

Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council
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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Houston Ryan White Planning Council

Copy: Lt. Jonathan Fenner, HRSA - email
Shelley Lucas, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) - email
Carin Martin, Ryan White Grant Administration
Heather Keizman, Ryan White Grant Administration
Yvette Garvin, The Resource Group
Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley, The Resource Group
Amber Harbolt, Ryan White Office of Support
Diane Beck, Ryan White Office of Support
Ann Robison, the Montrose Center - email

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

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Re: Meeting Announcement

Please note the following meeting information:

Ryan White Planning Council Meeting
12 noon, Thursday, October 8, 2020

Meeting Location: Online or via phone

Click on the following link to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/995831210?pwd=UnlNdExMVFFqeVgzQ0NJNkpieXlGQT09>

Meeting ID: 995 831 210

Passcode: 577264

Or, use the following telephone number: 346 248-7799

Please contact Rod Avila to RSVP, even if you cannot attend. She can be reached at 832 927-7926. Or, by responding to one of her email reminders.

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AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order
- A. Welcome and Moment of Reflection
 - B. Adoption of the Agenda
 - C. Approval of the Minutes
 - D. Training: EIIHA Updates
 - E. Training: Trauma Informed Care
- Tana Pradia, Chair,
Ryan White Planning Council
- Amber Harbolt
Health Planner
Ryan White Office of Support
Rebecca Edwards
Project Coordinator
Quality Management Development
Ryan White Grant Administration
- II. Public Comments 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 the Council Secretary who would be happy to read the comments on behalf of the individual at this point in the meeting. The Chair of the Council has the authority to limit public comment to 1 minute per person. All information from the public must be provided in this portion of the meeting. Council members please remember that this is a time to hear from the community. It is not a time for dialogue. Council members and staff are asked to refrain from asking questions of the person giving public comment.)
- III. Reports from Committees
- A. Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee
No report
- Daphne L. Jones and
Steven Vargas, Co-Chairs

- B. Affected Community Committee
Item: Consumer Only Standards of Care Workgroup Meeting
 Recommended Action: FYI: On Monday, September 21, 2020, the Affected Community Committee met to provide input into the FY 2021 Standards of Care and Performance Measures.
 Veronica Ardoin and
 Rodney Mills, Co-Chairs
- C. Quality Improvement Committee
 No report
 Denis Kelly and
 Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chairs
- D. Operations Committee
Item: Youth Group
Recommended Action: FYI: The Youth Group met with Tony Williams, an Employment Specialist for the HOPWA Good Hope Employment Program. Then, Rod provided box lunches, gift cards and cloth masks from Tana Pradia.
 Ronnie Galley and
 Carol Suazo, Co-Chairs
- Item:* Election of 2021 Ryan White Officers
Recommended Action: FYI: Nominations for the 2021 Ryan White Council officers must be submitted before the end of the November 2020 Steering Committee meeting. See the attached list of members who are eligible to run for Chair of the Council. Please submit your nominations to the Director of the Office of Support and she will contact the nominee to confirm that they would like to run for the position.
- Item:* Ryan White Team Building Opportunities
Recommended Action: FYI: Per a suggestion from a Council member, the Operations Committee recommends that Ryan White standing committees take turns hosting monthly educational exercises. These will be optional activities and those invited to attend will be Council and Affiliate members, as well as Project LEAP students. Educational or team building exercises can include Emergency Preparedness Bingo, Ryan White JEOPARDY and other interactive, educational activities that can be hosted using Zoom. There will be prizes for the winners and fun for all. Soon, Rod will send an email that invites all members to vote on a good time and date for the October meeting, which will be hosted by the Affected Community Committee.
- E. Priority and Allocations Committee
 No report
 Bobby Cruz and
 Allen Murray, Co-chairs
- V. Report from the Office of Support
 Tori Williams, Director
- VI. Report from Ryan White Grant Administration
 Carin Martin, Manager
- VII. Report from The Resource Group
 S. Johnson-Fairley
 Health Planner

VIII. Medical Updates

Shital Patel, MD
Baylor College of Medicine

IX. New Business (30 seconds/report)

A. Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D

B. HOPWA

C. Community Prevention Group (CPG)

D. Update from Task Forces:

- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)
- African American
- Latino
- Youth
- MSM
- Hepatitis C
- Project PATHH (Protecting our Angels Through Healing Hearts)
formerly Urban AIDS Ministry

