla, Op												

2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan

Mackenzie Hudson, Health Planner, MS
Ryan White Office of Support

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
- Tya Johnson
- Kimberley Malerba
- Ricardo Mora
- Ivan Prater
- Zeldra Vwalters

Overview of the 2022 Integrated Plan

- Collect information from PLWH who are difficult to reach
- Collect information from non-Ryan White stakeholders
- Build the plan around their input and needs
- Build this plan on previous work products
- 100 page limit
- Encouraged to provide links to supporting documents

Data Impacting the 2022 Integrated Plan

- Community Engagement
- Data Collected from hard to reach People Living with HIV and Non-Ryan White Stakeholders
- Crosswalk of National, State and Local Comprehensive Plans
- Epidemiological Snapshot
- Needs Assessments
- Resource Inventory
- Fifth Pillar: Quality of Life Meetings

Data!



- We were able to collect *a lot* of data due to our community partners and interviewees
- The Office of Support organized the data into an electronic packet so that anyone can review the data.
- The packet is an organic document, meaning we continue to add data

Community Engagement for the Integrated Plan

- Focus Groups
 - Group interviews with Priority Populations (lived experience)
- Stakeholder Interviews
 - One-on-one interviews with Stakeholders (professionally trained)



FOCUS GROUPS WITH PRIORITY POPULATIONS

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

151 TOTAL participants, 19 groups

Stakeholders - Categories

Aging -5

Adolescents – 4

HIV Care – 5

HIV Prevention - 4

Homelessness/Houselessness - 2

Mental Health - 5

Recently Released - 1

Substance Use – 5

Case Management
and Other Large Groups:

Outreach Worker Group: 12

Case Manager Supervisor Group: 11

In Service Case Manager Group: 71

Total: 125 individuals provided input

Crosswalk of National, State and Local Comprehensive Plans


Why a Planning Crosswalk?

- from a variety of plans across many different fields can be used to form partnerships
- Idea is to integrate HIV planning with that of other fields



<p>Harris Center for Mental Health (link)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of individuals with a history of mental illness who are housed • Partner with the Coalition for the Homeless to house homeless individuals with mental illness • Continue to develop housing options for homeless individuals with mental illness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the percentage of security officers and medical staff trained in zero suicide • Decrease 30 day re-admission rates to Harris County Psychiatric Center and State Mental Health Facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train Harris County Sheriff's Office mental health deputies
<p>Houston Health Foundation (link)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to mental health supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate families that mental health services are normally available through most health insurances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce stigma surrounding mental health needs and services • Increase the number of youth who receive information on substance use prevention
<p>Texas Council on Family Violence (2019) (link)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase diverse housing options for survivors • Create legal support options to meet survivor's needs • Develop child and family services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase prevention efforts with youth and adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in innovative service models • Expand language services and access • Participate in strong community involvement • Strengthen partner resources • Dismantle "isms" within our society and support systems • Make funding more flexible • Increase internal supports for family violence agency staff

Epidemiological Supplement Purpose



- Many thanks to our partners at the City Health Department and Ryan White Grant Administration for preparing the 2021 Epidemiological Supplement, which we have been using throughout the 2022 planning process.
- “Local communities use data on patterns of HIV, or HIV epidemiology, to better understand who is diagnosed and living with HIV. This helps local communities make informed decisions about HIV services, funding, and quality.”

Needs Assessment Purpose

- Purpose: To identify the needs of the community (prevention or care) and to present this data in such a way that it is useful for decision-making



Resource Inventory

Purpose

- To identify available resources which should be considered in all prevention and care planning
- The agencies identified might be useful partners for strategies and activities




