

**Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council**  
**Office of Support**  
1310 Prairie Street, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77002  
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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Members, Houston Ryan White Planning Council

Copy: Glenn Urbach, Ryan White Grant Administration  
Mauricia Chatman, Ryan White Grant Administration  
Francisco Ruiz, Ryan White Grant Administration  
Tiffany Shepherd, The Resource Group  
Sha'Terra Johnson, The Resource Group  
Diane Beck, Ryan White Office of Support

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LCDR Lawrence Momodu, HRSA  
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Commander Rodrigo Chavez, PACE  
Jason Black, Ryan White Grant Administration  
Ann Robison, the Montrose Center  
Marlene McNeese, Houston Health Department  
Charles Henley, Consultant

From: Tori Williams, Director, Ryan White Office of Support  
Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
Re: Meeting Announcement

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Please remember that the Council will be using a hybrid format at all meetings in 2023. That means members can participate by phone, virtually by computer, or in person. **But, we need 11 people to meet in-person at **Bering Church** in the Montrose area in order to make quorum.** We will be providing sandwich trays to those who have a medical need. Others are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Please contact Rod ASAP to RSVP, even if you cannot attend so we know if we can make quorum. Rod can be reached at: 832 927-7926 or by responding to her email reminders.

**Ryan White Planning Council Meeting**  
12 noon, Thursday, October 12, 2023

**Meeting Location**

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Thank you.

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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. Molecular Surveillance in the Houston EMA  

Crystal R. Starr, Chair  
Ryan White Planning Council
  
- 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  
*Item: 2023 Houston Area HIV Needs Assessment*  
*Recommended Action: FYI: The Resource Group has provided 500 consumer incentives (thanks to Sha'Terra), hence data collection for the 2023 Houston Area HIV Needs Assessment can begin.*  

Allen Murray and  
Steven Vargas, Co-Chairs

- B. Affected Community Committee Rodney Mills and  
 Item: 2023 Road 2 Success  
 FYI: The Committee is going to host 5 Road 2 Success classes at 5 different Ryan White funded clinics before the end of FY 2023. The theme for all of the classes will be reviewing a complete menu of services available at each agency. There will be special emphasis on Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy.
- C. Quality Improvement Committee Tana Pradia and  
Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chairs  
 Item: Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part B/SS\*\*  
 Recommended Action: FYI: See the attached reports from the Part B/State Services Administrative Agent:
- FY 23/24 Part B Procurement, dated 09/11/23
  - FY 22/23 DSHS SS\*\* Procurement, dated 09/06/23
  - FY 22/23 SS Service Utilization, dated 09/06/23
- D. Priority and Allocations Committee Peta-gay Ledbetter and  
Bobby Cruz, Co-Chairs  
 The Committee does not typically meet in September.
- E. Operations Committee Ronnie Galley and  
Cecilia Ligons, Co-Chairs  
 Item: 2023 Attendance for Council and Affiliate Members  
 Recommended Action: FYI: The Committee reviewed 2023 attendance records for Council and Affiliate members and made contact with all members who have missed 4 or more Council or Committee meetings.
- Item: Elections for 2024 Council Officers*  
*Recommended Action:* FYI: Please contact the Chairs of the Operations Committee, or the Director of the Office of Support, if you wish to nominate yourself or someone else to run, for Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary of the 2024 Planning Council. Nominations close at the end of the November Steering Committee meeting and do not open again until the day of the election.
- V. Report from the Office of Support Tori Williams, Director
- VI. Report from Ryan White Grant Administration Glenn Urbach, Manager
- VII. Report from The Resource Group Sha’Terra Johnson  
Health Planner
- VIII. Medical Updates Shital Patel, MD  
Baylor College of Medicine

- IX. New Business (**During Virtual Meetings, Reports Will Be Limited to Written Reports Only**)
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| A. AIDS Educational Training Centers (AETC)  | Shital Patel            |
| B. Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D  | Dawn Jenkins            |
| C. HOPWA   | Megan Rowe              |
| D. Community Prevention Group (CPG)  | Kathryn Fergus          |
| E. Update from Task Forces:  |                         |
| • Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)  |                         |
| • African American   | Sha'Terra Johnson       |
| • Latino   | Steven Vargas           |
| • Youth  |                         |
| • MSM  |                         |
| • Hepatitis C  | Steven Vargas           |
| • Project PATHH (Protecting our Angels Through Healing Hearts)<br>formerly Urban AIDS Ministry | Skeet Boyle             |
| F. HIV and Aging Coalition   | Skeet Boyle             |
| G. Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee   | Bruce Turner            |
| H. Positive Women's Network  | Tana Pradia or Diana M. |
| I. Texas Black Women's Initiative  | Sha'Terra Johnson       |
| J. Texas HIV Syndicate   | Steven Vargas           |
| K. END HIV Houston   | Jason Black             |
| L. Texans Living with HIV Network  | Steven Vargas           |

