

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

12:30 a.m., Thursday, December 8, 2005
2223 W. Loop South, Room 416
Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Steven Walker, Chair	Ken Malone, excused	Randall Ellis-Legacy Common Health
Kevin Jackson, Secretary	Skeet Boyle, excused	James Malone
Gary Ainsworth	Larry Bryant	Charles Henley, HIV Services
Bill Barry	Lester Byrd	John Cox
Fide Cisnero	Paula Downes, excused	David Bartholomew III, DRW
Johnetta Evans-Thomas	Stephen Garcia, excused	Modelle Brudner, Judge Eckels
Tonya Fisher	Kimberly Griffin	Tori Williams, Ofc. Of Support
Joe Fuentes, Jr.	Sylvia Mazique, excused	Jennifer Kim, Ofc. Of Support
Tammy Garrison	Nancy Miertschin, excused	Diane Beck, Ofc. Of Support
Danny Garza	John Sahn, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan, Ofc. Of Support
Dena Gray	George Smith	
Johnny Harris, Jr.		
Gretchen Hollingsworth		
Priscilla Jenkins-Roberts		
Marlene McNeese-Ward		
Michael Miller		
Leo Nasser		
John Odom		
Joseph Osei-Frimpong		
Yvette Proctor		
Samuel Robinson IV		
Glenn Taggart		
Bruce Turner		
John Tuttle		
Thomas Urban		
Christy Varhaug		
Cathy Wiley		
Lesley Williams		

Call to Order: Steven Walker, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. by asking for a moment of reflection.

Walker gave certificates of appreciation to: Council members who were retiring, Council members who had perfect attendance, and special recognition was given to Bruce Turner for his work as Chair and Co-Chair of the Priority and Allocation and Quality Assurance Committees respectively. Brudner stated that the Judge's office also wanted to thank all Council members for their hard work throughout the year. Walker and Brudner were also recognized for their significant support and leadership.

Special Topic: Reauthorization: Randall Ellis, AIDS Action Foundation, presented information related to the proposed reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Ainsworth, Fisher) to adopt the November 10, 2005 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Robinson, Proctor, Varhaug, Osei-Frimpong, Fuentes, Jr.

Public Comment: None.

Reports from the Committees: (See the attached chart at the end of the minutes for individual voting information):

Quality Assurance Committee: Marlene McNeese Ward, Co-Chair, gave the following reports: FY 2005 Outcomes Report – Second Quarter: See the attached highlights of the FY 2005 Outcomes Report. Copies of the complete report are available on the information table.

FY 2006 Standards of Care: *Motion 1: To approve the attached recommendations regarding the FY 2006 Standards of Care. Motion carried.* Abstentions: McNeese-Ward, Harris, Jr., Fuentes, Jr., Taggart, Wiley.

FY 2006 Outcome Measures: *Motion 2: To approve the attached recommendations regarding the FY 2006 Outcome Measures. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Fuentes, Jr., Taggart.

Proposed Committee Merger: The Committee supports the recommendation of the Operations Committee to merge the Administrative Assessment Committee into the Quality Assurance Committee.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Barry reported on the following: *2006-2008 Comprehensive Plan: Motion 3: To approve the 2006-2008 Comprehensive Plan (version dated 10/25/05). Motion carried.* Abstention: Odom.

Statewide HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Plan: Williams stated that the deadline for submitting this document to HRSA is January 1, 2006. The Plan has been sent to the State so that they can incorporate the information into their statewide plan.

Barriers to Care Among HIV Positive Youth: Kim stated that interviews are being conducted with youth. The study will be complete and ready for review at the end of February of 2006.

Administrative Assessment Committee: Gary Ainsworth , Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Reports from the Administrative Agent: See the following attached reports:

- FY 2005 Procurement Report – Second Quarter
- FY 2005 Service Utilization – Second Quarter
- FY 2005 Administrative Cost Report – Second Quarter
- FY 2005 WICY Summary – Second Quarter

Proposed Committee Merger: The Committee supports the recommendation from the Operations Committee to merge the Administrative Assessment Committee into the Quality Assurance Committee with a request that monthly procurement reports be included as a standing item on the Quality Assurance Committee agenda with other reports submitted quarterly.

Advances in Medication and Treatment: No report

Affected Community Committee: Skeet Boyle, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

World AIDS Day Events: Members of the committee attended various events around the city.