CDC CDBG RWHAP MAI EHE TDSHS HOPWA SAMHSA FQHC		Centers for Disease Control Community Development Block Grant Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Minority AIDS Assistance Ending the HIV Epidemic TX Department of State Health Services Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration Federally Qualified Health Center		HIV Continuum of Care (COC) Step(s) Impacted: 1 = HIV Diagnosis, 2 = Linkage to Care, 3 = Retention in Care, 4 = Antiretroviral Use, 5 = Viral Suppression Priority Population(s): a = Transgender, esp. LatinX/Black or ≤ 25 years old; b = Gay, bisexual MSM, esp. those who are LatinX/Black; c = People who exchange sex for money, etc.; d = People who inject drugs or use meth or crack; e = Heterosexual cisgender women of color; f = People born outside the United States; g = Youth; h = Other (listed)	
Funding Source	Funding Amount 2021	Funded Service Provider Agency <i>Red = funded for both Prevention and Care</i>	Services Delivered	Priority Population/s	COC Step(s)
HIV PREVENTION					
CDC PS18-1802	\$267,721	AIDS Foundation Houston	Community-Based HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, Referral, and Linkage		
CDC PS18-1802	\$237,151	AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Community-Based HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, Referral, and Linkage		
CDBG	\$100,000	Bee Busy Learning Academy, Inc.	HIV/STI Prevention School Based Education Program		
CDC PS18-1802	\$98,280	Bee Busy Learning Academy, Inc.	HIV Health Education and Risk Reduction (HEIRR) Services		
CDC PS18-1803	\$237,151	Bee Busy Learning Academy, Inc.	Community-Based HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, Referral, and Linkage		
CDC EHE PS20-2010	\$300,000	Bee Busy Wellness Center, Inc. FQHC	Routine/Opt-Out HIV Testing in Healthcare Settings		
CDC PS18-1802	\$204,751	Fundación Latino Americana De Acción Social, Inc.	Community-Based HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, Referral, and Linkage		
CDC PS18-1802	\$300,000	Harris Health System	Routine/Opt-Out HIV Testing in Healthcare Settings		
CDC PS18-1802	\$285,120	Legacy Community Health FQHC	Community-Based HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, Referral, and Linkage		
CDC PS18-1802	\$267,900	Saint Hope Foundation, Inc. FQHC	Community-Based HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, Referral, and Linkage		
CDBG	\$100,000	Montrose Center	HIV/STI Prevention School Based Education Program		
CDC PS18-1802	\$120,120	Montrose Center	HIV Health Education and Risk Reduction (HEIRR) Services		
TDSHS		Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans	Core Prevention: Many Men, Many Voices (3M/V)		

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The quality, not the longevity, of one’s life is what is important.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Quality of Life Meetings 

