

Houston Ryan White Planning Council

Speakers Bureau Workgroup

10:00 am, Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 240, Houston, Texas 77027

Agenda

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| I. | Call to Order | Skeet Boyle and
Steven Vargas, Co-chairs |
| | A. Welcome | |
| | B. Moment of Reflection | |
| | C. Adoption of the Agenda | |
| | D. Approval of the Minutes | |
| II. | Review Revised Speakers | Amber Harbolt,
Office of Support |
| III. | Review Updated List of Business Organizations and
Identify Any Important Sectors Not Included | |
| IV. | Review “FAQs” List for Calls with Representatives | |
| V. | Announcements | Skeet Boyle
Steven Vargas, Co-chairs |
| | a. Next Meeting: | |
| | December 13, 2017 | |
| | 2:00 p.m. | |
| | Room 532 | |
| VI. | Adjourn | |

Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

Speakers Bureau Workgroup

2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 6, 2017

2223 West Loop South, Room 240, Houston, TX 77027

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ardry Skeet Boyle, Co-Chair
 Steven Vargas, Co-Chair
 Allen Murray
 Bianca Burley
 Curtis Bellard
 Rodney Mills

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amana Turner, excused
 Arlene Johnson
 Carol Suazo
 Denis Kelly
 Isis Torrente
 Gloria Sierra, excused
 Nancy Miertschin, excused
 Oluseyi Orija
 Robert Noble
 Tana Pradia
 Teresa Pruitt

OTHERS PRESENT

Cecilia Ross, RWPC Chair
 Amber Harbolt, Ofc of Support
 Diane Beck, Ofc of Support

Call to order: Skeet Boyle, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

Adopt the Agenda: Motion #1: *it was moved and seconded (Bellard, Mills) to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.*

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Bellard, Mills) to approve the November 17, 2016 minutes. Motion carried. Abstention: Vargas.*

Evaluation of the March 22, 2017 Presentation: Harbolt reviewed the evaluation from the speaker's bureau engagement at Houston Methodist Willowbrook. See attached.

Review Revised Procedure for Securing a Speaking Engagement: Harbolt reviewed the revised procedure, see attached. The workgroup added: if a chamber of commerce contacts the Office of Support they will email an information packet (speakers, topics, etc.) to the contact for review prior to being contacted by the workgroup appointee and to send Blue Book flyers with speakers when Blue Books were not available. Also, add the list of HIV observance days to the info packet. The contact information for chambers of commerce, rotary clubs, etc. will be updated.

Develop FAQs for Phone Calls: The workgroup discussed the following FAQs – Use the speaking points from the Affected Committee; How can this help me/my organization – link it to their services (seniors, nutrition, housing, etc.), the impact on their employees and their customers/customer service; Is HIV still an issue. Include a summary of the FAQs with the speaker information.

Training on Speaking on the Phone with Confidence: The workgroup listened to several YouTube videos, and found the information presented to be very helpful: set a time for the call, prepare for the call and eliminate distractions, make a reasonable amount of verbal responses so that the caller knows you are listening and understand (don't just nod). Don't speak too fast or too slow, don't be so quiet that the person has to ask you to repeat yourself. Articulate – pronounce consonants slightly more than in regular conversations. When they are calling you, let the phone ring no more than 3 times and smile. When you end the call give a brief synopsis of the conversation and thank them for their time.

When leaving a voice mail plan your message, think about what to say and keep it simple. If available, replay your message before sending it to check the content. Don't leave personal or repetitious messages, and don't hide behind voice mail (phone tag).

Announcements:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Houston Ryan White Planning Council Speakers List

Topic:

**How does HIV Impact the
Business Community?**



**John A. Nechman, Attorney At Law
Katine & Nechman L.L.P.**

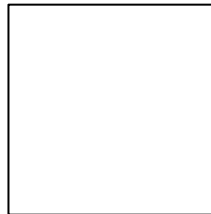
713-808-1000

Jnechman@lawkn.com

John received his law degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, where he has served as an adjunct professor since 2003 teaching courses such as "Sexual Orientation and the Law" and "HIV and the Law." He served as chair/president of several national, state, and local legal organizations. He has become a frequent speaker on immigration, business, human rights, and GLBT/HIV-related legal issues, and he often visits Houston-area schools to speak to students on such topics as the importance of jury duty, becoming a lawyer, and the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

Topics: PENDING

**ACA/Health Insurance
Speaker**



Bio goes here.

