

**Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Members, Houston Ryan White Planning Council

Copy: Carin Martin, Ryan White Grant Administration  
Heather Keizman, Ryan White Grant Administration  
Mauricia Chatman, Ryan White Grant Administration  
Yvette Garvin, The Resource Group  
Sha'Terra Johnson, The Resource Group  
Diane Beck, Ryan White Office of Support

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Lt. Jonathan Fenner, HRSA  
Commander Luz Rivera, PACE  
Lt. Commander Rodrigo Chavez, PACE  
Ann Robison, the Montrose Center  
Beau Mitts, Houston Health Department  
Charles Henley, DSHS Consultant

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

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2021

Re: Meeting Announcement

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Please note that the Ryan White Planning Council will be meeting as follows:

**Ryan White Planning Council Meeting**  
12 noon, Thursday, October 14, 2021

**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.

Thank you.

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## AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order   | Allen Murray, Chair<br>Ryan White Planning Council         |
|    | A. Welcome, Moment of Reflection and Introductions                            |  |
|    | B. Adoption of the Agenda   |  |
|    | C. Approval of the Minutes  |  |
|    | D. Training: Houston Area Resources for the Opioid Epidemic (30 min.)         | Kelly Truong, M.D.<br>Psychiatrist<br>The Menninger Clinic |
|    | E. TENTATIVE Training: The Houston Plan for Ending the HIV Epidemic (20 min.) | Jon-Michael Gillespie<br>Houston Health Department         |
|    | F. Training: Trauma Informed Care (20 min.)                                   | Heather Keizman, RN<br>Ryan White Grant<br>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 meeting this month since the Office of Support staff is completing the 2022 Epidemiological Profile in collaboration with Imran Shaikh and others at the Houston Health Department and Carin Martin and her staff at the Harris County Health Department.  
Daphne L. Jones and Rodney Mills, Co-Chairs
- B. Affected Community Committee  
*Item:* Training: Standards of Care and Performance Measures  
*Recommended Action:* FYI: Mauricia Chatman gave an excellent training on standards of care and performance measures in advance of the consumer only workgroup meeting, which will be held at 12 noon on October 18, 2021 on Zoom.  
Rosalind Belcher and Tony Crawford, Co-Chairs
- C. Quality Improvement Committee  
No report since there was no meeting in September.  
Kevin Aloysius and Steven Vargas, Co-Chairs
- D. Operations Committee  
*Item:* Quorum  
*Recommended Action:* FYI: The Committee recommends extending and making the following change to the Council bylaws, which was approved in June 2021. Because this is a change to the bylaws, it could not be voted on until October 2021.  
Veronica Ardoin and Ronnie Galley, Co-Chairs
- Motion:** *Pending the Governor rescinding current waivers related to the definition of quorum in the Texas Open Meetings Act, amend the Houston Ryan White Planning Council bylaws so that 30% of the members satisfy in-person requirements at Council meetings. ~~until the end of August 2021. After that, the bylaws will revert back to “a majority of the members of the Council are required to constitute a quorum at Council meetings”.~~ Everyone’s vote will count during the meeting but to hold a meeting, the Council must meet quorum as defined in its bylaws.*
- Item:* Nominees for election of the 2022 Ryan White Officers  
*Recommended Action:* FYI: See the attached list of individuals eligible to run for Chair of the 2022 Ryan White Planning Council. Please submit nominations for the 2022 Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to the Director of the Office of Support as the Operations Committee will be developing the slate of nominees at their October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- E. Priority and Allocations Committee  
The September meeting was cancelled since there was no business to conduct.  
Peta-gay Ledbetter and Bobby Cruz, Co-Chairs

