

# **Houston Ryan White Planning Council**

## **Speakers Bureau Workgroup**

10:15 am, Thursday, November 17, 2016

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

### **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Welcome
  - B. Moment of Reflection
  - C. Adoption of the Agenda
  - D. Approval of the Minutes

John Lazo  
Workgroup Chairman

II. General 2016 Wrap Up

III. What did we learn?

IV. Any new leads?

V. Announcements

VI. Adjourn

## Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

### Speakers Bureau Workgroup

2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2016

2223 West Loop South, Room 532, Houston, TX 77027

### Minutes

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT

John Lazo, Chair  
 Amana Turner  
 Arlene Johnson  
 Bianca Burley  
 Carol Suazo  
 Curtis Bellard  
 Denis Kelly  
 Gloria Sierra  
 Robert Noble  
 Rodney Mills  
 Rodriga Avila  
 Steven Vargas  
 Teresa Pruitt

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Skeet Boyle, excused  
 Isis Torrente  
 Tana Pradia

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Tori Williams, Ofc of Support  
 Amber Harbolt, Ofc of Support  
 Diane Beck, Ofc of Support

**Call to order:** John Lazo, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

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

**Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Kelly, Pruitt) to approve the May 12, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstention: Johnson, Sierra, Vargas.

**Review Purpose and Goals of the Speakers Bureau:** Williams said that the purpose of the Speakers Bureau is to reach out to the business community. Ryan White only allows us to do activities like this if one of the purposes is to get people to apply for Council or external membership.

**Brainstorming for New Opportunities:** Lazo said that last year he booked six speaking engagements and he is hoping to double that this year if possible. Pruitt said that she got a card at the Pride event from someone from Oasis. They are interested in having a speaker, she left a message on their website but has not heard back yet. Lazo said that he is familiar with the group and that it is a monthly meeting of business people for secular humanist discussion. Suggestions of additional organizations to contact include: HRHouston.org (HR professionals), Houston Bar Association and Gulf Coast Legal Foundation (Burley will contact), Young Professionals and LGBT Professionals.

He looked at local chambers of commerce that are specific to a population and asked workgroup

members to contact them and tell them we have a speakers bureau and the topic and get an email address for the person who is in charge of booking speakers and give that information to him. He asked two workgroup members to sign up to contact each organization. He said to be sure you speak to each other before calling and he performed a few mock calls to give an example. He asked the Office of Support to distribute a copy of the letter sent to the Chambers of Commerce and the speaker list to the workgroup members so that they would have the information needed to answer questions. Members signed up as follows:

Asian: Mills, Sierra	Hispanic: Torrente, Vargas
Taiwanese: Avila, Suazo	Women: Johnson, Williams
Arab & Islamic: Burley	African American: Kelly, Pradia
Caribbean: Noble, Pruitt	

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.