

**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 8, 2007
2223 W. Loop South, Room 101
Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT
Bruce Turner, Chair	Michael Miller	Executive Liaison-County Judge Eckels:
Ken Malone, Vice-Chair	Eva Nyenya	Modelle Brudner
David Watson, Secretary	Shannon Prudhomme	Lynn Baker, GSK
Jacquelyn Baldwin	Samuel Robinson IV	James Malone
David Bartholomew III	Pete Rodriguez	José Cavazos
Lester Byrd	Cecilia Smith	Ann Reed
Paula Downes	John Tuttle	Kym King
Tonya Fisher	Steven Vargas	
David Garner	Cathy Wiley	HIV Services:
Tammy Garrison		Charles Henley
Yvette Garvin		
Veronica Garza	MEMBERS ABSENT	Office of Support:
Thomas Giordano	Gary Ainsworth, excused	Tori Williams
Eddie Givens	C. Burton Bagby, excused	Jen Kim
Dena Gray	Fide Cisnero, excused	Diane Beck
Terry Hobbs	LaQuoiya Graham, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan
Kevin Jackson	Kimberly Griffin, excused	
Asia Johnson	Melvin Johnson, excused	
Marco Mata	Askari Naqvi, excused	
Sylvia Mazique	Glenn Taggart, excused	

Call to Order: Bruce Turner, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. by asking for a moment of reflection. Turner introduced new Council members and Modelle Brudner, the liaison for County Judge Robert Eckels.

Council Training: Thomas Giordano, MD, Harris County Hospital District, presented the attached Power Point Presentation entitled “Linking People into Care”.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Thomas, Fisher) to adopt the minutes with the following corrections to the text: page 3 under New Business: the correct spelling is “Cavazos” not Cavazus; on page 3: the correct date is “December 6, 2006” not January 17, 2007; on page 5: the*

correct name is "David Minchberg" not Dave Mentor; under Announcements: the correct number is "three" not four days and the "fourth" not the fifth day. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: Bartholomew III, Byrd, Garvin, Jackson, Prudhomme, Hobbs, Johnson, A. and Mata.

Public Comment: None.

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

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:
Access to Care Among HIV+ Latinos: **Motion:** *To endorse the attached study entitled "Access to Care Among HIV+ Latino Immigrants".* **Motion carried.**

2008 HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment: See the attached timeline of Needs Assessment Group (NAG) deadlines.

2007 Council Timeline: Tori Williams, Manager walked members through the 2007 Critical Timeline of Council Activities. She indicated that is a scheduling problem because of the July 4th holiday. Therefore, the date of the Steering Committee meeting may be changed and the Priority and Allocations Committee may be asked to move their June meeting to a date earlier in the month.

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 summarize the attached report.

Old Business: Turner presented the following information:

- 1) Danny Garza has resigned from the Council. Turner will soon announce the new Chair or Co-Chairs for the Priority and Allocations Committee.
- 2) Turner has been in discussion with the Co-Chairs of the Affected Community Committee. He would like the committee to organize more consumer education seminars so that committee members can integrate relevant information from the seminars in discussions and decision-making processes of other committees. This will help all committees to be better informed and aware of new developments in the HIV/AIDS arena.
- 3) Turner will be asking the Operations Committee to conduct a complete review and update of all Council bylaws, policies and procedures.

New Business – Updates from:

Titles II, III Rural and IV: Yvette Garvin stated that The Resource Group continues to administer the Title II, III Rural and IV funds. There will be a greater impact on outlying areas.

Titles III Urban and IV: Pete Rodriguez stated that the Hospital District has received word that the grant award is forthcoming, however, the District will not be receiving an additional \$75,000 that was requested.

Section F, SPNS: Thomas Giordano stated that he attended the bi-annual meeting of SPNS grantees in Washington D.C. The Houston area appears to be behind some of the other cities, but still in good shape.

CDC Planning and Prevention Group: Samuel Robinson introduced the coordinator for the Community Prevention Group (CPG), Jose Cavazos. Cavazos stated that the group is in the process of recruiting and

CDC Planning and Prevention Group: Samuel Robinson introduced the coordinator for the Community Prevention Group (CPG), Jose Cavazos. Cavazos stated that the group is in the process of recruiting and screening new members. He continued by stating that the Needs Assessment is being done in conjunction with the Ryan White Planning Council; the State of Emergency Task Force held a National Black Awareness Fair at the Sharpstown Mall on February 7, 2007. Over 800 individuals were tested for HIV/AIDS by the City, Planned Parenthood and other CBOs.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Steven Vargas stated that the new facilitator for the group is Jose Cavazos. Meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The February 28, 2007 meeting will be at 1010 Waugh Drive.

HOPWA: Williams stated that the next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

Homeless Court: Steven Vargas stated that the Homeless Court is a program of the Coalition for the Homeless. The goal of the program is to reduce barriers to care.

Announcements:

Mierstchin stated that the Texas HIV/AIDS Medication Advisory Board will be meeting on March 9, 2007.

Baldwin stated that there had been a very successful health fair at the Prince Complex. She thanked Tori Williams, Cathy Wiley and the City of Houston Health Department and Samuel Robinson for their help with the event. The Donald R. Watkins Foundation provided testing and counseling. Mr. Prince was very pleased with the success of the event.

Vargas asked for an update on the Metro Bus Pass updates since some clients have had to go to a Metro office several times in order to secure temporary passes since the new cards are not ready. Henley stated that, unfortunately, clients will need to do this until the new cards are ready to be issued.

Rodriguez stated that a Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) grant to reduce prenatal deaths will begin soon.

Adjournment: Motion: it was moved and seconded (Robinson IV, Wiley) to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Tori" Williams
Victoria Williams, Manager

3/1/07
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: [Signature]

Date 3/1/07

Final Approval by
Council Chair: [Signature]

Date 3/8/07

C = Chair of the meeting

2007 Council Meeting Voting Record for Meeting Date: 02/08/07

	Motion 1	Comp HIV	Carried		Motion 1	Comp HIV	Carried		
MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Gary Ainsworth	X				Kevin Jackson (12:51LM)		X		
C. Burton Bagby	X				Asia Johnson (12:15)		X		
Jacquelyn Baldwin		X			Melvin Johnson	X			
David Bartholomew III		X			Ken Malone		X		
Lester Byrd (12:42)		X			Marco Mata		X		
Fidé Cisnero	X				Sylvia Mazique		X		
Paula Downes (12:24lm)		X			Michael Miller		X		
Tonya Fisher		X			Askari Naqvi	X			
David Garner		X			Eva Nyenya	X			
Tammy Garrison		X			Shannon Prudhomme 11:49, 12:45lm)		X		
Yvette Garvin		X			Samuel Robinson IV (11:49)		X		
					Pete Rodriguez		X		
Verónica Garza		X			Cecilia Smith		X		
Thomas Giordano		X			Glenn Taggart	X			
Eddie Givens		X			Bruce Turner				C
LaQuoiya Graham	X				John Tuttle		X		
Dena Gray (11:58, 12:37lm)		X			Steven Vargaus		X		
Kimberly Griffin	X				David Watson		X		
Terry Hobbs		X			Cathy Wiley (11:39)		X		