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| 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   | Sha'Terra Johnson<br>Health Planner            |
| VIII. | Medical Updates  | Shital Patel, MD<br>Baylor College of Medicine |
| IX.   | New Business (Written reports only when stay-at-home orders are in effect)                     |  |
|       | A. AIDS Educational Training Centers (AETC)  | Shital Patel                                   |
|       | B. Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D  | Dawn Jenkins                                   |
|       | C. HOPWA   | Kimberley Collins                              |
|       | D. Community Prevention Group (CPG)  | Matilda Padilla                                |
|       | E. Update from Task Forces:  |  |
|       | • Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)  |  |
|       | • African American   | Sha'Terra Johnson                              |
|       | • Latino   | Gloria Sierra                                  |
|       | • Youth  | Gloria Sierra                                  |
|       | • MSM  |  |
|       | • Hepatitis C  | Steven Vargas                                  |
|       | • Project PATHH (Protecting our Angels Through<br>Healing Hearts) formerly Urban AIDS Ministry | Johnny Deal                                    |
|       | F. HIV and Aging Coalition   |  |
|       | G. Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee   | Nancy Miertschin                               |
|       | H. Positive Women's Network  | D. Morgan or A. Murray                         |
|       | I. Texas Black Women's Initiative  | Sha'Terra Johnson                              |
|       | J. Texas HIV Syndicate   | Ricardo Mora                                   |
|       | K. END HIV Houston   | Amy Leonard                                    |
|       | L. Texans Living with HIV Network  | Steven Vargas                                  |
| IX.   | Announcements  |  |
| X.    | Adjournment  |  |

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### MINUTES

12 noon, Thursday, September 9, 2021  
Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Allen Murray, Chair	Pete Rodriguez	Lt. Cmd. Rodrigo Chavez, PACE
Denis Kelly, Vice Chair	Gloria Sierra	Cmd. Luz Rivera, PACE
Crystal Starr, Secretary	Robert Sliepka	Lt. Erica Bussey-Jones, PACE
Kevin Aloysius	C. Bruce Turner	
Rosalind Belcher	Steven Vargas	
Johanna Castillo		<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Robert "Bobby" Cruz		<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Ronnie Galley	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Carin Martin
Dawn Jenkins	Veronica Ardoin, excused	Heather Keizman
Daphne L. Jones	Enrique Chavez	Mauricia Chatman
Peta-gay Ledbetter	Kimberley Collins	
Roxane May	Tony Crawford, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Josh Mica	Johnny Deal	Sha'Terra Johnson
Rodney Mills	Ahmier Gibson	Crystal Townsend
Diana Morgan	Tom Lindstrom	
Nkechi Onyewuenyi	Holly Renee McLean, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Matilda Padilla	Faye Robinson	Tori Williams
Shital Patel	C. Bruce Turner, excused	Ricardo Mora
Oscar Perez	Andrew Wilson	Diane Beck
Paul Richards		

**Call to Order:** Allen Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. During the opening remarks, Murray said it was good to see everyone. He thanked the Priority and Allocations Committee for their thoughtful recommendations regarding the reallocation of the FY 2021 unspent funds and the FY 2020 carryover funds. And, he invited everyone to send healing vibes to those members who are sick and in the hospital. Also, David Watson, a former Council member and long-

time staff member at the Houston Health Department, passed away recently. Murray then called for a Moment of Reflection.

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

**Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Starr, Galley) to approve the July 8, 2021 minutes. Motion carried. Abstention: Richards, Shaikh.*

**Training: Rapid Start Program:** See the attached presentation by Carin Martin, Manager at Harris County Public Health Ryan White Grant Administration.

**Training: FY22 EIIHA Updates:** See the attached presentation by Ricardo Mora, Health Planner at the Ryan White Planning Council Office of Support.

**Public Comment and Announcements:** Vargas said in regard to the feedback from the HRSA site visit, that we should include a time on our meeting agendas to allow the public to comment and the Council to discuss things that are not on the agenda. He knows of other EMAs that do that and it can be helpful since we can discuss things which we cannot do with public comment.

### **Reports from Committees**

**Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee:** Rodney Mills, Co-Chair, reported on the following: FY 2022 EIIHA Populations: The committee was given the authority to have final approval on the FY 2022 EIIHA populations. See the attached list of the approved populations and more. And, please note that this year, the committee added MSM who inject drugs as an additional population.

**Affected Community Committee:** Rosalind Belcher, Co-Chair, reported on the following: No report since members were asked to attend the joint training on *Ending the Epidemic for Who? -- Part 2*.

**Quality Improvement Committee:** Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism: Motion #3: *Approve the attached FY 2021 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism with no recommendations for corrective action. Motion Carried.*

**Operations Committee:** Ronnie Galley, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Incentives: The Committee is in the process of amending the policy for Honorariums to include information about incentives, see attached proposed changes to the policy. Contact Tori if you wish to make comments or submit input. FYI: Per HRSA regulations, those eligible for an incentive are only people living with HIV. And, Council and Affiliate members are not allowed to receive incentives for things like regularly scheduled meetings.