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

\* MAI = *Minority AIDS Initiative*  
 \*\* SS = *Texas State Services Funding*

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## MINUTES

12 noon, Thursday, September 14, 2023

Meeting Location: Bering Church, 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX and Zoom teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Crystal Starr, Chair	Evelio Salinas Escamilla	Johnny Deal, Greeter
Ardry "Skeet" Boyle, Vice Chair	Imran Shaikh	Dena Hughes, TAN Healthcare
Josh Mica, Secretary	Robert Sliepka	Deb Bro, Walgreens
Caleb Brown	Carol Suazo	John Dixon, TAN Healthcare
Titan Capri	Steven Vargas	Cordella Lyon, Baptist Hospital
Johanna Castillo		Ashley Barnes, AHF
Robert "Bobby" Cruz		Georgina German, AFH
Kathryn Fergus		Amber David, Houston Health Dept.
Kenia Gallardo		Xochitl Calderon, FLAS, Inc.
Ronnie Galley		Esmeralda Oregon, FLAS, Inc.
Dawn Jenkins		
Daphne L. Jones	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Peta-gay Ledbetter	Kevin Aloysius, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Cecilia Ligons	Servando Arellano	Glenn Urbach
Rodney Mills	Rosalind Belcher, excused	Mauricia Chatman
Shital Patel	Tony Crawford, excused	Jason Black
Oscar Perez	Roxanne May, excused	Francisco Ruiz
Tana Pradia	Diana Morgan	
Paul Richards	Allen Murray, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Pete Rodriguez	Faye Robinson	Sha'Terra Johnson
Ryan Rose	C. Bruce Turner, excused	
Megan Rowe		<i>Office of Support</i>
		Tori Williams
		Mackenzie Hudson
		Diane Beck

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

During the opening remarks, Starr thanked members who attended the Office Open House Event last Thursday in spite of the heat. Half of the staff was unable to make it because they had COVID or other significant issues. For that reason, Starr gave special thanks to Ronnie, Diana, Skeet, Ryan, Allen, Rod and Mackenzie for making guests feel welcome and appreciated. She also thanked all of the Council Members in attendance today, especially those who are here in person and helped us reach quorum. Starr then called for a Moment of Reflection.

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Boyle, Ligons) to approve the August 10, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Castillo, Fergus, Gallardo, Richards, Rodriguez, Suazo.

Public Comment and Announcements: Esmeralda Oregon, Housing Support Coordinator at FLAS Inc, Said that they recently received a HOPWA grant to provide rental assistance and behavioral health services to individuals and families affected HIV. They also have a permanent housing placement program to help people living with HIV seeking to secure a new permanent residence and need assistance with moving costs. Her contact information is [eoregon@flasinc.org](mailto:eoregon@flasinc.org) or 281-883-2564.

Xochitl Calderon, Behavioral Health Community Specialist at FLAS Inc, presented information about their Elia program. See the attached brochure. Her contact information is [xcalderon@flasinc.org](mailto:xcalderon@flasinc.org) or 713-772-2366.

Dena Hughes said that she is a woman living with HIV and the CEO of Triangle Area Network in Beaumont. TAN began in 1987 as Triangle AIDS Network and is the oldest ASO in southeast Texas. They became an FQHC in 2016 and now provide a full range of services to the southeast Texas community. She says that the rural area needs more attention and needs to be included in the larger conversation. She is irritated that EHE is only in the one area when folks travel the I-10 corridor so there needs to be a closer collaboration between what we're doing and if nothing else, when you have a conversation make sure to at least have someone from the rural community at the table. She introduced John Dixon, Board Chair of TAN Healthcare.

Cordella Lyon, emergency department at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont. She said they do routine HIV testing and provider linkage to Ryan White care. They would like the opportunity work with Houston and to share resources and ideas to help end the epidemic.

### **Reports from Committees**

**Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee:** Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2023 Houston Area HIV Needs Assessment: The Committee approved the final version of the survey for the 2023 Houston Area HIV Needs Assessment.

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

The Committee met in August to sign up for the different workgroups under the Houston Area HIV Education Coalition, which is part of the 2022-26 Houston Area HIV Prevention and Care Integrated Plan.

