

Council Approved November 13, 2008

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, October 9, 2008

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Suite 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Tammy Garrison, Chair	Jackie Baldwin, excused	<i>Harris County Public Health & Environmental Svcs:</i>
Ken Malone, Vice-Chair	David Benson, excused	Tom Ricciardello
David Bartholomew	Keith Bynam, excused	Charles Henley, Ryan White Grant Administration
Tonya Fisher	Fide Cisnero, excused	Carin Martin, Ryan White Grant Administration
David Garner	Paula Downes, excused	Mary Asomani-Nyarko, Ryan White Grant Admin.
Yvette Garvin	Dan Ellis, excused	
Thomas Giordano	Eddie Givens, excused	<i>Office of Support:</i>
Morenike Giwa	Dena Gray	Tori Williams
Charlotte Harris	Michael Miller, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan
Terry Hobbs		
Linda Hollins		Modelle Brudner, Liaison for County Judge Emmett
Asia Johnson		
Melvin Johnson		Anna Langford, The Resource Group
J. Hoxi Jones		
Ernesto Macias		
Osaro Mgbere		
Askari Naqvi		
Pete Rodriguez		
Ruben Rosas		
Ryan Rushing		
Josie Salazar		
Eulalia Seymore		
Cecilia Smith		
Glenn Taggart		
Bruce Turner		
John Tuttle		
Steven Vargas		
Cathy Wiley		

See the attached chart at the end of the minutes for individual voting information.

Call to Order: Tammy Garrison, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

Training: Mary Asomani-Nyarko, presented the attached Power Point Presentation entitled “What Are Outcome Measures and Standards of Care?”

Adoption of the Agenda: **Motion #1**: *it was moved and seconded (Malone, Vargas) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.* Abstention: Turner.

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2**: *it was moved and seconded (A. Johnson, Rosas) to adopt the August 14, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Bartholomew, Garner, Hobbs, Hollins, Jones, Macias, Taggart.

Public Comment: None.

Reports from Committees:

Quality Assurance Committee: Pete Rodriguez, Chair, stated that a Joint meeting of the Quality Assurance and Priority and Allocations Committees has been scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2008. The purpose of this annual meeting is to review 2008 report formats and recommend changes if needed for 2009.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Chair, reported on the following: 2009 Houston Area HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Plan: see the attached revised timeline for approving the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Even with the interruption of Hurricane Ike the Council should have no difficulty meeting the January 5, 2009 HRSA deadline for submitting the report.

Affected Community Committee: Cecilia Smith, Co-Chair, gave the following reports: Consumer Education: Fred Walters, Founder and Executive Director of the Houston Buyers Club, gave the attached presentation entitled: “Addressing the Side Effects of HIV Medication”.

2008 Community Events: See the attached list.

2008 Meeting Locations and Speakers: See the attached list.

2008 Greeters at Council Meetings: See the attached list.

Operations Committee: David Bartholomew, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Annually, the Operations Committee reviews the attached MOU to determine if it needs updating. Council members are welcome to review the document and provide the Operations Committee with input before the October 21, 2008 committee meeting

Council Applicants: The committee interviewed eight applicants for Council membership.

Terry Hobbs, Co-Chair, stated that soon it will be time for the 2009 election of officers. Those who wish to run for Chair, Vice Chair and/or Secretary for the Council next year need to submit their nomination to the Office of Support before the end of the Steering Committee meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2008. Nominations will be taken from the floor of the election after that.

Priority & Allocations Committee: No report.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, summarized the attached report. The 2008 HIV/AIDS Houston Area Needs Assessment is now available on the website for the Office of Support. CD copies will soon be available, also from the Office of Support.

Report from Ryan White Grants Administration: Charles Henley, Manager, Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA), Public Health and Environmental Services, summarized the attached report.

The Chair of the Council presented Henley with a special gift for his hard work on behalf of people with HIV and AIDS during Hurricane Ike. Specifically, Charles Henley was recognized for his:

- 1.) extraordinary dedication to working with the service providers to make sure that clients could access HIV medical care, dental care and medication starting on Monday, the first working day after the storm.
- 2.) ability to meet the needs of the HIV community within hours after spending four days providing care to over 100 elderly and special needs individuals at a Harris County emergency care site.
- 3.) In spite of both of these challenges, he and his staff were able to submit the Houston EMA \$20 million grant application to HRSA eight working days after Hurricane Ike hit the Gulf Coast and three working days before the deadline!

New Business:

Part D: Garvin stated that Galveston, Beaumont and Nacogdoches clients were provided with contact numbers after Hurricane Ike. After the storm, approximately 25 HIV/AIDS clients in Galveston could not be located.

SPNS: Henley pointed out the poster presentation describing the Houston SPNS program which was presented at the National HRSA Conference.

CDC Planning and Prevention Group: Garner stated that a Memo of Agreement is being developed

Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Wiley stated that the Task Force will be meeting on Friday, October 10, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. on the 4th floor of the City Health Department.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Steven Vargas stated that the 6th Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is on October 15, 2008. See the attached flyers which describe some of the testing sites. The next meeting of the Task Force will be on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 1010 Waugh Drive.

Announcements: Garvin introduced Anna Langford, the new Health Planner at the Resource Group.

Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Tori" Williams
Victoria Williams, Manager

11-06-08
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: Jammy Garrison

Date 11-06-08

Final Approval by
Council Chair: Jammy Garrison

Date 11-13-08

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

2008 Council Meeting Voting Record for Meeting Date: October 9, 2008

	Motion #1				Motion #2					Motion #1				Motion #2			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MEMBERS									MEMBERS								
David Bartholomew		X				X			Ryan Rushing		X				X		
Tonya Fisher, 11:48		X				X			Josie Salazar		X				X		
David Garner		X				X			Eulalia Seymore		X				X		
Tammy Garrison		C				C			Cecilia Smith		X				X		
Yvette Garvin		X				X			Glenn Taggart		X				X		
Thomas Giordano		X				X			Bruce Turner		X				X		
Morénike Giwa		X				X			John Tuttle		X				X		
Charlotte Harris		X				X			Steven Vargas		X				X		
Terry Hobbs		X				X			Cathy Wiley, 11:42	X				X			
Linda Hollins, 11:56	X				X												
Asia Johnson		X				X			Jackie Baldwin	X				X			
Melvin Johnson		X				X			David Benson	X				X			
J. Hoxi Jones, 11:46	X				X				Keith Bynam	X				X			
Ernesto Macias		X				X			Fide Cisnero	X				X			
Ken Malone, 12:35 lm		X				X			Paula Downes	X				X			
Osaro Mgbere		X				X			Dan Ellis	X				X			
Askari Naqvi		X				X			Eddie Givens	X				X			
Pete Rodriguez, 11:44, 12:36	X				X				Dena Gray	X				X			
Ruben Rosas		X				X			Michael Miller	X				X			