Quorum: The Committee recommends extending and making the following change to the Council bylaws, which was approved in June 2021. Because this is a change to the bylaws, it cannot be voted on until October 2021. Proposed Motion: *Pending the Governor rescinding current waivers related to the definition of quorum in the Texas Open Meetings Act, amend the Houston Ryan White Planning Council bylaws so that 30% of the members satisfy in-person requirements at Council meetings. ~~until~~ the end of August 2021. After that, the bylaws will revert back to “a majority of the members of the Council are required to constitute a quorum at Council meetings”. Everyone’s vote will count during*

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Monthly Team Building Exercises – Resume in October?: Last year, members of the Council became concerned about depression among Ryan White volunteers because so many were isolated at home due to COVID-19 lockdown. Hence, the staff organized monthly Team Building Exercises on Zoom. Several months ago members felt that the virtual gatherings were no longer necessary but asked that we check in again in September. Does the Council want staff to resume the Team Building exercises at this time? Vargas suggested we do it quarterly. Mica said he would like to see the Council continue this, it might be good to do during the holidays when folks are likely to be alone. Williams said that she will get something set up for October and for the holidays to combat the Winter blues. Hopefully we will be able to meet in person in the Spring.

**Priority and Allocations Committee:** Bobby Cruz, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

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

- FY21 Part A & MAI Procurement, dated 08/16/21
- FY21 Part A & MAI Service Utilization, dated 08/16/21

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

- FY 2021 Part B Procurement, dated 08/04/21
- 2021-2022 Part B Service Utilization, dated 08/17/21
- FY 2021 DSHS\* Procurement, dated 08/04/21
- 2020-2021 Health Insurance Assist, dated 07/26/21

Reallocation of FY 2021 Unspent Funds: **Motion #4:** *Fund request A3 in the amount available. See the attached chart for details. Motion Carried.* Abstentions: Aloysius, Castillo, Jenkins, Kelly, May, Padilla, Shaikh.

Allocation of FY 2020 Carryover Funds – Part A: **Motion #5:** *Approve all requests (Control 1 – 6) at their full amount except Control #1, which will receive \$357,200. See attached chart with justification. Motion Carried.* Abstentions: Aloysius, Castillo, Jenkins, Kelly, May, Padilla, Shaikh.

Allocation of FY 2020 Carryover Funds - MAI: **Motion #6:** *Approve request M1 at the full amount and allocate the remaining funds to the State ADAP program for reimbursement of drug expenses for Houston EMA ADAP clients. Motion Carried.* Abstentions: Aloysius, Castillo, Jenkins, Kelly, May, Padilla, Shaikh.

**Report from Office of Support:** Tori Williams, Director, summarized the attached report.

**Report from Ryan White Grant Administration:** Carin Martin, Manager, summarized the attached report.

**Report from The Resource Group:** Sha'Terra Johnson, Health Planner, submitted the attached report.

**Task Force Reports:** The Council agreed in March 2020 to skip verbal Task Force Reports while meeting on Zoom. See the Council Handouts packet for reports that were submitted in writing.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment: Motion:** *it was moved and seconded (Galley, Sliepka) to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Victoria Williams, Director

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Draft Certified by  
Council Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Final Approval by  
Council Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Council Voting Records for September 9, 2021

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# Opioid Use Disorder and HIV

Kelly Truong, MD  
Addiction Psychiatrist, Assistant Professor  
The Menninger Clinic and Baylor College of Medicine  
October 14, 2021



## Working with communities to address the opioid crisis.

- ✧ SAMHSA's State Targeted Response Technical Assistance (STR-TA) grant created the *Opioid Response Network* to assist STR grantees, individuals and other organizations by providing the resources and technical assistance they need locally to address the opioid crisis.
- ✧ Technical assistance is available to support the evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery of opioid use disorder.

Funding for this initiative was made possible (in part) by grant no. 6H79TI080816 from SAMHSA. The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services; nor does mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.



# Working with communities to address the opioid crisis.

- ✧ The Opioid Response Network (ORN) provides local, experienced consultants in prevention, treatment and recovery to communities and organizations to help address the opioid crisis.
- ✧ The ORN accepts requests for education and training.
- ✧ Each state/territory has a designated team, led by a regional Technology Transfer Specialist (TTS), who is an expert in implementing evidence-based practices.