Greeters at Monthly Council Meetings: Committee members signed up to be greeters at Council meetings. See the attached chart.

**Quality Improvement Committee:** Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chair, shared the following:

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part B/ State Services:

- FY 23/24 Part B Procurement, dated 08/03/23
- FY 22/23 DSHS State Services Procurement, dated 08/03/23
- FY23/24 Part B Service Utilization, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, dated 07/31/23
- FY22/23 Health Insurance Assistance Program, dated 07/05/23

2023 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism: ***Motion #3:*** *Accept the 2023 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism and, based upon the excellent results cited in the report, no corrective action is required. Motion Carried.*

Mental Health Service Category Targeting Special Populations: Starr expressed concern that the wording of the special populations could be misunderstood. Johnson will change ‘including’ to ‘emphasizing’ and also under Staff Recommendations add a comma between LPC and PhD. ***Motion #4:*** *Approve the attached Mental Health Service Category Definition Targeting Special Populations with one addition: add that translation services are to be available at the site when appropriate. Motion Carried.*

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

Ryan White Part B State-Rebate Funds Update: See the attached memo regarding the consolidation of State-Rebate funds with DSHS\* State Services funds

FY 2022 Revised Carryover Allocations: See the following reports:

- FY22 Part A & MAI\* Procurement, dated 08/28/23
- FY22 Part A Carryover FINAL, dated 08/29/23
- FY22 MAI\* Carryover FINAL, dated 08/29/23

**Operations Committee:** Cecilia Ligons, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Project L.E.A.P. for Youth Pilot Project: ***Motion #5:*** *In FY 2023 conduct a Project L.E.A.P. (Learning, Empowerment, Advocacy, Participation) Program for Youth between the ages of 18 and 24 years of age with the goal of inviting graduates to initiate the 2024 Ryan White Youth Council. See attached details. Motion Carried.*

Request for Food Forms: Please submit this form to Rod asap.

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

**Report from Ryan White Grant Administration:** Glenn Urbach, Manager, summarized the attached report.

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

**Medical Updates:** Patel presented information about Hyperlipidemia in People with HIV, see attached.

**Task Force Reports:** Starr said that the Council agreed not to have verbal Task Force Reports while meeting on Zoom. The Office of Support is happy to receive and distribute written reports in advance of all Council meetings.

**Announcements:** Boyle thanked everyone for their prayers and said that his wife is doing well. Vargas talked about the Day with HIV - on Saturday 23 September. Photograph a moment of your day and upload it to the website [adaywithhiv.com](http://adaywithhiv.com). Chatman said that she sent the Office of Support a save the date flyer regarding the Standards of Care and Performance Measure workgroup on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am

on Zoom. The workgroup for those with lived experience will be at noon on October 23rd.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Victoria Williams, Director

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Council Voting Records for September 14, 2023

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Crystal Starr, Chair				C				C				C	Ryan Rose		X				X				X		
Ardry "Skeet" Boyle, Vice Chair		X				X				X			Megan Rowe		X				X				X		
Josh Mica, Secretary		X				X				X			Evelio Salinas Escamilla		X				X				X		
Caleb Brown		X				X				X			Imran Shaikh		X				X				X		
Titan Capri		X				X				X			Robert Sliepka		X				X				X		
Johanna Castillo		X					X			X			Carol Suazo		X					X			X		
Robert "Bobby" Cruz		X				X				X			Steven Vargas		X				X				X		
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**The Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, Inc.**  
**FY 2324 Ryan White Part B**  
**Procurement Report**  
**April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024**



Reflects spending through July 2023

Spending Target: 33%

Revised

Priority	Service Category	Original Allocation per	% of Grant	Amendment*	Contractual Amount	Amendment	Contractual Amount	Date of Original	Expended YTD	Percent YTD
4	Oral Health Service-General	\$1,833,318	53%	\$0	\$1,833,318	\$0	\$1,833,318	4/1/2023	\$525,846	29%
4	Oral Health Service -Prosthodontics	\$576,750	17%	\$0	\$576,750	\$0	\$576,750	4/1/2023	\$215,043	37%
5	Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing (1)	\$1,028,433	30%	\$0	\$1,028,433	\$0	\$1,028,433	4/1/2023	\$505,615	49%
		\$0	0%	\$0	\$0					
<b>Total Houston HSDA</b>		<b>3,438,501</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,438,501</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,438,501</b>		<b>1,246,504</b>	<b>36%</b>

Note: Spending variances of 10% of target will be addressed:

(1) HIP- Funded by Part A, B and State Services. Provider spends grant funds by ending dates Part A -2/28; B-3/31;SS-8/31.