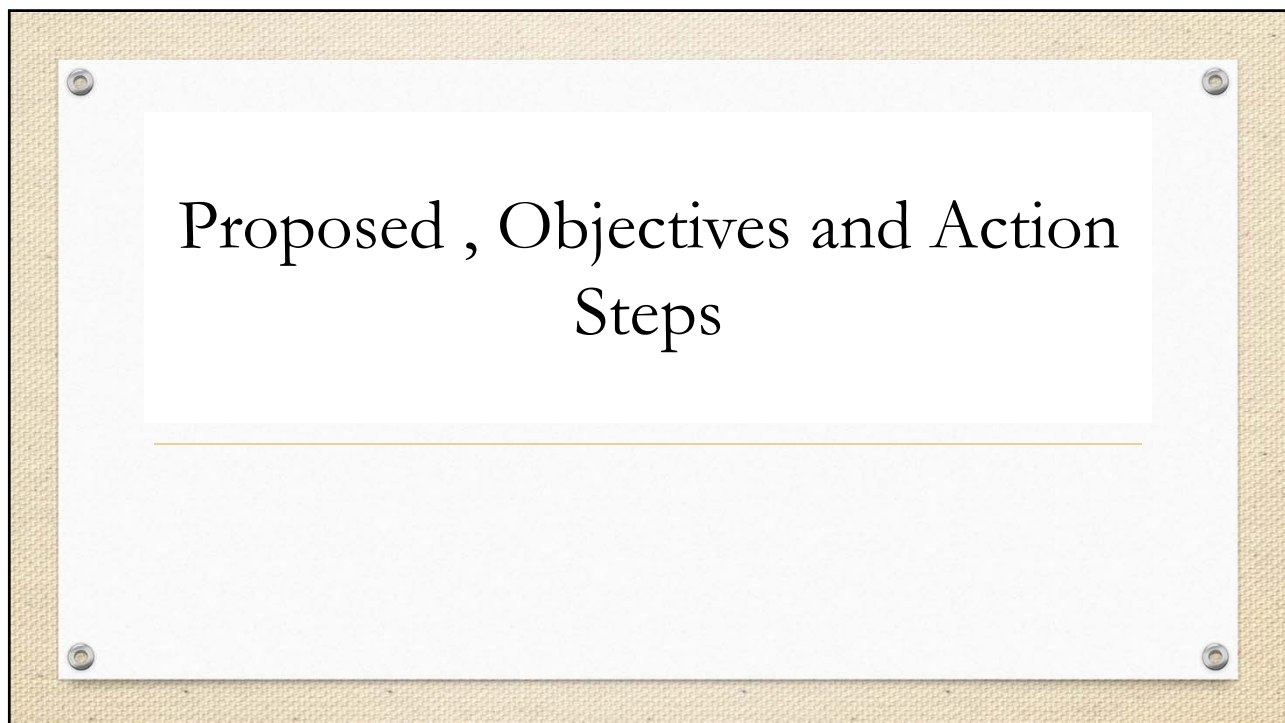
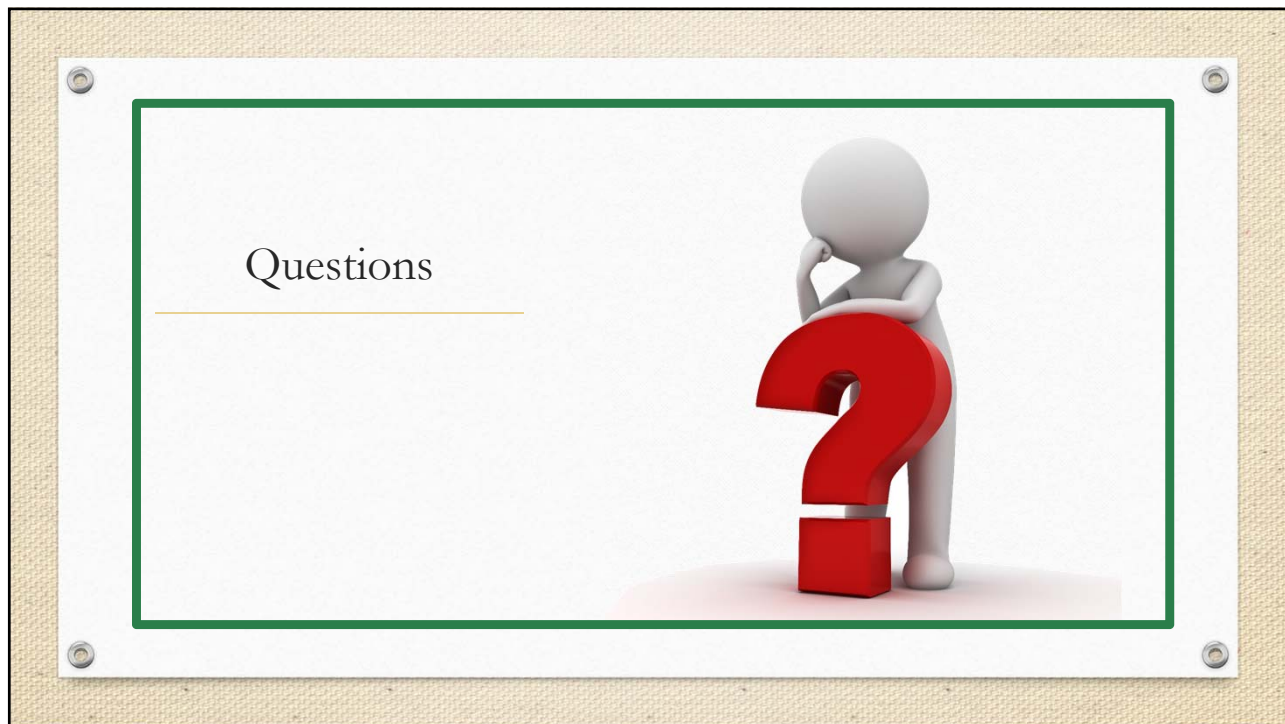
Quality of Life - Methodology