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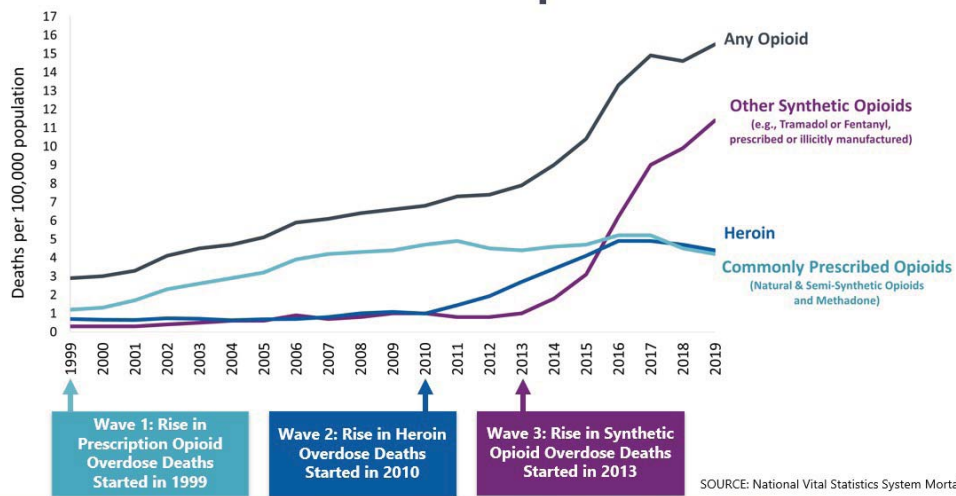
## Contact the Opioid Response Network

- ✧ To ask questions or submit a request for technical assistance:
  - Visit [www.OpioidResponseNetwork.org](http://www.OpioidResponseNetwork.org)
  - Email [orn@aaap.org](mailto:orn@aaap.org)
  - Call 401-270-5900

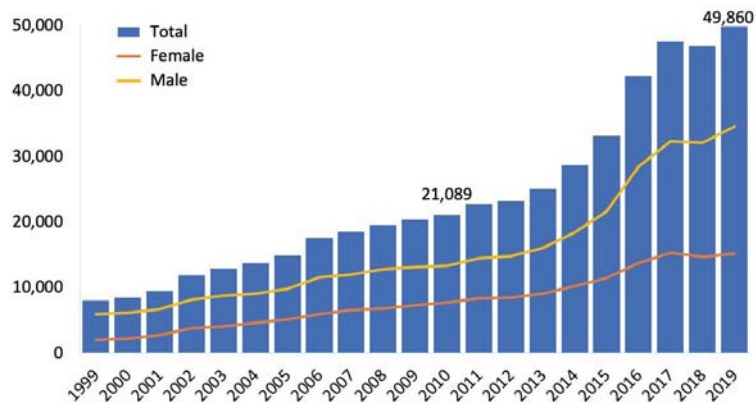


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## Three Waves of the Rise in Opioid Overdose Deaths



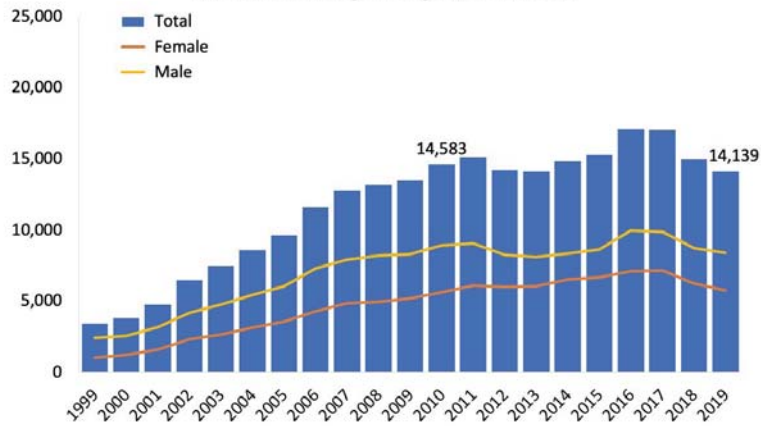
**Figure 3. National Drug Overdose Deaths Involving Any Opioid, Number Among All Ages, by Gender, 1999-2019**



\*Among deaths with drug overdose as the underlying cause, the any opioid subcategory was determined by the following ICD-10 multiple cause-of-death codes: natural and semi-synthetic opioids (T40.2), methadone (T40.3), other synthetic opioids (other than methadone) (T40.4), or heroin (T40.1). Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2019 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 12/2020.