**Name
Title
Organization**

**Phone
[email](#)**

Topic: PENDING

**Are People Still Getting
HIV/AIDS?**



**Shital M. Patel, MD, MSc
Assistant Professor, Infectious Disease
Baylor College of Medicine**

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shitalp@bcm.edu

Dr. Patel received her medical degree from West Virginia University where she also completed an Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency. She moved to Houston in 2003 to complete an Infectious Diseases Fellowship and a Master's of Science in Clinical Investigation at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM). She currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Section of Infectious Diseases at BCM; Clinical Investigator, at the BCM Vaccine Research Center; and the Clinical Director for the Houston Local Performance Site (Thomas Street Health Center) of the Texas/Oklahoma AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC). Dr. Patel has provided care for patients living with HIV/AIDS since 2003 and serves on the Houston Ryan White Planning Council. She and the Houston LPS AETC team's work have strengthened the capacity of health care professionals to care for people living with HIV/AIDS through training and technical assistance.

Topics:

Routine HIV Testing in Houston Emergency Rooms

HIV Among Homeless Individuals

Linking People to HIV Care in Houston



**Nancy Miertschin, MPH
Manager, HIV Projects
Harris Health System**

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nancy.miertschin@harrishealth.org

Nancy received her Master's degree from the UT School of Public Health and has been Manager of HIV Projects for Harris Health System since 1997. She is a member of Houston's Ryan White Planning Council, and the Texas HIV Medication Program Advisory Committee, and previously chaired the Texas Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) Steering Committee. She is the project manager for two programs funded by CDC and Texas Department of State Health Services which provide 100,000 routine HIV tests annually throughout the Harris Health System. Currently, she manages a project to link individuals who are homeless and HIV+ with needed services and resources.

Topics:

HIV, Social Determinants of Health and Community Impact

HIV Housing Programs



**Nike Blue, MPH
Director of Programs
AIDS Foundation Houston**

713 623-6796, Ext. 261

bluen@afhouston.org

Nike received her Master's degree from the UT Health Science Center in Houston and has over 9 years of experience in the non-profit sector. Her leadership knowledge includes community planning, public health research, and program management & oversight. She has been a member of the Houston HIV Prevention Community Planning Group since 2007, Texas Community Planning Group since 2006, Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services since 2012 and a member of the African-American State of Emergency Taskforce (SOE).

Topic: PENDING

Personal Stories: Living and Working with HIV



**Steven Vargas
Case Manager
Association for the Advancement
of Mexican Americans (AAMA)**

713 926-9491

svargas@aama.org

Steven is an HIV Early Intervention case manager who says working directly with people living with HIV has put a face to the numbers used to make decisions and plan for HIV prevention and care services. Steven the former Chair of the Ryan White Planning Council and has served as a member for 11 years. He has also chaired and/or co-chaired the Latino HIV Task Force, the MSM Task Force (MPACT), and the Hepatitis C Task Force.

List of Houston Area Chambers of Commerce – as of August 2017

1. Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership
2. Baytown Chamber of Commerce
3. Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
4. Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce
5. Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
6. Deer Park Chamber of Commerce
7. Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce
8. Greater East Montgomery County Chamber
9. Greater Houston Partnership
10. Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce
11. Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce
12. Hempstead Chamber of Commerce
13. Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
14. Houston Intercontinental Chamber of Commerce
15. Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce
16. Katy Area Chamber of Commerce
17. La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce
18. Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce
19. North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce
20. Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
21. Spring Klein Chamber of Commerce
22. Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce
23. Greater Houston Black Chamber
24. Native American Chamber of Commerce
25. Houston Young Professionals
26. Greater Houston LGBT Chamber of Commerce
27. Asian Chamber of Commerce
28. South Asian Chamber of Commerce
29. Houston Business Coalition on Health
30. Christian Business Fellowship Association
31. Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston
32. Houston Jewish Chamber of Commerce

HIV Awareness Days

February 7 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 10 National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 20 National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

April 10 National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day

April 18 National Transgender HIV Testing Day

May 18 HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

May 19 National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

June 5 HIV Long-Term Survivors Day

June 27 National HIV Testing Day

September 18 National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

September 27 National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

October 15 National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

December 1 World AIDS Day

<p>UPDATED: 03/03/17</p> <p>All meetings subject to change. Please call in advance to confirm: 713 572-3724.</p> <p><i>Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at:</i></p> <p>2223 W. Loop South, Suite 240 Houston, TX 77027</p>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<h1>December</h1> <h2>2017</h2>	10	11	12	13 2:00 p.m. Speaker's Bureau Workgroup Room 532	14 12 noon Planning Council Room 532 2:00 p.m. Comp HIV Planning Room 532	15	16
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