- 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
- Action steps and strategies are being developed

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



Education and Individuals

- **(Year 1).** Set up an HIV Education Advisory Board for each of five hard to reach populations - (adolescents, college students, Latinx individuals, senior citizens and one more group to be determined).
- **(Year 2)** For each of the five HIV Education Advisory Boards, select an already existing group, such as a college or an agency that offers services to monolingual individuals. Work with this institution, organization or group to implement a pilot project.
- **(Year 3, 4 and 5)** Revise the curriculum based on the results of trainings and select new institutions and organizations, or continue working with groups whose membership changes regularly.

HIV Education for Adolescents

- **Key Partners:** The Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans (AAMA) Sanchez Charter Schools, The Houston High School for the Performing Arts, Houston Independent School District, Covenant House, AIDS Foundation Houston, Texas Southern University Education Department, representatives of the Houston Ryan White Planning Council and the Houston Prevention Community Planning Group (CPG), Houston Health Department, Harris County Health Department and others.

HIV Education for College Students

- **Key Partners:** Texas Southern University (TSU), SHAPE Program at TSU, AIDS Foundation Houston, Ambassadors for Christ, representatives of the Houston Ryan White Planning Council and the Houston Prevention Community Planning Group (CPG), Houston Health Department, Harris County Health Department and others

HIV Education for Latinx Individuals

- **Key Partners:** The Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans (AAMA), Fundacion Latino Americana de Accion Social (FLAS), Texas Southern University, representatives of the Houston Ryan White Planning Council and the Houston Prevention Community Planning Group (CPG), Houston Health Department, Harris County Health Department and others.

HIV Education for Senior Citizens

- **Key Partners:** Houston Area Agency on Aging, Texas Southern University, Houston Area Multi Service Centers, Harris County Multi Service Centers, HIV and Aging Coalition, LGBTQ Aging Coalition, representatives of the Houston Ryan White Planning Council and the Houston Prevention Community Planning Group (CPG), Houston Health Department, Harris County Health Department and others.

HIV Education – Goal #2

- **Goal:** Increase individual knowledge of HIV, including HIV prevention and care services information, among individuals with a **history of a sexual offence**.
- **Key Activities:** Employ one full-time person with lived experience to provide HIV education and case management services to this population.
- **(Year 1)** Request the Ryan White Planning Council to create a service definition and allocate funds for the position from Ryan White Part A, B or State Services funding. If approved, release the RFP and secure a vendor for the contract.
- **(Year 2)** Hire and train the employee.

HIV Education for Providers

- **(Year 1)** Set up a small HIV Education Advisory Board and locate or create a curriculum.
- **(Year 2)** Conduct/implement the pilot project with at least one other mainstream mental health or substance use disorder facility to teach their healthcare workers how to refer patients to local HIV organizations.
- **(Year 3)** Revise the curriculum based on the results of the pilot project.

HIV Care Goal #1

- **Goal:** Encourage Ryan White funded agencies to provide alternative hours, such as evening and/or Saturday hours of service.
- **Key Activities:** Identify agencies who provide evening hours and ask about their success. Potentially include a requirement for alternative hours in Ryan White Standards of Care.
- **Key Partners:** Ryan White funded primary care clinics, Health Departments working with the Rapid Start Program

HIV Care Goal #2

- **Goal:** Review data from the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) program use of Lyft services and, if the data is positive, possibly extend the EHE/Lyft program to meet the needs of other HIV clients.
- **Key Activities:** Increase marketing for all services, including Lyft, case management, availability of phones and more. Also, develop a QR code for the Blue Book to help with the marketing.
- **Key Partners:** TBD

HIV Care Goal #3

- **Goal:** In an effort to reduce high turnover among case managers, monitor Ryan White Planning Council FY 2023 efforts to increase case manager salaries with Part A funding.
- **Key Activities:** See the results of RWPC efforts to increase case manager salaries.
Related Items: “Require” annual training (a webinar?) for all agency receptionists, case managers, medical assistance and others to learn about A.) All Ryan White funded services, B.) Recent changes to all services and C.) Other helpful services
- **Key Partners:** TBD