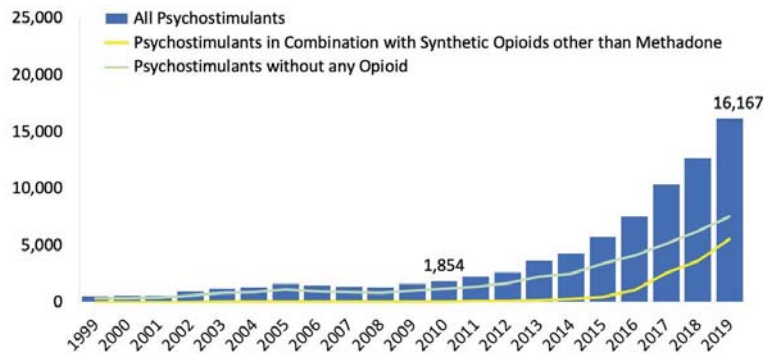
**Figure 4. National Drug Overdose Deaths Involving Prescription Opioids\*, Number Among All Ages, 1999-2019**



\*Among deaths with drug overdose as the underlying cause, the prescription opioid subcategory was determined by the following ICD-10 multiple cause-of-death codes: natural and semi-synthetic opioids (T40.2) or methadone (T40.3). Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2019 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 12/2020.



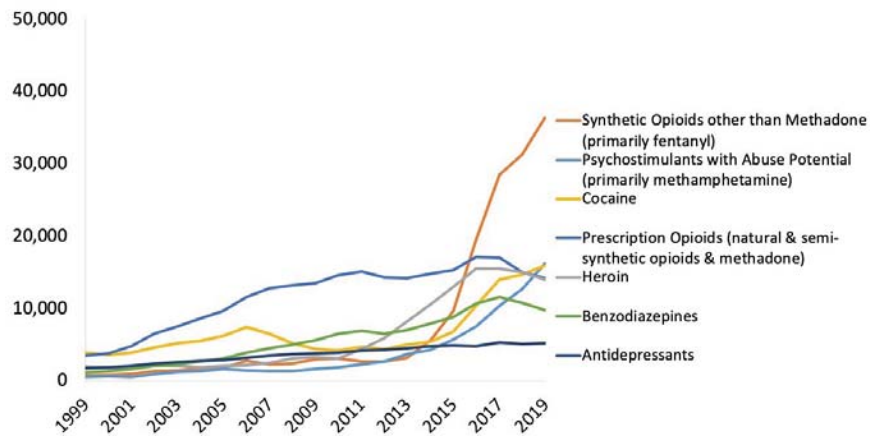
**Figure 6. National Drug Overdose Deaths Involving Psychostimulants with Abuse Potential (Primarily Methamphetamine)\*, by Opioid Involvement Number Among All Ages, 1999-2019**



\*Among deaths with drug overdose as the underlying cause, the psychostimulants with abuse potential (primarily methamphetamine) category was determined by the T43.6 ICD-10 multiple cause-of-death code. Abbreviated to psychostimulants in the bar chart above. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2019 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 12/2020.



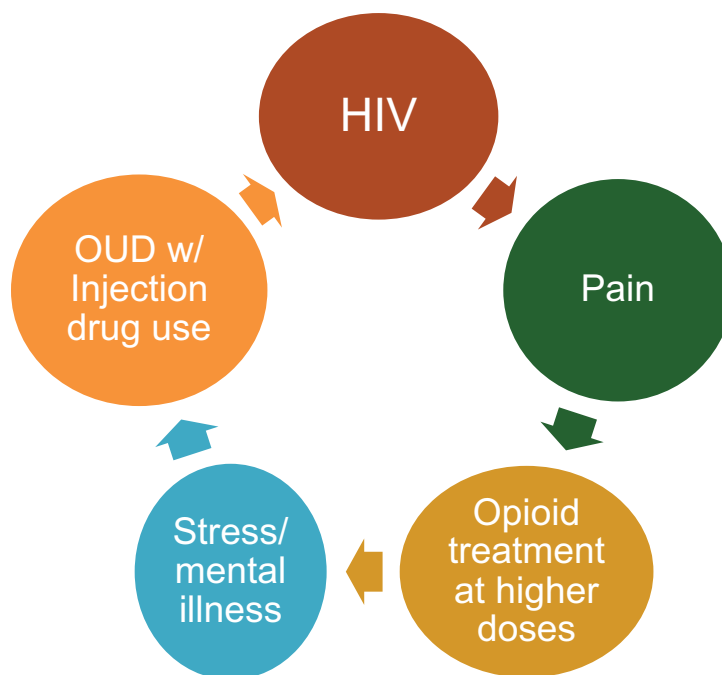
**Figure 2. National Drug-Involved Overdose Deaths\*,  
Number Among All Ages, 1999-2019**



