

## 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, February 9, 2006  
2223 W. Loop South, Room 101  
Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Bruce Turner, Chair	Ken Malone, excused	Nancy Miertschin, HCHD
Gary Ainsworth	Askari Naqvi, excused	Kitty Adler, HCHD
C. Burton Bagby	Dena Gray	Charles Henley, HIV Services
Bill Barry	Priscilla Jenkins-Roberts, excused	Ron Grose
Lester Byrd	Kimberly Griffin, excused	Jim Stanley, HCPHES
Fide Cisnero	Michael Miller, excused	Modelle Brudner, Judge Eckels
Johnetta Evans-Thomas	Askari Naqvi, excused	Tori Williams, Ofc. Of Support
Tonya Fisher	John Odom, excused	Jen Kim, Ofc. Of Support
Joe Fuentes, Jr.	George Smith, excused	G.L. Monaghan, Ofc. Of Support
Stephen Garcia	Glenn Taggart, excused	
Tammy Garrison		
Daniel Garza		
Veronica Garza		
Eddie Givens		
Gretchen Hollingsworth		
Kevin Jackson		
Sylvia Mazique		
Leo Nosser		
Yvette Proctor		
Samuel Robinson IV		
Pete Rodriguez		
Cecilia Smith		
John Tuttle		
Steven Vargas		
Christy Varhaug		
Cathy Wiley		
Lesley Williams		

**Call to Order:** Bruce Turner, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. by asking for a moment of reflection.

**Training:** HIV/AIDS Epidemiology: Jennifer H. Kim, Health Planner, presented the attached information on HIV/AIDS Epidemiology.

Adoption of the Agenda: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Fuentes, Jr., Garrison) to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Add the following items, under I. Call to order add "E. Introduction of new members". Under Reports from Committees, add "A. Introduction of Committee Chairs".*  
**Motion carried.**

Adoption of the Minutes: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Ainsworth, Cisnero) to adopt the December 15, 2005 minutes with the following change: the time should read 12:30 p.m. not a.m.* **Motion carried.** Abstentions: Bagby, Garza, V., Givens, Smith, Vargas, Watson.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Reports from Committees:**

Turner introduced the Chair/Co-Chairs for each of the standing committees:

Affected Community Committee Co-Chairs: Johnetta Evans-Thomas and Tammy Garrison

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee Chair Lester Byrd

Operations Chair Michael Miller (not present)

Priority and Allocations Committee Co-Chairs: Danny Garza and Yvette Proctor

Quality Assurance Committee Co-Chairs: Gary Ainsworth and Veronica Garza

**2006 Council Timeline:** Tori Williams, Manager, reviewed the attached 2006 Critical Timeline. Bagby asked Williams, T. to send him a New Idea Form so that he can disseminate the information to some of his distribution lists.

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

**Report from HIV Services:** Charles Henley, Director, HIV Services, Harris County Health Department (HCHD) summarized the attached report. Henley noted that "New Ideas" are for services that are within the HRSA list of service categories. Also, agencies submitting new idea forms are not guaranteed access to the funds if the idea is approved. Usually the funds must be procured through the county bid process.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** – Updates from:

Title III: Rodriguez stated that there will be a 5% rescission in Title III funds.

CDC Planning and Prevention Group: Robinson stated that new members are being sought. Please see him for the nomination process.

Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Robinson IV stated that Tuesday, February 7, 2006 was National HIV Awareness Day Among African-Americans. A press conference was held regarding the State of Emergency. Several dignitaries and radio stations participated. The House of Hope has opened and there will be another outreach site at W. Montgomery and Little York.

Fuentes, Jr. requested that the Latino Task Force be added as a regular agenda item. Garza, D. is a member and offered to provide reports.

SCSN: Mierstchin stated that there will be a meeting in Dallas next week. The purpose is to complete the 2006 Texas Statement of Need. Due to budget cuts, SCSN will go out of existence on April 1, 2006. A meeting of all planning bodies and administrative agents will convene to address group changes and make all aware of future dates.

HOPWA: Williams, T. stated that at the last PWA Housing Advisory Group meeting the national HOPWA technical advisor, Andrea White, presented valuable information.

**Announcements:** Fuentes, Jr. stated that HACS has gained been granted JAACO status (see the attached summary). This is very difficult to obtain and quite an honor.

Mierstchin introduced Kitty Allen, the new Assistant Director for King Hilliard, the Director of Legislative Relations for the Harris County Hospital District.

**Adjournment:** Motion: it was moved and seconded (Ainsworth, Fisher) to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Victoria Williams, Manager

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