

APPROVED March 8, 2001 with the following corrections/addition: under Members Present-Springer, **excused**, under Others

Present-Sonya **Gonzales**. P2, Public Comment...Council issue and should **not** be addressed by the Council.

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, February 8, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lou Vanech, chair
JM Allen
Gwen Beal
Skeet Boyle
Steve DeCorte
Michael DeGuzman
Paula Downes
Johnetta Evans-Thomas
Veronica Garza
Johnny Harris, Jr.
LaVerne Horton
John Humphries
Veronica Jacobs
Marlene McNeese-Ward
Lupe Martinez
Nancy Miertschin
Douglas Morse
Peter Moya
Joseph Osei-Frimpong
Lynn Pannill
Johnnie Petry
Emily Reeves
Lucy Reyna
Kimbrae Sanders
Thomas Urban
Thomas Vaughan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Garland Cherry, excused
Jamie Block, excused
Roy Delesbore, excused
Jim Garner, excused
Catherine Kirkwood, excused
Christopher Lahart, excused
Albert McKinney
Michael Springer
Steven Walker
Tracy Wilson, excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Ann Robison
Christopher Schmitt, TRG
Sonya Guurero-Adams, HCSO
Ken Malone, TAF
Naomi Madrid, PWACH
Katy Caldwell, MC
Bill Kersten, BOCS
Wanda Carrington
Rodney Goodie
Ahmed Adu-Oppong
Charles Henley, HIV Services
Tori Williams, RWPC
Des Ilegbodu, RWPC
Georgette L. Monaghan, RWPC
Modelle Brudner

Call to Order: Louis E. Vanech, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. He asked for a moment of reflection.

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

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (DeCorte, Petry) to approve the December 16, 2000 minutes. Motion carried. Abstention(s): Garza.*

Introduce New Intern: Vanech introduced Rebecca Snearly who will be our student intern from the University of Texas, Graduate School of Public Health.

Public Comment:

Lucy Reyna – Reyna declared her conflict of interest before reading the attached statement regarding a gap in transportation services. According to Henley, this is a procurement issue not a Council issue and should be addressed by the Council.

Steve DeCorte- DeCorte's read the attached statement regarding the Title II reorganization. This topic will be discussed further under agenda item VII. Old Business, item A.

Ken Malone- Malone read the attached, also regarding the Title II reorganization.

Skeet Boyle - After declaring a conflict of interest, Boyle stated that he feels we are in an emergency situation as there is only one transportation provider until February 28, 2001. The other provider has run out of funds and this is causing a serious gap in service. Pannill stated that this is not the first time this has happened. In the past, a different service provider who got into a similar situation took funds from other sources to distribute bus passes/tokens to the clients. Vanech asked if this issue has been discussed in the Transportation Subcommittee? DeCorte responded that this is the first time he has heard about it. Reyna (after declaring a conflict of interest) reported that HIV Services transferred some of the funds originally earmarked for Transportation and moved it into another service category. Humphries requested that this issue be reviewed by the Administrative Assessment Committee.

Report from Standing Committees:

HIV/AIDS Planning Committee: Steve DeCorte, Former Chair, explained that he will give today's report since it involves business from last year. The new committee chair is in agreement that she will give the reports starting at the March meeting. DeCorte reported on the following:

Housing: FYI: See attached letter from AIDS Housing of Washington and Mr. Allen.

Quality Assurance: FYI: See the attached Outcome Measures which were approved in January.

Quality Assurance: FYI: See the Homemaker Service definition. This category has been moved to Buddy/Companion. Outcomes measures and the Standards of Care for this service category will be drafted and ready for review in the next couple of weeks.

"How to Best Meet the Need": *Motion: To approve an HIV Case Manager at the VA Hospital, enter into an interlocal agreement with the Hospital and encourage HIV Services to use the "10% rule" to fund this program as soon as money allows. Motion carried. Abstention(s)s: Allen, Moya.*

Capacity Building: FYI: Steering Committee was given the authority to give final approval on the following motion at its meeting on January 9, 2001: Motion: Regarding Capacity Building Programs, applicant agencies may not be a Houston EMA Title I funded, direct client service

agency, nor may applicant agency utilize as paid staff or consultants, anyone who is a paid employee or consultant of a Houston EMA Title I funded, direct client service agency.

Operations Committee: Veronica Jacobs reported on the following:

Office of Support - Policies and Procedures: FYI: See attached policy from the County Judge's Office.

Priorities and Allocations: Michael DeGuzman, Chair, reported on the following:

"10% Rule": The Steering Committee acknowledges that HIV Services has informed them that under the "10% rule" funds can be moved into medications at the Primary Care - Public Health Clinic. Henley explained the 10% rule.

Report from Office of Support: Williams presented the attached report. Regarding the Needs Assessment of Communities of Color, Osei-Frimpong stated that the committee is having difficulty finding Hispanics to fill out the surveys. Therefore, they placed PSA's in Hispanic newspapers and radio stations. The Office of Support has also contacted four additional vendors to collect the survey forms from the Hispanic community.

Reeves reported that there is a specially called Consortium meeting on February 20, 2001.

Report from HIV Services: Charles Henley, Director, HIV Services, HCHD went over the attached report. The figures for the CBC funds were calculated using the Council's Tier increase scenario. Vanech reported that there will be a Title I conference call regarding Community of Color Providers and funding on February 13, 2001.

Old Business

Restructuring of TDH Planning Bodies in Texas: Vanech reported that he and Henley attended a meeting in Lufkin. Concerns were expressed at the meeting that Title I should not be part of the Assembly Group. Since the meeting, TDH has officially asked Title I to participate on the Assembly Group level. Furthermore, HRSA mandates that Title I collaborate with other titles

Reeves, chair of the Consortium, stated that restructuring TDH is an ongoing process. There are no presumed positions at this point. Title II is hoping to address issues and propose plans by beginning at the local level. Then, when the presentation is made at the regional level it will not be intimidating. Reeves made the request that all issues regarding this topic be addressed to her. Horton stated that she has heard information about the processes, but has seen nothing in writing. Reeves responded that a lot is going on and Title II is doing their best to keep everyone updated.

DeCorte stated that he had also attended the meeting in Lufkin and that there were a lot of Houston participants. He feels that things need to be done at a local level first. He felt that there was no definition/structure regarding the Task Force. This needs to be done. Reeves responded that what is discussed at the local level will be taken to the regional level. Right now, nothing is set in stone. Therefore, everything is up for discussion.

DeCorte stated that the JCPC has called a meeting on Tuesday and invited the Ryan White Planning Council Steering Committee and Title II representatives to see how the new structure will fit in with the Comprehensive Plan. Several Council members asked why the JCPC was involved at this point.

New Business

From the PC Members: Horton emphasized the importance of council members attending their Standing Committee meetings.

Moya asked council members to contact their state representative to support Coleman's bill that was introduced December 14, 2000 that makes HIV positive persons eligible for Medicaid.

Report from Titles II, III, IV, Section F, CDC Planning and Prevention Group: none.

Announcements: none

Adjournment: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Humphries, Morse) to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Motion carried.*

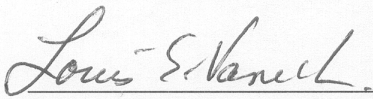
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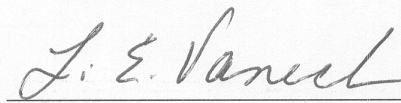
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