\*Includes deaths with underlying causes of unintentional drug poisoning (X40–X44), suicide drug poisoning (X60–X64), homicide drug poisoning (X85), or drug poisoning of undetermined intent (Y10–Y14), as coded in the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2019 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 12/2020.



## HIV/AIDS and OUD- The Vicious Cycle



# Harm Reduction

- ✧ Definition: person-centered public health approach of reducing harms of a substance to individuals and communities
- ✧ Nonjudgmental care
- ✧ Collaborates with individuals to promote healthier lives
- ✧ Increases engagement and access to resources
- ✧ Reduces risk of SUD-related illnesses and overdose



## Current State Of OUD/HIV treatment

- ✧ Patients with HIV and OUD have suboptimal HIV testing, delayed entry into HIV care and initiation of antiretroviral therapy
- ✧ Barriers to care:
  - Lack of transportation, poverty, homelessness, uninsured
  - Lack of access to life-saving OUD treatment
  - Little to no communication between providers partly due to HIV and OUD care being at different places
  - Stigma





# Care Models

- ✧ Centralized: Primary care, SUD, psychiatric all in one place
  - Improves access, reduce relapse, improve social stability for patients with co-occurring disorders
  - Studies show that individuals in an HIV clinic receiving on-site buprenorphine treatment have improved addiction treatment outcomes



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# Care Models Cont.

- ✧ Distributive: most providers are not working in centralized treatment settings
  - Has problems with distance between treatment Centers
  - Needs case management to make complex referrals to be effective
- ✧ ECHO: Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes
  - Specialists at academic centers provide clinical expertise for specific cases using videoconferencing (helpful for rural areas)



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## Pharmacotherapy for OUD

Naltrexone- opioid receptor antagonist

- Comes in long-acting injection

Buprenorphine or buprenorphine/naloxone- partial agonist

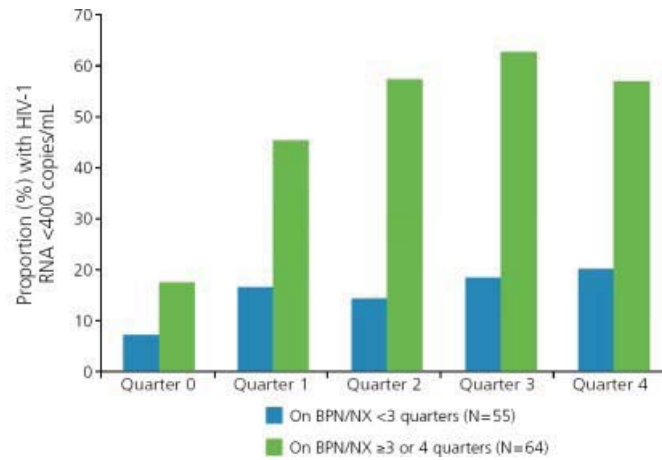
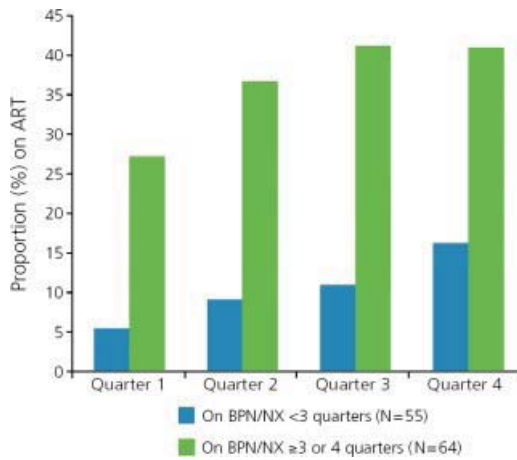
Methadone- full agonist