**The Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, Inc.**  
**FY 2223 DSHS State Services**  
**Procurement Report**  
**September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023**



Chart reflects spending through July 2023

Spending Target: 92%

Revised 9/6/2023

Priority	Service Category	Original Allocation per	% of Grant	Amendments per RWPC	Contractual Amount	Amendment	Contractual Amount	Date of Original	Expended YTD	Percent YTD
5	Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing (1)	\$864,506	47%	\$0	\$864,506	\$58,000	\$922,506	9/1/2022	\$1,047,774	114%
6	Mental Health Services (2)	\$300,000	16%	\$0	\$300,000	-\$45,000	\$255,000	9/1/2022	\$109,861	43%
11	Hospice (2)	\$259,832	14%	\$0	\$259,832	\$77,000	\$336,832	9/1/2022	\$302,280	90%
13	Non Medical Case Management (3)	\$350,000	19%	\$0	\$350,000	-\$130,000	\$220,000	9/1/2022	\$170,579	78%
16	Linguistic Services (4)	\$68,000	4%	\$0	\$68,000	\$0	\$68,000	9/1/2022	\$48,564	71%
<b>Total Houston HSDA</b>		<b>1,842,338</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,842,338</b>	<b>-\$40,000</b>	<b>\$1,802,338</b>		<b>1,679,058</b>	<b>93%</b>

Note

- (1) TRG will reallocate funds to avoid lapse in funds
- (2) TRG did complete a fee schedule change which will increase expenditures
- (3) Staff vacancy has resulted in underspending
- (4) Slight decrease in utilization

**2022 - 2023 DSHS State Services Service Utilization Report**  
**9/1/2022 thru 08/31/2023 Houston HSDA**  
**4th Quarter**

Revised 9/6/2023

Funded Service	UDC		Gender				Race				Age Group							
	Goal	YTD	Male	Female	FTM	MTF	AA	White	Hisp	Other	0-12	13-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-49	50-64	65+
Health Insurance Premiums	925	1,534	80.40%	19.04%	0.16%	0.40%	35.00%	25.00%	30.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.30%	13.20%	20.40%	28.10%	29.00%	11.00%
Mental Health Services	192	104	96.30%	2.80%	0.00%	0.90%	29.80%	38.40%	31.80%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.90%	15.30%	26.26%	16.34%	32.60%	7.60%
Hospice	35	13	84.40%	15.40%	0.00%	0.00%	38.40%	38.40%	15.30%	7.90%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.70%	30.80%	61.50%	0.00%
Non-Medical Case Management	315	24	74.84%	21.00%	0.00%	4.16%	50.00%	45.80%	0.00%	4.20%	0.00%	0.00%	4.22%	25.00%	16.66%	20.80%	29.10%	4.22%
Linguistic services	50	52	49.81%	49.81%	0.00%	0.38%	50.00%	7.60%	5.90%	36.50%	0.00%	0.00%	1.90%	5.70%	25.00%	40.40%	19.40%	7.60%
Unduplicated Clients Served By State Services Funds:	NA	1,727	77.15%	21.63%	0.04%	1.18%	40.64%	31.04%	16.60%	11.72%	0.00%	0.00%	1.86%	11.25%	19.20%	27.29%	34.32%	6.08%

Completed By: L.Ledezma

**October 12, 2023**

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(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  
*Item: 2023 Houston Area HIV Needs Assessment*  
*Recommended Action:* FYI: The Resource Group has provided 500 consumer incentives (thanks to Sha'Terra), hence data collection for the 2023 Houston Area HIV Needs Assessment can begin.  