E. HIV and Aging Coalition

F. Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee

G. Positive Women's Network

H. Texas Black Women's Initiative

I. Texas HIV Syndicate

J. END HIV Houston

K. Texans Living with HIV Network

Dawn Jenkins

Niquita Moret

Steven Vargas

John Poole

S. Johnson-Fairley

Steven Vargas

Gloria Sierra

John Poole

Ronnie Galley

Skeet Boyle

Nancy Miertschin

Tana Pradia

Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairly

Amber Harbolt

Steven Vargas/Crystal Townsend

Tana Pradia

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

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MINUTES

12 noon, Thursday, September 10, 2020

Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Tana Pradia, Chair	Imran Shaikh	Lt. Cmd. Rodrigo Chavez, PACE
Kevin Aloysius	Carol Suazo	
Rosalind Belcher	Bruce Turner	
Mauricia E. Chatman	Steven Vargas	STAFF PRESENT
Enrique Chavez	Andrew Wilson	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Tony Crawford		Carin Martin
Bobby Cruz	MEMBERS ABSENT	Heather Keizman
Ronnie Galley	Veronica Ardoin, excused	Rebecca Edwards
Angela F. Hawkins	Johnny Deal, excused	
Dawn Jenkins	Ahmier Gibson	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Daphne L. Jones	Gregory Hamilton, excused	Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Denis Kelly	Arlene Johnson	Crystal Townsend
Tom Lindstrom	Holly McLean, excused	
Josh Mica	Deondre Moore	<i>Office of Support</i>
Rodney Mills	Allen Murray, excused	Tori Williams
Niquita Moret	Shital Patel, excused	Amber Harbolt
Matilda Padilla	John Poole	Diane Beck
Oscar Perez	Rashel Richardson, excused	
Faye Robinson	Gloria Sierra, excused	
Pete Rodriguez	Crystal Starr, excused	

Call to Order: Tana Pradia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Pradia said that she was glad to see everyone looking safe and well. Houston would look very different if Hurricane Laura had made landfall in Galveston. Our hearts and prayers go out to our neighbors in East Texas and Louisiana who have suffered so much from this powerful storm. On a different note, Carin may have to leave the meeting early today. Therefore, it was suggested that the agenda be amended to move Carin's report after Public Comment and just before the committee reports. Pradia then called for a Moment of Reflection.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1: *it was moved and seconded (Jones, Mica) to adopt the agenda with one change: move the Report from Ryan White Grant Administration to before the Reports from Committees.*
Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Mica, Aloysius) to approve the August 6, 2020 minutes.* **Motion carried.** Abstention: Jones, Shaikh.

Training: Intimate Partner Violence and HIV: Heather Keizman, Clinical Quality Improvement at Ryan White Grant Administration, presented the attached PowerPoint.

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Report from Ryan White Grant Administration: Carin Martin, Manager, presented the attached report. She added that clients seeking assistance from the COVID-19 funded Emergency Financial Assistance program do not need a referral to access the service, nor do they need a case manager or be a client at the agencies providing the assistance (Avenue 360 and the Montrose Center).

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: No report.

Operations Committee: Carol Suazo, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Youth Group: The Committee hosted a Zoom meeting with the Youth Group. The presenter was Andrea Washington, a therapist with The Recovery Center, who provided information on *The Effect of Drugs and Alcohol on Relationships*. Then, Rod provided box lunches, gift cards and cloth masks from Tana Pradia. Kelly asked that the Committee consider reaching out to include other youth groups in the area.

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report.

Affected Community Committee: Rodney Mills, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Training: Emergency Preparedness Bingo: Committee members participated in an educational Bingo game related to Emergency Preparedness. Williams also provided information about the Houston HIV emergency information network that is maintained by Office of Support staff. The presentation was quite timely in lieu of Hurricane Laura moving into the Gulf of Mexico that evening.

Consumer-Only Standards of Care Workgroup Meeting: On Monday, September 21, 2020, the Affected Community Committee will meet to provide input into the FY 2021 Standards of Care and Performance Measures. All consumers are welcome. All others are encouraged to participate in a second meeting for all Council and community members. The date for the second meeting is to be announced.

