

HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL



We envision an educated community where the needs of all HIV/AIDS infected 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 infected and/or affected with HIV/AIDS by taking a leadership role in the planning and assessment of HIV resources

MINUTES

Thursday, April 12, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lou Vanech, chair
Skeet Boyle
Steve DeCorte
Roy Delesbore
Paula Downes
Veronica Garza
Johnny Harris, Jr.
LaVerne Horton
Veronica Jacobs
Christopher Lahart
Nancy Miertschin
Douglas Morse
Peter Moya
Joseph Osei-Frimpong
Lynn Pannill
Johnnie Petry
Emily Reeves
Lucy Reyna
Michael Springer
Thomas Vaughan

MEMBERS ABSENT

JM Allen, excused
Gwen Beal, excused
Jamie Block
Garland Cherry, excused
Michael DeGuzman, excused
Johnetta Evans-Thomas, excused
Jim Garner, excused
John Humphries, excused
Catherine Kirkwood, excused
Albert McKinney
Marlene McNeese-Ward, excused
Lupe Martinez, excused
Kimbrae Sanders
Thomas Urban, excused
Steve Walker, excused
Tracy Wilson, excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Schmitt, TRG
Ken Malone, TAF
Karen Hutchison, Bread of Life
Bill Kersten, BOCS
Alice Sarmient, PWA Coalition
Charles Henley, HIV Services
Harish Katharani, Public Comment
Jays Janney, RWPC
Georgette L. Monaghan, RWPC
Modelle Brudner, Judge Eckels
Rich Arenschioldt, Public Comment

Call to Order: Louis E. Vanech, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. with a Moment of Reflection.

Adoption of the Agenda: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (DeCorte, Jacobs) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.*

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Moya, Garza) to approve the March 8, 2001 minutes with the following correction: page 4, third sentence, please change "Assembly Group" to "Transition Team". Motion carried.* Abstentions: Osei-Frimpong, Horton, Jacobs.

Public Comment: 1) Rich Arenschioldt announced that Project L.E.A.P. is starting another 100 hour, 6 month training session. Applications are available from the Office of Support. 2) Harish Katharani, Southside Pharmacy-Infusion spoke. See attached. He asked how his pharmacy could participate next

year. Vanech and Henley responded that this is not a Council issue and directed him to the agency providing the Drugs and Medication service.

Report from Standing Committees

Quality Assurance Committee: Veronica Garza, Chair, made the following reports:

CPCDMS Subcommittee: FYI: See attached reports

Transportation Work Group: FYI: See attached reports.

"How to Best Meet the Need": FYI: See attached sign-up sheet and summary information.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Paula Downes, Chair, made the following reports:

Comprehensive Plan: Tori Williams and Ken Malone are working on a cover letter to accompany the plan which is being sent to Federal and State Legislators. The Office of Support is working on a mailing list for distribution of the Plan. Springer indicated that there are some new requirements regarding the Plan. Jays responded that these were received two days ago and are being forward to the Comprehensive Planning and Needs Assessment Subcommittees.

JCPC: The next meeting is in June.

Needs Assessment in Communities of Color: *Motion: To request \$10,000 from the FY01 budget in order to analyze the data with the provision that documentation be provided about any technical lessons learned, including a summary of the contents of discussions between the consultant and the health planner. Motion carried.* Abstention: Miertschin.

Housing Technical Assistance: FYI: Update regarding Letter from the Council Chair: Vanech is still working on the letter.

Administrative Assessment Committee: Douglas Morse gave an update on the State of Emergency: FYI: Due to the tight timeline, the Work Groups will send their recommendations directly to the "How to Best Meet the Need" Work Groups.

Procurement Report: FYI: See attached

Advances in Meds/Treatments: Nancy Miertschin reported that Paul Simmons gave a short presentation regarding up-coming symposium at the Center for AIDS. The committee is working on securing speakers to address the attached topics. If anyone has suggestions for speakers, please see Tori Williams and/or Steve Walker.

2001 Drug Formulary: FYI: The committee recommends keeping the current Drug Formulary as it is.

Guidelines for Use of Antiretroviral Agent: FYI: See attached

Affected Community Committee: Lou Vanech reported that the committee met at the PWA Coalition. They are working on a distribution list for the publication entitled "Annisha's Story".

Blue Book Work Group: FYI: See attached

Operations Committee: Roy Delesbore, Chair, reported that only a handful of orientation surveys were turned in at the March Council meeting. Please turn them in to the Office of Support. At the April meeting, the committee will be interviewing 2 applicants for Council membership and reviewing the Policies and Procedures.

Priorities & Allocations Committee

Principles and Criteria: *Motion: To accept the attached list of Principles and Criteria. Motion carried.*

Report from Office of Support: Jays Janney, Manager, gave the attached report with the following additional information: The student intern, Rebecca Snearly, would like to continue in a volunteer capacity and use the Needs Assessment as part of her thesis. The PWA Coalition enjoyed having the Affected Community meet at their facility. Please contact them if other committees would like to meet there. Last month, while on vacation in San Francisco, Janney was a featured speaker at the AmFar Conference. Her topic was CBC Initiatives. Over 150 participants attended. Cities like Chicago and Los Angeles were interested in our capacity building process.

Report from HIV Services: Charles Henley, Director HIV Services, HCHD, gave the attached report. Additional information included an announcement that, next week, most of the office staff would be in Austin for a TDH Conference. Patrick Richoux will be in the office and available to answer questions and concerns.

Old Business

TDH Restructuring: The meetings are going well. Work is being accomplished. There will be one mobile Task Force representing Houston that will consist of Title I and Title II members.

New Business

From the PC Members: Petry reported that clients are having problems coming up with co-pays for medications. Henley responded that there is no way the Council can set up a program that can realistically assist with this as it would cost the Council approximately \$50 to administer every request for a \$5 co-pay.

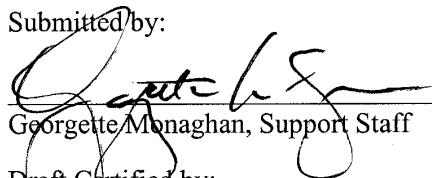
Report from Titles II, III, IV, and Section F: Title II: Reeves feels that the TDH Restructuring process is progressing in the right direction. Title III: Springer reported that HRSA will be doing a site visit at their Rural Network in June.

Report from the CDC Planning and Prevention Group: Janney reported that there is a meeting today at 3 p.m. A CDC representative will be in attendance.

Announcements: none.

Adjournment: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (DeCorte, Moya) to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. Motion carried.*

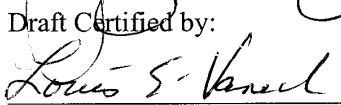
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