## Pharmacotherapy for OUD

- ✧ Buprenorphine, methadone, naltrexone for opioid use disorder treatment:
  - reduce transmission of HIV and HCV by reducing risky behaviors in people who inject drugs.
  - Improve HIV outcomes and other health outcomes
- ✧ Buprenorphine can be prescribed by the HIV practitioner and other physicians
- ✧ Methadone is available at opiate treatment centers





## Opioid Agonist Treatment in Pregnancy

- ✧ Both methadone and buprenorphine treatment during pregnancy:
  - improve neonatal outcomes by reducing risk of withdrawal
  - increase maternal HIV treatment to reduce the likelihood of transmitting the virus to the fetus
  - link mothers to better prenatal care



# Summary

- ✧ Patients with HIV/AIDS are more likely to have OUD
- ✧ Methadone, Buprenorphine and naltrexone improve outcomes in HIV/AIDS
- ✧ Buprenorphine and methadone are safe and effective in pregnancy
- ✧ Stigma around OUD in the public and healthcare providers create barriers to life-saving treatment
- ✧ Patient-centered approach can reduce stigma and improve outcomes



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# ORN Evaluation Survey

- **Please scan the QR code or use the below link to access a very brief survey.**
- The survey will ask about your satisfaction with the training program you just completed as well as some basic demographic information.
- Your responses will help the Opioid Response Network improve the services they provide.
- **Thank you in advance for completing this survey!**



**Link to survey:**

[https://orn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3FdzXtRH7gogcHI?RequestID=3373&ActivityType=4&Intensity=2](https://orn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3FdzXtRH7gogcHI?RequestID=3373&ActivityType=4&Intensity=2)



# 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	

## Houston EMA Ryan White Part A and MAI Administrative Agency Report

October 7, 2021

- **FY 2021 HIV Services Contracts:** RWGA is currently conducting its mid-year spending review in preparation of the sweep-up and reallocation process. We anticipate reduction of contracts will be necessary, and that funds will be available for service reallocation. These funds will be reallocated by the Planning Council's Priority and Allocations (P&A) committee on 10/28.
- **FY 2020 Carryover Request:** RWGA is in receipt of its FY2020 unobligated balance carryover award. Due to COVID pandemic associated waivers, RWGA was able to request greater than 5% of formula funds for \$1,718,511 in Part A funding and \$905,361 in MAI funding. Contract carryover amendments have been submitted by RWGA to County Purchasing for placement on Commissioner's Court agenda for approval.
- **HRSA Ryan White Part A Virtual Site Visit Report:** RWGA received the final HRSA approval Ryan White Part A Virtual Site Visit Report on October 6th. RWGA and community partners participated in the Virtual Site Visit April 5 – 9, 2021. Although typically VSV Consultants and HRSA staff have 45 business days from the site visits conclusion to submit final report, there were delays over the summer. As expected, the Houston EMA received 6 finding associated with this the April VSV. RWGA has up to 30 days to respond.
- **RWGA EHE Virtual Site Review:** RWGA completed its Virtual Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Programmatic Site Review October 5 – October 7, 2021. The purpose of the site review was to allow HRSA/HAB the opportunity to: share program expectations and resources for the HRSA HAB EHE – Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Award; learn more about the Harris County EHE initiative program, including program operations, community involvement, strengths, barriers and challenges, and conduct discussions about technical assistance (TA) opportunities. Unlike the Part A VSV, there are no finding associated with the EHE. Additionally, feedback from the HRSA lead exit interview was overwhelmingly positive. RWGA expects the associated final HRSA EHE Virtual Site Review within 45 days.

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- **Take Charge Texas:** DSHS has notified statewide stakeholders that their new client level database, Take Charge Texas (a.k.a HRAR) will go live December 18, 2021. Testing for CPCDMS imports with the new system is scheduled to begin in November, as CPCDMS will remain the Houston area HIV services client level database for the immediate future.
- **Ryan White Part A Grant Application:** The FY22 – FY24 Part A grant application was submitted to HRSA on September 29, 2021 (due date was 10/6/21). This was the first submission of a multi-year competitive application for the Part A program. The recently submitted application will cover a project period of March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2025. Another application submission will not be required until 2024.
- **RWGA EHE Job Posting:** RWGA has reposted it's new EHE position. The Health Equity Specialist posting can be found on the Harris County employment website. The position was revised to encourage interest for those with lived experience in the HIV community.