Allen Murray and  
Steven Vargas, Co-Chairs

- B. Affected Community Committee Rodney Mills and  
 Item: 2023 Road 2 Success  
 FYI: The Committee is going to host 5 Road 2 Success classes at 5 different Ryan White funded clinics before the end of FY 2023. The theme for all of the classes will be reviewing a complete menu of services available at each agency. There will be special emphasis on Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy.
- C. Quality Improvement Committee Tana Pradia and  
Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chairs  
 Item: Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part B/SS\*\*  
 Recommended Action: FYI: See the attached reports from the Part B/State Services Administrative Agent:
- FY 23/24 Part B Procurement, dated 09/11/23
  - FY 22/23 DSHS SS\*\* Procurement, dated 09/06/23
  - FY 22/23 SS Service Utilization, dated 09/06/23
- D. Priority and Allocations Committee Peta-gay Ledbetter and  
Bobby Cruz, Co-Chairs  
 The Committee does not typically meet in September.
- E. Operations Committee Ronnie Galley and  
Cecilia Ligons, Co-Chairs  
 Item: 2023 Attendance for Council and Affiliate Members  
 Recommended Action: FYI: The Committee reviewed 2023 attendance records for Council and Affiliate members and made contact with all members who have missed 4 or more Council or Committee meetings.
- Item: Elections for 2024 Council Officers*  
*Recommended Action:* FYI: Please contact the Chairs of the Operations Committee, or the Director of the Office of Support, if you wish to nominate yourself or someone else to run, for Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary of the 2024 Planning Council. Nominations close at the end of the November Steering Committee meeting and do not open again until the day of the election.
- V. Report from the Office of Support Tori Williams, Director
- VI. Report from Ryan White Grant Administration Glenn Urbach, Manager
- VII. Report from The Resource Group Sha’Terra Johnson  
Health Planner
- VIII. Medical Updates Shital Patel, MD  
Baylor College of Medicine



- IX. New Business (**During Virtual Meetings, Reports Will Be Limited to Written Reports Only**)
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| A. AIDS Educational Training Centers (AETC)  | Shital Patel            |
| B. Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D  | Dawn Jenkins            |
| C. HOPWA   | Megan Rowe              |
| D. Community Prevention Group (CPG)  | Kathryn Fergus          |
| E. Update from Task Forces:  |                         |
| • Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)  |                         |
| • African American   | Sha'Terra Johnson       |
| • Latino   | Steven Vargas           |
| • Youth  |                         |
| • MSM  |                         |
| • Hepatitis C  | Steven Vargas           |
| • Project PATHH (Protecting our Angels Through Healing Hearts)<br>formerly Urban AIDS Ministry | Skeet Boyle             |
| F. HIV and Aging Coalition   | Skeet Boyle             |
| G. Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee   | Bruce Turner            |
| H. Positive Women's Network  | Tana Pradia or Diana M. |
| I. Texas Black Women's Initiative  | Sha'Terra Johnson       |
| J. Texas HIV Syndicate   | Steven Vargas           |
| K. END HIV Houston   | Jason Black             |
| L. Texans Living with HIV Network  | Steven Vargas           |

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

\* *MAI = Minority AIDS Initiative*  
 \*\* *SS = Texas State Services Funding*

# HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL



*We envision an educated community where the needs of all persons living with HIV and/or affected individuals are met by accessible, effective, and culturally sensitive health and psychosocial services that are part of a fully coordinated system. The community will continue to intervene responsibly until the end of the epidemic.*

*The Houston Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) Ryan White Planning Council will improve the quality of life and advocate for those living with and/or affected by HIV by taking a leadership role in the planning and assessment of HIV resources.*

## MINUTES

12 noon, Thursday, September 14, 2023

Meeting Location: Bering Church, 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX and Zoom teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Crystal Starr, Chair	Evelio Salinas Escamilla	Johnny Deal, Greeter
Ardry "Skeet" Boyle, Vice Chair	Imran Shaikh	Dena Hughes, TAN Healthcare
Josh Mica, Secretary	Robert Sliepka	Deb Bro, Walgreens
Caleb Brown	Carol Suazo	John Dixon, TAN Healthcare
Titan Capri	Steven Vargas	Cordella Lyon, Baptist Hospital
Johanna Castillo		Ashley Barnes, AHF
Robert "Bobby" Cruz		Georgina German, AFH
Kathryn Fergus		Amber David, Houston Health Dept.
Kenia Gallardo		Xochitl Calderon, FLAS, Inc.
Ronnie Galley		Esmeralda Oregon, FLAS, Inc.
Dawn Jenkins		
Daphne L. Jones	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Peta-gay Ledbetter	Kevin Aloysius, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Cecilia Ligons	Servando Arellano	Glenn Urbach
Rodney Mills	Rosalind Belcher, excused	Mauricia Chatman
Shital Patel	Tony Crawford, excused	Jason Black
Oscar Perez	Roxanne May, excused	Francisco Ruiz
Tana Pradia	Diana Morgan	
Paul Richards	Allen Murray, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Pete Rodriguez	Faye Robinson	Sha'Terra Johnson
Ryan Rose	C. Bruce Turner, excused	
Megan Rowe		<i>Office of Support</i>
		Tori Williams
		Mackenzie Hudson
		Diane Beck

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

During the opening remarks, Starr thanked members who attended the Office Open House Event last Thursday in spite of the heat. Half of the staff was unable to make it because they had COVID or other significant issues. For that reason, Starr gave special thanks to Ronnie, Diana, Skeet, Ryan, Allen, Rod and Mackenzie for making guests feel welcome and appreciated. She also thanked all of the Council Members in attendance today, especially those who are here in person and helped us reach quorum. Starr then called for a Moment of Reflection.