Quality Improvement Committee: Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part A/MAI*: See the attached reports from the Part A/MAI Administrative Agent:

- FY20 Procurement Report – Part A & MAI, dated 08/13/20
- FY20 Service Utilization Report – Part A & MAI, dated 08/11/20
- FY18 Quality Management Program update

Public Comment: Rodriguez said he submitted the attached written comment for committee review and discussion. Based upon the attached public comment, Ryan White Grant Administration staff offered to provide quarterly updates on Performance Measures that are not meeting their benchmarks and what is being done to improve the service.

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part B/SS*: See the attached reports from the Part B/ State Services Administrative Agent:

- FY 2020/21 Procurement Report Part B – dated 07/23/20
- FY 2020/21 Service Utilization 1st Qtr. Part B– dated 08/05/20
- FY 2019/20 Procurement Report DSHS SS – dated 07/23/20
- FY 2019/20 Health Insurance Program Report – dated 08/03/20

FY 2019 Assessment of the Part A/MAI Administrative Mechanism: ***Motion #3: Approve the attached FY 2019 Assessment of the Ryan White Part A/MAI Administrative Mechanism. Since the report found no deficiencies, no corrective action is necessary. Motion Carried.***

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Director, presented the attached report. Turner said that member check-in calls should continue because a lot of people are struggling with depression right now. Kelly said he would like to have a scheduled fun time where everyone can come together online to play games or do something light hearted that is not related to Council business.

Report from The Resource Group: Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley, Health Planner, presented the attached report.

New Business

Part C Urban and Part D: Jenkins said that her agency has received CARES Act funding, which is to be used to help clients maintain access to care.

Community Planning Group (CPG): Vargas said the meeting was cancelled last month due to Hurricane Laura.

Updates from Task Forces

Latino: Vargas said the meeting was cancelled last month due to Hurricane Laura. They will meet tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. on GoToMeeting.

Positive Women's Network: Pradia said that they meet on the second Monday of the month.

END HIV Houston: Townsend stated that they held a training last month on Fast Track Cities.

Announcements:

- Lt. Cmd. Chavez invited everyone to join them tomorrow in a virtual forum that addresses racial and ethnic disparities in HIV, Hep C and STDs. Registration is free. Those interested can register at this link: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=bc7ef946-e02ad06d-bc7ec879-0cc47a6d17cc-b1e46585d83767b5&u=https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=31ba841e-6dee9d62-31bab521-0cc47adc5fa2-933386ead6fd11a0&u=https://region6healthdisparitiesmeeting.com/index.php>
- Kelly said that he met with the Children's Center in Galveston. They have a drop in center in Houston for homeless youth ages 16 to 22.
- Rodriquez said that the Department of State Health Services has announced the date of their HIV conference. It is virtual and free to all. He will send the link to Williams to share with the Council.

Adjournment: Motion: *it was moved and seconded (Galley, Crawford) to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 p.m.*
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Williams, Director

Date _____

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

Final Approval by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

* *MAI = Minority AIDS Initiative funding*

** *SS = State Services funding*

Council Voting Record for September 10, 2020

C = Chair of the meeting ja = Just arrived lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room VP = Via phone	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 August 6, 2020 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 Assessment of the Admin Mech Carried				MEMBERS	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 August 6, 2020 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 Assessment of the Admin Mech Carried			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MEMBERS													MEMBERS												
Tana Pradia, Chair				C				C				C	Imran Shaikh		X						X		X		
Kevin Aloysius		X				X				X			Carol Suazo		X				X				X		
Rosalind Belcher ja 12:11	X				X					X			Bruce Turner		X				X				X		
Mauricia E. Chatman		X				X				X			Steven Vargas ja 12:40	X				X					X		
Enrique Chavez		X				X				X			Andrew Wilson		X				X				X		
Tony Crawford		X				X				X															
Bobby Cruz		X				X				X			MEMBERS ABSENT												
Ronnie Galley		X				X				X			Veronica Ardoin												
Angela F. Hawkins		X				X				X			Johnny Deal												
Dawn Jenkins		X				X				X			Ahmier Gibson												
Daphne L. Jones		X						X		X			Gregory Hamilton												
Denis Kelly		X				X				X			Arlene Johnson												
Tom Lindstrom		X				X				X			Holly McLean												
Josh Mica		X				X				X			Deondre Moore												
Rodney Mills		X				X				X			Allen Murray												
Niquita Moret ja 12:12	X				X					X			Shital Patel												
Matilda Padilla ja 12:11	X				X					X			John Poole												
Oscar Perez		X				X				X			Rashel Richardson												
Faye Robinson		X				X				X			Gloria Sierra												
Pete Rodriguez		X				X				X			Crystal Starr												