2005 Community Events: See the attached list of events.

2005 Greeters: See the attached list of greeters for Council meetings.

Operations Committee: Michael Miller, Chair, reported on the following:

Election of Officers for the 2006 Planning Council: See the attached slate of nominees running for the 2006 officer positions for the Ryan White Planning Council. Elections will be held in the following order: Chair, Vice Chair and then Secretary.

The following individuals were elected as officers of the Council in 2006:

Bruce Turner, Chair

Ken Malone, Vice-Chair

Priscilla Jenkins-Roberts, Secretary

By Laws Change Regarding Committee Structure: *Motion 4: To merge the Advances in Medication and Treatment Committee into the Affected Community Committee and amend the by laws and policies to reflect the change. (See attached.) Motion carried.*

By Laws Change Regarding Committee Structure: *Motion 5: To merge the Administrative Assessment Committee into the Quality Assessment Committee and amend the by laws and policies to reflect the change. (See attached.) Motion carried.*

2006 Council Orientation: The date for the 2006 Council Orientation will be Thursday, January 19, 2006. The location is to be determined.

Priority & Allocations Committee: No report.

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

Report from HIV Services: Charles Henley, Director, HIV Services, Harris County Health Department, summarized the attached report.

New Business:

Title II: Fuentes, Jr. stated that HACS has opened two new service centers. Turner stated that The Resource Group has received funding.

CPG: McNeese-Ward stated that there will be an all day orientation for new members. CPG is also looking at ways to increase collaboration between the Planning Council and CPG.

Mayor's Task Force: Gray stated that there will be a meeting at the NAACP tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Amber David and Jeff Campbell are the Co-Chairs of the Task Force.

HOPWA: Gray stated that HOPWA technical advisors are visiting Houston this week. Please see the website for the updated RFP forms. And, see the website for agency applications for new construction. The application period is from December 1, 2005 through February 1, 2006.

Announcements: Walker stated that he has been asked to be the President/CEO of the National Alliance of Black/Gay Health, a new organization dedicated to advocacy and health development. Walker's first job is to raise \$500,000 by next year.

David Bartholomew introduced himself as the new CEO for the Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation.

Wiley stated that tomorrow is "media day" for the City of Houston.

Walker stated that the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be meeting with black gay men from Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and Houston in Austin on December 12 and 13, 2005. The emphasis will be on AIDS, how the epidemic is growing in that particular community, how the state can better respond to the epidemic and more.

Garza, D. stated he is now a member of the Latino HIV Task Force.

Walker congratulated the 2006 officers for the Council and wished them well in their important work.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

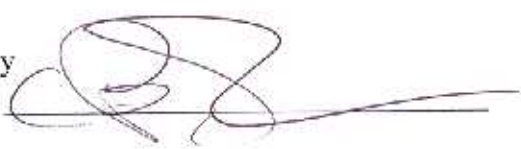
Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager

2-3-06
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 2-9-06

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 2-9-06

Scribe: Monaghan

JA = Just arrived at meeting
 LR = Left room temporarily
 LM = Left the meeting
 C = Chair of the meeting

		Motion 4			Motion 5					Motion 4				Motion 5			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Gary Ainsworth		X			X				Ken Malone	X				X			
Bill Barry		X			X				Sylvia Mazique	X				X			
Skeet Boyle	X			X					Nancy Miertschin	X				X			
Larry Bryant	X			X					Michael Miller		X				X		
Lester Byrd	X			X					Leo Nosser		X				X		
Fide Cisnero		X			X				John Odom		X				X		
Paula Downes	X			X					Joseph Osei-Frimpong		X				X		
Johnetta Evans-Thomas		X			X				Yvette Proctor		X				X		
Tonya Fisher		X			X				Samuel Robinson IV		X				X		
Joe Fuentes, Jr.		X			X				Glenn Taggart		X				X		
Stephen Garcia	X			X					John Sahn	X				X			
Tammy Garrison		X			X				George H.Smith	X				X			
Daniel Garza		X			X				Bruce Turner		X				X		
Dena Gray		X			X				John Tuttle		X				X		
Kimberly Griffin	X			X					Thomas Urban		X				X		
Johnny Harris, Jr.		X			X				Christy Varhuag		X				X		
Gretchen Hollingsworth		X			X				Steve Walker		X				X		
Kevin Jackson		X			X				Cathy Wiley		X				X		
Priscilla Jenkins-Roberts		X			X				Lesley P. Williams		X				X		
Marlene McNeese-Ward		X			X												