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Boyle, Ligons) to approve the August 10, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Castillo, Fergus, Gallardo, Richards, Rodriguez, Suazo.

Public Comment and Announcements: Esmeralda Oregon, Housing Support Coordinator at FLAS Inc, Said that they recently received a HOPWA grant to provide rental assistance and behavioral health services to individuals and families affected HIV. They also have a permanent housing placement program to help people living with HIV seeking to secure a new permanent residence and need assistance with moving costs. Her contact information is [eoregon@flasinc.org](mailto:eoregon@flasinc.org) or 281-883-2564.

Xochitl Calderon, Behavioral Health Community Specialist at FLAS Inc, presented information about their Elia program. See the attached brochure. Her contact information is [xcalderon@flasinc.org](mailto:xcalderon@flasinc.org) or 713-772-2366.

Dena Hughes said that she is a woman living with HIV and the CEO of Triangle Area Network in Beaumont. TAN began in 1987 as Triangle AIDS Network and is the oldest ASO in southeast Texas. They became an FQHC in 2016 and now provide a full range of services to the southeast Texas community. She says that the rural area needs more attention and needs to be included in the larger conversation. She is irritated that EHE is only in the one area when folks travel the I-10 corridor so there needs to be a closer collaboration between what we're doing and if nothing else, when you have a conversation make sure to at least have someone from the rural community at the table. She introduced John Dixon, Board Chair of TAN Healthcare.

Cordella Lyon, emergency department at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont. She said they do routine HIV testing and provider linkage to Ryan White care. They would like the opportunity work with Houston and to share resources and ideas to help end the epidemic.

### **Reports from Committees**

**Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee:** Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following: 2023 Houston Area HIV Needs Assessment: The Committee approved the final version of the survey for the 2023 Houston Area HIV Needs Assessment.

**Affected Community Committees:** Rodney Mills, Co-Chair, reported on the following: The Committee met in August to sign up for the different workgroups under the Houston Area HIV Education Coalition, which is part of the 2022-26 Houston Area HIV Prevention and Care Integrated Plan.

Greeters at Monthly Council Meetings: Committee members signed up to be greeters at Council meetings. See the attached chart.

**Quality Improvement Committee:** Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chair, shared the following:

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part B/ State Services:

- FY 23/24 Part B Procurement, dated 08/03/23
- FY 22/23 DSHS State Services Procurement, dated 08/03/23
- FY23/24 Part B Service Utilization, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, dated 07/31/23
- FY22/23 Health Insurance Assistance Program, dated 07/05/23

2023 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism: ***Motion #3:*** *Accept the 2023 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism and, based upon the excellent results cited in the report, no corrective action is required. Motion Carried.*

Mental Health Service Category Targeting Special Populations: Starr expressed concern that the wording of the special populations could be misunderstood. Johnson will change ‘including’ to ‘emphasizing’ and also under Staff Recommendations add a comma between LPC and PhD. ***Motion #4:*** *Approve the attached Mental Health Service Category Definition Targeting Special Populations with one addition: add that translation services are to be available at the site when appropriate. Motion Carried.*

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

Ryan White Part B State-Rebate Funds Update: See the attached memo regarding the consolidation of State-Rebate funds with DSHS\* State Services funds

FY 2022 Revised Carryover Allocations: See the following reports:

- FY22 Part A & MAI\* Procurement, dated 08/28/23
- FY22 Part A Carryover FINAL, dated 08/29/23
- FY22 MAI\* Carryover FINAL, dated 08/29/23

**Operations Committee:** Cecilia Ligons, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Project L.E.A.P. for Youth Pilot Project: ***Motion #5:*** *In FY 2023 conduct a Project L.E.A.P. (Learning, Empowerment, Advocacy, Participation) Program for Youth between the ages of 18 and 24 years of age with the goal of inviting graduates to initiate the 2024 Ryan White Youth Council. See attached details. Motion Carried.*

Request for Food Forms: Please submit this form to Rod asap.