Operations Committee Report

**Members Eligible to Run for
Chair of the
2021 Ryan White Planning Council**
(as of 09-03-20)

According to Council Policy 500.01 regarding election of officers: “Ryan White Part A, B and State Services funded providers/employees/subcontractors/Board Members and/or employees/subcontractors of the Grantees for these entities shall not be eligible to run for office of Chair of the Ryan White Planning Council. Candidates will have served as an appointed member of the RWPC for the preceding twelve (12) months and, if needed, have been reappointed by the CEO. One of the three officers must be a self-identified HIV positive person. “Nominations for all three positions: Council Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, must be submitted to the Director of the Office of Support before the end of the November Steering Committee or at the December Council meeting, which is the day of the election.

Eligible To Run for Chair (* must be reappointed):

Not Eligible To Run for Chair

Veronica Ardoin*	Mauricia Chatman - employee (Tx. Dept. of State Health Services)
Rosalind Belcher	Ahmier Gibson-conflicted (Legacy Community Health)*
Enrique Chavez	Dawn Jenkins-conflicted (Harris Health System)
Tony Crawford*	Daphne Jones-conflicted (City of Houston)
Bobby Cruz	J. Hoxi Jones-employee (Tx. Health & Human Serv.)*
Johnny Deal*	Denis Kelly-conflicted (Avenue 360)*
Ronnie Galley	Deondre Moore-conflicted (AIDS Healthcare Foundation)
Gregory Hamilton*	Niquita Moret-conflicted (City of Houston)*
Tom Lindstrom*	Matilda Padilla-conflicted (AIDS Healthcare Foundation)*
Holly Renee McLean*	Shital Patel-conflicted (Harris Health System)
Josh Mica	Oscar Perez-conflicted (Avenue 360)
Rodney Mills	Faye Robinson-conflicted (City of Houston)
Allen Murray	Imran Shaikh-conflicted (City of Houston)*
John Poole*	
Tana Pradia	
Pete Rodriguez*	
Gloria Sierra	
Crystal Starr*	
Bruce Turner	
Steven Vargas	
Andrew Wilson	

2020 Council Attendance
Updated 9-23-20

NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD IN 2020: 7

Council Members Shaded = retiring from Council on 12/31/20	Number of meetings attended in 2020	Number of meetings unable to attend in 2020
Tana Pradia	7	
Allen Murray	6	1
Crystal Starr	6	1
Kevin Aloysius	7	
Veronica Ardoin	6	1
Rosalind Belcher	5	2
Mauricia E. Chatman	7	
Enrique Chavez	6	1
Tony Crawford	5	2
Robert "Bobby" Cruz	7	
Johnny Deal	3	4
Ronnie Galley	7	
Ahmier Gibson	2	5
Gregory Hamilton	1	6
Angela F. Hawkins	7	
Dawn Jenkins	7	
Arlene Johnson	1	6
Daphne L. Jones	4	3
Denis Kelly	7	
Tom Lindstrom	6	1
Holly Renee McLean	6	1
Josh Mica	7	
Rodney Mills	7	
Deondre Moore	1	6
Niquita Moret	4	3
Matilda Padilla	4	3
Shital Patel	4	3
Oscar Perez <i>(started April)</i>	4	1
John Poole	0	7
Rashel Richardson <i>(started April)</i>	3	2
Faye Robinson	7	
Pete Rodriguez	6	1
Imran Shaikh	4	3
Gloria Sierra	0	7
Carol Suazo	6	1
Bruce Turner	6	1
Steven Vargas	7	
Andrew Wilson	7	