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## RWPC Steering Committee & Council Report

October 2021

### 1. Administrative Agency Update

#### a. TRG Reports Submission:

##### ▪ Procurement

#### 1. Ryan White **State Services** September 1-August 31:

a. FY 2021 SS spending through July and August 2021 provided 10/7/2021

#### 2. Ryan White **Part B** April 1-March 31:

a. FY 2021 RWB spending through July and August 2021 provided 10/7/2021

##### ▪ Service Utilization Quarterly Report

#### 1. Ryan White State Services September 1-August 30:

a. FY 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Sept-Nov)

b. FY 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Dec-Feb)

c. FY 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Mar-May)

d. FY 2021 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FINAL (Jun-Aug) provided 10/7/2021

#### 2. Ryan White Part B April 1-March 31:

a. FY 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Apr-Jun)

b. FY 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Jul-Sept)

c. FY 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Oct-Dec)

d. FY 2021 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter RWB (Jan-Mar)

##### ▪ Health Insurance Assurances Service Utilization Monthly Report

a. FY 20-21 Usage Through August 2021 provided 10/7/2021

*\*All reports provided to RWPC OOS*

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**2. DSHS Funding Ryan White Part B & State Services Update**

- a. Take Charge Texas December 2021 implementation from ARIES system
- b. EIS Implementation Workgroup**
  - NA
- c. Houston ADAP Enrollment Workers:**
  - Regional ADAP/Eligibility Liaison Hailey Malcolm Contact email [hmalcolm@hivtrg.org](mailto:hmalcolm@hivtrg.org)
  - There will be no waitlist put in place for ADAP. This is on hold for at least the next 2 years
  - THMP is still experiencing backlog; AEWs are encouraged to continue using medication assistance in the meantime
  - THMP/DSHS does have enough funds to keep the ADAP program as is for the next 2 years
  - ADAP Liaisons are still meeting weekly with THMP to discuss any ADAP updates, concerns, and application processing status.
  - Medication suspension will begin November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
  - Changes to program application have been made, more details to come
  - Performance measures will begin Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**3. HRSA Funding Ryan White Part D**

- a. The Positive VIBE Project (PVP) of Houston and Galveston Update (RW Part D)**
  - NA.

**4. DSHS Funding HOPWA**

- a. HOPWA Bridge Re-Entry Initiative (BRI) Project**
  - TRG met with project staff to discuss the redesign of current program reporting and the establishment of outcomes to support the documentation of the project's best practices for replication.

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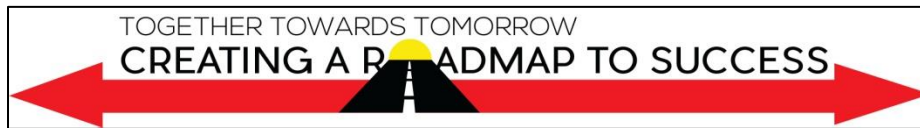
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### Community Initiatives

#### 1. Trauma-Informed Care Initiative

- a. TRG continues the COMPASS LEARN Trauma-Informed Learning and Supervisor (TILS) Project. Reachelian Ellison is the lead for this project.

#### 2. create+equity Collaborative

- a. TRG's local team continues to meet monthly. The local team as selected the PHQ-9 (for adults) and PQH-A (for adolescents) as its initial mental health screening tool for the c+e project. It will be implemented at three pilot sites in conjunction with a redesigned care pathway and modified Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). During the pilot project, this screening will be targeted to those PLWH who are not virally suppressed. Once the pilot is concluded, the care pathway and SBIRT will be revised as necessary and implemented for all OAHs and Care Coordination sites.

#### 3. Serving the Recently Released and Incarcerated

- a. The September SIRR meeting was cancelled. To be added to the distribution list for meeting announcements, contact Felicia Booker [fbooker@hivtrg.org](mailto:fbooker@hivtrg.org)

#### 4. Texas Black Women's Health Initiative (TxBWHI) Houston Team

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