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

**Report from Ryan White Grant Administration:** Glenn Urbach, Manager, summarized the attached report.

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

**Medical Updates:** Patel presented information about Hyperlipidemia in People with HIV, see attached.

**Task Force Reports:** Starr said that the Council agreed not to have verbal Task Force Reports while meeting on Zoom. The Office of Support is happy to receive and distribute written reports in advance of all Council meetings.

**Announcements:** Boyle thanked everyone for their prayers and said that his wife is doing well. Vargas talked about the Day with HIV - on Saturday 23 September. Photograph a moment of your day and upload it to the website [adaywithhiv.com](http://adaywithhiv.com). Chatman said that she sent the Office of Support a save the date flyer regarding the Standards of Care and Performance Measure workgroup on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am

on Zoom. The workgroup for those with lived experience will be at noon on October 23rd.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Victoria Williams, Director

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Council Voting Records for September 14, 2023

C = Chaired the meeting ja = Just arrived lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room VP = Via phone	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 Assessment of the admin mech Carried				Motion #1 Agenda Carried					
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MEMBERS													MEMBERS					
Crystal Starr, Chair				C				C				C	Ryan Rose		X			
Ardry "Skeet" Boyle, Vice Chair		X				X				X			Megan Rowe		X			
Josh Mica, Secretary		X				X				X			Evelio Salinas Escamilla		X			
Caleb Brown		X				X				X			Imran Shaikh		X			
Titan Capri		X				X				X			Robert Sliepka		X			
Johanna Castillo		X						X		X			Carol Suazo		X			
Robert "Bobby" Cruz		X				X				X			Steven Vargas		X			
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Daphne L. Jones		X				X				X			Kevin Aloysius					
Peta-gay Ledbetter		X				X				X			Servando Arellano					
Cecilia Ligons		X				X				X			Rosalind Belcher					
Rodney Mills		X				X				X			Tony Crawford					
Oscar Perez		X				X				X			Roxanne May					
Shital Patel		X				X				X			Diana Morgan					
Tana Pradia		X				X				X			Allen Murray					
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Pete Rodriguez		X						X		X			C. Bruce Turner					

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Josh Mica, Secretary		X				X			Evelio Salinas Escamilla		X			
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**Members Eligible to Run for  
Chair of the  
2024 Ryan White Planning Council**  
(as of 10-09-23)

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

Servando Arellano	Kevin Aloysius (Legacy Community Health)*
Skeet Boyle	Megan Rowe (City of Houston)
Caleb Brown	Shital Patel -conflicted (Harris Health System)*
Titan Capri*	Oscar Perez -conflicted (Avenue 360)*
Johanna Castillo	Imran Shaikh -conflicted (City of Houston)
Tony Crawford	Steven Vargas (contractor for with the Office of Support)*
Bobby Cruz	
Evelio Salinas Escamilla*	
Kathryn Fergus	
Kenia Gallardo	
Peta-gay Ledbetter	
Cecilia Ligons*	
Josh Mica	
Rodney Mills	
Diana Morgan	
Allen Murray	
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Paul Richards	
Pete Rodriguez	
Ryan Rose	
Evelio Salinas Escamilla	
Robert Sliepka	
Carol Suazo	
Crystal Starr	



## Houston EMA Ryan White Part A, MAI & EHE Administrative Agency Report October 5, 2023

- **FY 2023 Contract Status:** 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 at its October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Fall Subrecipient TA Training was held on September 27th
- Quality Assurance team has finished the review of our largest subrecipient. They will be moving into the follow-up site visit stage in October and November.
- **FY 2024 Non-Competing Continuation Progress Report (NCC):** 2023 marks the second year of the Part A program's Non-Competing Continuation Progress Report. The report was submitted to HRSA/HAB on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **EHE Updates**

#### **Carryover Funds**

- RWGA anticipates receiving 5,446,296.72 in FY20-FY222 carryover funds. We will submit two separate prior approvals to request all available funds. The initial carryover request has been submitted to HRSA/HAB for \$1,706,580.00 with funds to be expended in the last quarter of this fiscal year. The second funding request will be submitted in March 2024 and will be expended in conjunction with the FY24-25 Notice of Award funding.
- RWGA plans to allocate carry-over funds to projects such as:
  - Expanded short-term rental assistance funding with 1-2 new providers

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- Expanding service categories by increasing funding levels EHE-funded primary care provider to accommodate patient population growth and enhance wraparound services
- Funding for at least three newly launched rapid-start sites.