2020 RWPC Attendance Records
(as of 09-22-20)

a-absent, p-present, e-excused, re-resigned, shaded-do not include in count, Ssh-came but unable to stay, nm- no meeting												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Kevin Aloysius		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Quality Improvement		p	p	nm	p	a	p	p	nm			
Veronica Ardoin		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	e			
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p				
Steering		p	p	e	nm	p	p	e	p			
Rosalind Belcher		a	a	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Affected Community		a	nm	nm	p	e	e					
Mauricia E. Chatman		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Priority & Allocations		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p	nm			
Enrique Chavez		p	p	p	nm	p	e	p	p			
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	p	p	a					
Tony Crawford		p	a	p	nm	e	p	p	p			
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	a				
Bobby Cruz		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Operations		p	nm	nm	nm	p	p	p	p			
Priority & Allocations		p	nm	nm	p	e	p	p	nm			
Steering		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Johnny Deal		p	p	p	nm	a	e	e	e			
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p				
Operations		p	nm	nm	nm	p	p	p	p			
Ronnie Galley		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Affected Community		a	nm	nm	p	p	p	p				
Operations		p	nm	nm	nm	p	e	e	p			
Steering		p	p	p	nm	p	e	p	p			
Ahmier Gibson		p	a	p	nm	a	a	a	a			
Quality Improvement		a	a	nm	a	a	a	a	nm			
Gregory Hamilton		p	a	a	nm	e	e	e	e			
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	e	e	e	e				
Quality Improvement		e	a	nm	a	a	a	a	nm			
Angela F. Hawkins		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Operations		p	nm	nm	nm	p	p	p	p			
Dawn Jenkins		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Comp HIV Plan		p	p	nm	nm	p	p		nm			
Arlene Johnson		e	e	p	nm	e	e	e	e			
Affected Community		e	nm	nm	e	e	e	e	e			
Daphne L. Jones		p	p	a	nm	e	p	e	p			
Comp HIV Plan		p	p	nm	nm	p	p		nm			
Steering		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
J. Hoxi Jones		e	e									
Priority & Allocations		e	nm									
Mel Joseph		e	e	e	nm	e						
Priority & Allocations		e	nm	nm	e	e						
Affected Community		e	nm	nm	e	e						
Denis Kelly		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Comp HIV Plan		p	a	nm	nm	a	a		nm			
Quality Improvement		p	p	nm	e	p	e	p	nm			
Steering		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Tom Lindstrom		e	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Quality Improvement		e	p	nm	p	p	p	p	nm			
Holly McLean		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	e			
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p				
Josh Mica		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Priority & Allocations		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p	nm			
Rodney Mills		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p	p			

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Steering		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Deondre Moore		a	p	a	nm	a	a	a	a			
Comp HIV Plan		a	p	nm	nm	a	a		nm			
Niquita Moret		e	a	a	nm	p	p	p	p			
Priority & Allocations		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p	nm			
Allen Murray		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	e			
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	p	a	a	p				
Operations		p	nm	nm	nm	e	p	p	p			
Priority & Allocations		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p	nm			
Steering		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Matilda Padilla		p	p	e	nm	p	p	e	e			
Comp HIV Plan		p	a	nm	nm	p	a		nm			
Shital Patel		p	p	p	nm	p	e	e	e			
Comp HIV Plan		p	p	nm	nm	p	p		nm			
Oscar Perez				p	nm	p	p	e	p			
Quality Improvement				nm	p	p	p	p	nm			
John Poole		a	a	a	nm	a	a	a	a			
Affected Community		a	nm	nm	a	a	a	a	a			
Tana Pradia		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Steering		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Rashel Richardson				p	nm	p	p	e	e			
Priority & Allocations				nm	p	e	e	e	nm			
Faye Robinson		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Comp HIV Plan		p	a	nm	nm	p			nm			
Pete Rodriguez		e	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Quality Improvement		p	p	nm	p	p	p	p	nm			
Steering		p	a	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Imran Shaikh		p	p	p	nm	e	e	e	p			
Comp HIV Plan		p	a	nm	nm	e	e		nm			
Gloria Sierra		a	a	e	nm	e	e	e	e			
Quality Improvement		a	a	nm	a	a	p	a	nm			
Crystal Starr		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	e			
Operations		p	nm	nm	nm	p	p	p	p			
Quality Improvement		p	p	nm	p	e	p	p	nm			
Steering		p	p	p	nm	e	p	p	p			
Carol Suazo		p	p	p	nm	e	p	p	p			
Operations		e	nm	nm	nm	p	p	e	e			
Priority & Allocations		e	nm	nm	p	p	a	p				
Steering		p	a	a	nm	p	p	p	a			
C. Bruce Turner		p	p	e	nm	p	p	p	p			
Priority & Allocations		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p	nm			
Steven Vargas		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Comp HIV Plan		p	p	nm	nm	p	p		nm			
Steering		p	p	p	nm	p	p	e	p			
Andrew Wilson		p	p	p	nm	p	p	p	p			
Quality Improvement		e	p	nm	a	p	p	a	nm			
EXTERNAL MEMBERS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ashley Barnes												
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	a	p	p	a				
Ardry "Skeet" Boyle, Jr.												
Affected Community		a	nm	nm	p	p	p	p				
Bianca Burley												
Comp HIV Plan		a	a	nm	nm	p	a		nm			