HIV Care Goal #4

- **Goal:** Regarding ADAP – FIX IT!
- **Key Activities:**
 - Take Charge Texas computer software is supposed to help, but problems with the system.
 - ADAP dashboard is supposed to allow more sharing.
 - “Work arounds” exist, but not everyone knows them.
 - Train case managers to aggressively identify clients that can enroll in ACA to get them off of ADAP.
 - Policy/political action required
- **Key Partners:** The Strike Force, Government relations employees in Ryan White funded agencies, THMP Advisory Board members.

HIV Care Goal #5

- **Goal:** Partner with more options for transportation and allow RW funded agencies to determine how they wish to use their transportation funds (bus passes, Lyft, etc.). Also, tie the distribution of prepaid cell phones for clients to pharmacies, making the phone a medical necessity (not an incentive).
- **Key Activities:** TBD
- **Key Partners:** TBD

Outreach Goal #1

- **Goal:** Create suggested guidelines for engagement with different populations of interest based on the results of focus groups and integrate into standards of care.
- **Key Activities:** Integrate the guidelines for reaching different populations into standards of care. If passed, encourage Ryan White funded agencies to follow the guidelines.
- **Key Partners:** Ryan White Planning Council (Affected Community Committee) and others

Outreach Goal #2

- **Goal:** Outreach to people with substance use disorders by collaborating with mobile harm reduction programs to provide HIV resources.
- **Key Activities:**
 - (Year 1) Create partnerships with appropriate agencies.
 - (Year 2) Conduct/implement the pilot project with at least one substance use partner to increase access to HIV educational information for those lacking transportation.
 - (Year 3) Partner with other local substance use organizations.
- **Key Partners:** Houston Community Prevention Group; Project INTEGRA; UT HEARTS – (UT HIV Education, Awareness, Referral, and Treatment for Substance Use); The Houston Harm Reduction Coalition; Project Access (bus service for people experiencing homelessness)

Outreach Goal #3

- **Goal:** Encourage more people living with HIV who are homeless to use HIV prevention and care services.
- **Key Activities:** Review the results of the Houston area Special Project of National Significance dedicated to working with people living with HIV who are also homeless.
- **Key Partners:** Healthcare for the Homeless (both of them); Thomas Street Health Center; Pete Rodriguez

Outreach Goal #4

- **Goal:** Improve staff interactions and communications with clients.
- **Key Activities:** Work with AIDS Education Training Center to design a training to improve staff interactions and communications with clients. Encourage Ryan White-funded agencies to have more of their support staff participate.
- **Key Partners:** The South Central AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC); Community Prevention Planning Group (CPG); and Ryan White Planning Council

Outreach Goal #5

- **Goal:** Increase access to identification, particularly 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 services 3) Expand capacity of current providers
- **Key Partners:** Operation I.D.; Texas I.D. Connect; The Beacon

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.

Vote to Approve the Concepts

Hot Potato Topics



Policy Goal #1

- **Goal:** Work with partners to legalize sex in jail so that condom distribution can occur.
- **Key Activities:** TBD
- **Key Partners:** Serving the Incarcerated and Recently Released; Texas Strike Force; government relations employees

Policy Goal #2

- **Goal:** Work with partners to legalize comprehensive harm reduction policies (for example: MAT distribution, needle exchange).
- **Key Activities:** TBD
- **Key Partners:** Houston Harm Reduction Coalition, UT HEARTS; Texas Strike Force

Stakeholders

Substance Use Disorder



- People living with HIV are more likely to be prescribed opioids due to pain, and this can lead to developing an opioid use disorder.
- Need mobile testing for people who use drugs
- HIV and substance use services should be more integrated, ideally creating a one-stop shop for people who use drugs who often lack transportation
- “Integration of addiction psychiatry into every single HIV treatment center.”
- **Key Partner:** United Way or ??

Stakeholders

SIRR Focus Group



- 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.”
- Prevention – Need condom distribution within jails
- **Key Partner:** Grassroots advocacy group (see Tori)