### **Quality Management & Improvement Updates**

- RWGA and The Resource Group will host the 2023 Standards of Care and Performance Measures Workgroups.
  - Stakeholders: 10/10/23
  - PLWH:10/23/23
  - Community/Providers: 10/31/23
- Facilitating focus groups with subrecipient case management staff to assess implementation barriers and successes with CSS
- Updating 2024-2027 RW/A QM Plan to ensure compliance with PCN 15-02
- Reviewing / revising of RW/A Performance Measures for FY2024
- RWGA is tentatively scheduled to host a Fall Joint Care and Prevention Training in November with the City of Houston Health Department

### **RWGA Vacancies**

- RWGA three open positions-its new Assistant Program Manager and EHE Health Equity Specialist positions and the Financial Analyst position.
- The person hired to be the Financial Analyst withdrew from the position due to family health issues. RWGA is currently reviewing temp candidate applicants as a stopgap measure.

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## Houston RWPC Steering Committee & Council Report

**October 2023**

### **Administrative Agency Update**

**Vacant Positions:** Program Monitor, HOPWA Resource Identification Specialist, Data Security Manager (LRP)

Contact Tiffany Shepherd for details [tshepherd@hivtrg.org](mailto:tshepherd@hivtrg.org)

### **TRG Reports Submission:**

#### **Procurement Monthly Report**

- a. Ryan White B (April 1 – March 31)**
  - FY 22-23 spending through July 2023 **provided 10/5/2023**
  
- b. State Services (April – August 31):**
  - FY 22-23 SS spending through July 2023 **provided 10/5/2023**

#### **Service Utilization Quarterly Report**

- a. State Services (September 1-August 31):**
  - FY 22-23 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Sept-Nov) provided 2/9/2023
  - FY 22-23 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Dec-Feb) provided 4/6/2023
  - FY 22-23 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Mar-May) provided 7/5/2023
  - FY 22-23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FINAL (Jun-Aug) provided 9/7/2023
  
- b. Ryan White Part B (April 1-March 31):**
  - FY 22-23 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Apr-Jun) provided 8/3/2023
  - **FY 22-23 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Jul-Sept) provided 10/5/2023**
  - FY 22-23 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Oct-Dec) provided 2/9/2023
  - FY 22-23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FINAL (Jan-Mar) provided 5/4/2023

#### **Health Insurance Assistances Service Utilization Quarterly Report**

- FY 22-2023 July 2023 provided 9/7/2023

***\*All reports provided to RWPC OOS***

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## DSHS Funding Ryan White Part B, State Services & HOPWA Grant Updates

### a. Service Categories Updates

- Houston HSDA RFP Competitive Process will be released mid-October.

### b. Houston ADAP Enrollment Workers:

- Regional ADAP/Eligibility Liaison Hailey Malcolm Contact email [hmalcolm@hivtrg.org](mailto:hmalcolm@hivtrg.org)
- All THMP processing dates are current.
- Regional ADAP workers will receive AEW training from THMP staff. This will provide better insight into submitting applications through TCT and THMP's approval process
- Annual eligibility training will be provided by ADAP Liaison 10/23

### c. Rural HOPWA

- Rural HOPWA contracts are completed.
- **HOPWA Bridge Re-Entry Initiative (BRI) Project:** Contract completed.

## Ryan White Part D: The Positive VIBE Project (PVP) of Houston Galveston Update

- HRSA Site Visit: TRG has received its report. TRG is drafting its response.
- Disclosure Support Group: Texas Children's Hospital and The Montrose Center are providing counselor facilitated groups for parents needing to disclose HIV diagnosis to their children.
- Parental Support Network: TRG's Positive VIBE Network has resumed the development of the parental support network.



## TRG Community Initiatives

### Trauma-Informed Care Initiative

- The Change Team continues implementing the trauma principles based on TRG staff feedback.
- The Change Team set up TRG's YouTube page which will be used to store virtual training and technical assistance created to support Subrecipients, consumers, and community.
- Please contact Reachelian Ellison [rellison@hivtrg.org](mailto:rellison@hivtrg.org), project lead, with questions.

### Serving the Recently Released and Incarcerated

- SIRR will not meet again until January of 2024.
- To be added to the distribution list for meeting announcements, contact Felicia Booker [fbooker@hivtrg.org](mailto:fbooker@hivtrg.org)

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

- Monthly meeting with AASOETF 10/13/2023 @ 12:30 pm @ TRG.

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**Other:** TRG and staff participates in many EMA and HSDA community groups, initiatives and programs that impacts the HIV workforce in prevention, care and support on the national, state and local levels.

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