2020 RWPC Attendance Records
(as of 09-22-20)

a-absent, p-present, e-excused, re-resigned, shaded-do not include in count, Ssh-came but unable to stay, nm- no meeting												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dominique Brewster												
Comp HIV Plan		p	p	nm	nm	p	p		nm			
Datonye Charles												
Comp HIV Plan		a	p	nm	nm	a	p		nm			
Ryan Clark												
Comp HIV Plan		e	e	nm	nm	a	a		nm			
Herman Finley												
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	p	a	a	p				
Daniel Impastato												
Quality Improvement		p	p	nm	a							
Peta-gay Ledbetter												
Priority & Allocations		e	nm	nm	p	p	p	a	nm			
Marcely Macias												
Quality Improvement		p	p	nm	p	p	p	a	nm			
Darryl McNeil												
Affected Community		a	nm	nm	a	a	a	a				
Nancy Miertschin												
Quality Improvement		e	p	nm	p	p	p	e	nm			
Karla Mills												
Quality Improvement		p	p	nm	p	p	p	p	nm			
Esther T. Ogungimi												
Comp HIV Plan		p	p	nm	nm	a	p		nm			
Cecilia Oshingbade												
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	a	a	p	a				
Quality Improvement		p	p	nm	p	a	p	a	nm			
Lionel Pennamon												
Affected Community		e	nm	nm	e	e	e	e	e			
Josie Rodriguez Jimenez												
Affected Community		p	nm	nm	p	p	p	p				
Angela Rubio												
Quality Improvement		a	p	nm	p	a	a	a	nm			
Deborah O Somoye												
Quality Improvement		e	p	nm	p	a	p	p	nm			
Edward Tate												

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Why SF has the lowest COVID-19 death rate of any other major city

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Red's Java House in San Francisco at Pier 30-32 is next door to the city COVID-19 testing site. Douglas Zimmerman/SFGATE

It's widely recognized among San Francisco healthcare professionals that S.F. has had the lowest COVID-19 death rate among all major U.S. cities throughout most of the pandemic.

A [chart](#) created in September by Dr. Jim Marks, a physician at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, was shared on social media in recent weeks and shows S.F.'s percent of deaths per cases was 0.87% as of Sept. 4, significantly lower than 10 other major cities.

The city with the second-lowest rate was Miami at 1.63%, according to the chart. New York City had the highest rate at 10.26%, Philadelphia the second-highest at 5.12% and Boston third-highest at 4.83%. (See the [full list](#) here.)

While many other cities such as New York experienced terrifying periods with skyrocketing cases that filled hospital beds beyond capacity, San Francisco has kept its number of cases relatively low, with some ups and downs, yet not a major surge that overwhelmed the city's healthcare system and impacted its ability to provide optimal care. The city of nearly 900,000 residents has reported 10,807 cases and 99 deaths as of Sept. 21. "The low case rate is a result of people acting well, and acting well is everything from city health leaders doing the right thing to the people doing the right thing," said Dr. Bob Wachter, chair of the Department of Medicine at UCSF. "We have very high rates of mask-wearing, probably the highest in the country. I think from the beginning people have trusted the science, trusted the guidance. You don't hear in S.F. that COVID is a hoax. People have generally taken this very seriously and I think the leadership from the mayor and the regional health directors has been terrific."

