

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

11:30 a.m., Thursday, August 10, 2006

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Bruce Turner, Chair	Gary Ainsworth, excused	Lynne Baker, GSK
Ken Malone, Vice-Chair	Jacquelyn Baldwin, excused	Jim Stanley, HCPHES
C. Burton Bagby	David Bartholomew, III, excused	
Lester Byrd	Stephen Garcia	HIV SERVICES:
Fide Cisnero	Tammy Garrison, excused	Charles Henley
Johnetta Evans-Thomas	Thomas Giordano, excused	
Tonya Fisher	Dena Gray	OFFICE OF SUPPORT:
Danny Garza	Kimberly Griffin, excused	Tori Williams
Veronica Garza	Gretchen Hollingsworth	Jen Kim
Eddie Givens	Michael Miller, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan
Kevin Jackson	Eva Nyenya, excused	
Sylva Maqique	John Odom	
Askari Naqvi	Sharon Prudhomme, excused	
Yvette Proctor	Glenn Taggart, excused	
Samuel Robinson IV	Christy Varhaug	
Pete Rodriguez	David Watson, excused	
Cecilia Smith	Cathy Wiley, excused	
John Tuttle	Lesley Williams, excused	
Steven Vargas		

Call to Order: Turner started the meeting at 11:51 a.m. Since quorum had not been met, he started with agenda item VII. New Business. Quorum was met at 12:07 pm.

New Business:

From the PC Members: Jackson asked for clarification about Tuttle’s report regarding the PR event organized by the Affected Community Committee. Tuttle stated that next year he will encourage the committee to start the planning process earlier in hopes of increasing participation.

Report form Section F: Henley stated that the SPNS Project partnering with the City of Houston and Harris County Hospital District to bring men of color into care. The research portion of the project should end in late October 2006.

Report from Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS: See the attached document.

Report from Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Vargas volunteered to give this monthly report and stated that the Task Force is preparing for HIV Awareness Day on August 23, 2006.

Legislative Updates: Regarding reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, Malone stated that the US House of Representatives will introduce their version of the bill and may vote on it in September 2006.

HOPWA: Tuttle stated that there would be a Housing Advisory Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2006.

Announcements: Tuttle stated that the Hospital District is beginning plans for their World AIDS Day event.

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

Report from HIV Services: Charles Henley, Director, HIV Services, Harris County Health Department, stated that he did not have a written report. The Title I guidance has been released. Harris County will release RFP's for specific Title I funded services on Friday, August 11, 2006.

Turner stated that there was a meeting to discuss recommendations from Title I regarding FY 2007 Title II priorities and allocations. In September 2006, the Council may wish to use the process they normally use to make recommendations regarding Title II allocations. In January 2007 the Council will look at ways to provide recommendations for both items in a way that is integrated into and simultaneous with the Title I processes. (See below for further discussion and a motion.)

Call to Order: Turner, Chair Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. by asking for a moment of reflection.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Richoux, Givens) to adopt the July 13, 2006 minutes with the following change: the sign-in time for Givens will be changed to 11:30 a.m. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Bagby, Byrd.

December 14, 2006 Council meeting: Williams explained that TDSHS will be having an all titles meeting in Austin on December 14th so the Council may wish to change its meeting date. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to move the December Steering Committee meeting date from December 7, 2006 to November 30, 2006 and the December Council meeting date from December 14, 2006 to December 7, 2006.

Public Comment: None.

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

Quality Assurance Committee: Veronica Garza, Co-Chair, stated that there was no report

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Lester Byrd, Chair, stated that there was no report

Affected Community Committee: Johnetta Evans-Thomas, Co-Chair, gave the following report:

July Committee Meeting Location: The committee met at Asian American Family Services. Tuttle stated that Kim Szeto, the Executive Director, gave an informative presentation regarding their mental health services. She felt that they were behind on their HIV/AIDS efforts.

Outreach: In the near future, the committee will use role-plays to give all committee members a chance to review and practice responding to questions frequently asked at health fairs.

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

Training Topics: See the attached list of 2006 Training Topics for Ryan White Planning Council meetings.

2006 Mentors: See the attached list of mentors for new 2006 Council and external committee members.

Priority & Allocations Committee: Danny Garza Yvette Proctor, Co-Chair, gave the following report:

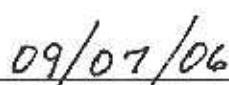
July 2006 Allocation Increases: *Motion: To increase funding to the service categories on the attached list in the amounts recommended. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Malone, Rodriguez, Robinson, Garza, V.

Announcements: Brenda Thomas, a well-known and greatly respected member of the HIV/AIDS community, recently passed away. Her service will be at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2006.

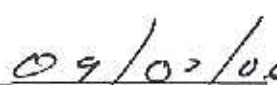
Adjournment: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Richoux, Proctor) to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Motion carried.*


Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Williams, Manager


Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 

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

2006 Council Meeting Voting Record for Meeting Date: August 10, 2006

	Motion					Motion			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Gary Ainsworth	X				Sylvia Mazique		X		
C. Burton Bagby		X			Michael Miller	X			
Jacquelyn Baldwin	X				Askari Naqvi		X		
David Bartholomew III	X				Eva Nyenya	X			
Lester Byrd		X			John Odom	X			
Fide Cisnero		X			Yvette Proctor		X		
Johnetta Evans-Thomas		X			Shannon Prudhomme	X			
Tonya Fisher		X			Patrick Richoux		X		
Stephen Garcia	X				Samuel Robinson IV 12:04, Quorum				X
Tammy Garrison	X				Pete Rodriguez				X
Daniel Garza		X			Cecilia Smith		X		
Veronica Garza				X	Glenn Taggart	X			
Thomas Giordano	X				Bruce Turner				C
Eddie Givens		X			John Tuttle		X		
Dena Gray	X				Steven Vargaus		X		
Kimberly Griffin	X				Christy Varhuag	X			
Gretchen Hollingsworth	X				David Watson	X			
Kevin Jackson		X			Cathy Wiley	X			
Ken Malone				X	Lesley P. Williams	X			