With cases kept relatively under control, the number of patients landing in hospitals has been lower than other major cities, and those infected patients in S.F. requiring hospitalization have received focused, personal care, according to Wachter.

In April, Wachter sent a team of UCSF doctors to New York to help during the height of the East Coast city's pandemic and his colleagues told "horror stories about what they saw in good hospitals."

"At UCSF, you'll have one nurse taking care of you," he said. "In Queens, at the height of things, it was one nurse to seven or eight patients. That can't be done safely. You'll have a world-class team of intensive-care doctors taking care of you in San Francisco. In New York, the team might have included an eye specialist or dermatologist. They may be great doctors but their speciality isn't COVID. Everyone was called to help. They were overwhelmed. We've never had that in SF."

UCSF epidemiologist Dr. George Rutherford added that San Francisco saw its rise in cases later than New York and this gave the city time to prepare.

"We had a little lead time and could plan for additional space," said Rutherford. "The hospitals got together and opened a ward at St. Francis Memorial Hospital."

He added, "There's nothing inherently better about our ICUs than those in New York. It's just a question of not having the capacity completely overwhelmed."

9/ Finally, moving toward @MonicaGandhi9's talk on Covid's falling mortality rate, George (@ 18:00) showed fig below, which shows that SF not only has low case rate (though not as low as Seattle's) but has had, by far, lowest rate of deaths/case (0.87%) of major U.S. cities. pic.twitter.com/IpVIUBCXaV

— Bob Wachter (@Bob_Wachter) September 11, 2020

While the moderate number of cases has prevented hospitals from filling up, Wachter adds the city's hospitals are excellent to begin with.

"I think it's hard to say that the great hospitals in San Francisco like UCSF are better than one of the great hospitals in New York or Boston, but we have some terrific hospitals in San Francisco," he said. "We have a flagship academic health system doing cutting-edge research, I think there are advantages there."

Case in point: The sickest COVID patients are cared for in intensive care units on ventilators, and in S.F. your chance of surviving the most severe case of the infection is likely higher than some other places. Wachter said the survival rate on a ventilator at UCSF and SF General has averaged around 80% while the national average "is more in the order of 60% or 70%."

At a press conference on Sept. 15, Dr. Grant Colfax, the city's public health director, echoed Wachter's sentiment, saying the city's "world-class medical facilities" are a key reason for the low death rate.

"State-of-the-art care is being done here," Colfax said. "We have excellent care facilities, including Zuckerberg [San Francisco General Hospital]."

What's more, Wachter said the S.F. Department of Public Health and hospitals learned how to work together in a crisis during the AIDS epidemic, and now in the coronavirus pandemic, they are drawing from lessons learned.

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"We sort of worked this out 30 years ago," said Wachter.

Wachter cited a coronavirus testing study conducted by UCSF and the city looking at health disparities in the Mission District as an example of productive collaboration.

The contact-tracing program run by UCSF and the health department is another example of success. UCSF doctors have trained city workers in how to identify and alert people who came into contact with an infected person. He said in San Francisco, the city is reaching up to 80% of COVID patients' contacts, while in other cities the number can be as low as 20%.

"Some of that is how good the system is here," he said. "[People who live here] trust the health department. They trust the science. It's just not true in other parts of the country."

Another contributing factor to the city's low death rate is its healthy population of residents who are less susceptible to complications with the virus, Wachter said.

"If you think about the risk factors for people having bad outcomes, it's not only advanced age. It's also obesity and history of smoking," he said. "San Francisco has a relatively low rate of obesity and a very low rate of smoking."

Of those who are higher risk, the city said in a statement that it has prioritized the care of its most vulnerable population, especially people over age 60.

SFDPH spokesperson Karaline Bridgeford said early health orders required surveillance testing in skilled nursing facilities, supported cleaning and other preventive measures in Single Room Occupancies (SROs) and limited visitors to facilities where vulnerable populations live and receive care, such as long-term care facilities. While San Francisco has made a lot of smart moves throughout the pandemic to deter deaths, Wachter said the low rate will only continue if city officials and residences continue to act with vigilance.

"In the beginning, there was an element of luck, we never had a huge super-spreader event, that was more luck than skill," Wachter said. "I think for the last six months, we've done a lot of things right. We need to keep doing that."

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