

Council Approved March 12, 2009

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 12, 2009

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Suite 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Bruce Turner, Chair	Jackie Baldwin, excused	Ruth Atkinson, Greeter
Pete Rodriguez, Vice-Chair	David Bartholomew, excused	Teresa Presley, Greeter
Asia Johnson, Secretary	David Benson, excused	Tom Ricciardello, HCPHES
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Fide Cisnero	Anna Langton, The Resource Group
Keith Bynam	Tonya Fisher, excused	Amber Wright, City of Houston
Paula Downes	Dena Gray	Steve Schurmann
David Garner	Linda Hollins, excused	
Tammy Garrison	Melvin Johnson, excused	Modelle Brudner, Liaison for County Judge Emmett
Jerry Garza	Osaro Mgbere, excused	
Thomas Giordano	Askari Naqvi, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Eddie Givens	Glenn Taggart, excused	Charles Henley
Morenike Giwa		Carin Martin
Gabriel Gonzalez		
Charlotte Harris		<i>Office of Support:</i>
Terry Hobbs		Tori Williams
Sheron Jackson		Jen Kim
J. Hoxi Jones		Georgette L. Monaghan
Ernesto Macias		
Patrick Martin		
Michael Miller		
Greg Monk		
Ruben Rosas		
Ryan Rushing		
Josie Salazar		
Eulalia Seymore		
Cecilia Smith		
John Tuttle		
Steven Vargas		
Cathy Wiley		

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

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

Introductions: Turner invited new Council members to introduce themselves.

Training: Fred Walters, Founder Houston Buyer's Club, gave the attached Power Point presentation on *Side Effect Management and the Role of Nutritional Supplements*.

Adoption of the Agenda: **Motion #1**: *it was moved and seconded (Downes, Seymore) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.*

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2**: *it was moved and seconded (Vargas, Rosas) to adopt the December 13, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Garrison, Jones, Macias, Vargas, Alexandre-McGill, Garza, Gonzalez, Jackson, Martin, Monk.

Public Comment: None.

Reports from Committees:

Quality Assurance Committee: Paula Downes, Chair, reported on the following:
FY 2008 Ryan White Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Funding: see the attached Procurement Report.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Chair, reported on the following:
2008 Comprehensive HIV Services Plan for the Houston Area: See the Office of Support for a copy of the final version of this document

Affected Community Committee: Ruben Rosas, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
HIV Mini-Fellowship Conference: Rosas stated that the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston hosted a Conference for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in February 2009. Originally, the conference was scheduled for September 2008 but had to be postponed because of Hurricane Ike. Scott Beaver and Rosas represented the Council. Dr. Giordano was one of the presenters. Rosas got a lot of valuable information about the Criminal Justice system. Rosas distributed pamphlets that are examples of materials given to those that are tested and found to have HIV while in the State prison system. Rosas left several copies with the Office of Support for anyone that may want to review the materials.

Operations Committee: Terry Hobbs, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:
2009 Mentor/Mentee Luncheon: Hobbs stated that the luncheon to welcome new Council and external committee members was a great success. The committee will initiate an end of year evaluation form to evaluate the program. Hobbs thanked the committee for their hard work in organizing the lunch meeting.

Members were asked to fill out a form for evaluating the 2009 Council Orientation.

2009 Council Timeline: Tori Williams, Manager:
Williams reviewed the 2009 Timeline of Critical Council Activities and pointed out that the Steering Committee will now be meeting at 12:30 p.m. The April meeting of the Quality Assurance Committee has changed to Wednesday, April 15th followed by the four hour How To Best Meet the Needs training. This training is important for all Council and external committee members as documents used for all decision making in FY 2010 will be reviewed. The April 15, 2009 Affected Community Committee meeting is cancelled so that member can attend the How to Best Meet the Needs training.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, welcomed all members and introduced Modelle Brudner, the liaison for Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. Then, she summarized the attached report.

Report from Ryan White Grants Administration: Charles Henley, Manager, Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA), Public Health and Environmental Services, summarized the attached report. Henley stated that Council members should pay particular attention to the following documents being distributed as an FYI: the Fiscal Year 2007 Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Final Report and the Request for Carryover Funds Under the Unobligated Balances Provisions (07-09).

New Business

Ryan White Parts B, C Rural and D: Patrick Martin summarized the attached report.

Ryan White Part F SPNS: Thomas Giordano gave a brief history of the current Houston Area Special Project of National Significance (SPNS). Houston is one of eight cities that were funded to target young males (13-24 years of age) who are African-American or Latino and having sex with males. The program was developed to look at ways to get this group into care and keep them in care. 2009 will be the last year of the project. Giordano recently attended a major HIV research meeting in Montreal where sites reported on their activities. Houston is contributing 35 of the 200 study participants. And, posters are being developed to demonstrate what sites are learning about serving this population. Each city has unique challenges. Houston's major challenge is transportation.

CDC Planning and Prevention Group: David Garner stated that orientation for this prevention planning group was held two weeks ago. Please contact Wiley if you are interested in becoming a member. The group is working on a "Priority Plan". Soon, there will be even more interaction between the care and the prevention people.

Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Cathy Wiley stated that the Task Force set up three testing sites on Saturday, February 7, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2009 at the City Health Department at 8000 North Stadium Drive.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: The new Chair of the Latino HIV Prevention Task Force, Steven Vargas, reported on plans to have evening meetings so that more people can participate. The first evening will be Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 6pm-8pm at the offices of Katine and Nechman. The discussion will center on National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Lawyer John Nechman will speak on Immigration issues affecting HIV+ women and Dr. Hunter Hammill will speak on Reproductive and other health issues affecting HIV+ women. If members would like to participate in any of these meetings, the next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the offices of Katine & Nechman, LLP, 1111 North Loop West, Ste 180, 77008 (between Ella and Shepherd/Durham). For more information, please call 713-987-4740.

Legislative Updates: Although Ken Malone has retired from the Council, he has agreed to send information to the Council when ever there is something to report on.

HOPWA: Keith W. Bynam stated that a HOPWA grant has just been awarded to Houston Volunteer Lawyers and Good Will Industries.

Announcements: Wiley announced that the City of Health Department has several job openings.

Jones stated that as of February 1, 2009 the Texas Health and Human Service Commission (HHSC) will no longer receive declarations of aid for pregnant mothers. The attached form must be filled out and submitted to be eligible.

Adjournment: Motion #3: *it was moved and seconded (Garner, Salazar) to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager

03/05/09
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 3/5/09

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 3/12/09

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Page 1 JA = Just arrived at meeting, LR = Left room temporarily, LM = Left the meeting, C = Chair of the meeting

2009 Council Meeting Voting Record for Meeting Date: February 12, 2009

MEMBERS	Motion #1	Agenda	Carried	Motion #2	Minutes	Carried	Motion #3	Adjourn	Carried	Motion #1	Agenda	Carried	Motion #2	Minutes	Carried	Motion #3	Adjourn	Carried	
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Claudine Alexandre-McGill		X					X	X			X			X			X		
Jackie Baldwin	X									X									
David Bartholomew	X			X			X				X		X				X		
David Benson	X			X			X				X		X				X		
Keith Bynam	X				X			X			X			X			X		
Fide Cisnero	X			X			X			X			X				X		
Paula Downes	X				X			X			X			X			X		
Tonya Fisher	X			X			X				X			X			X		
David Garner	X				X			X		X				X			X		
Tammy Garrison	X					X		X			X			X			X		
Jerry Garza	X					X		X			X			X			X		
Thomas Giordano, 12:42 lm	X				X			X			X			X			X		
Eddie Givens	X				X			X			X			X			X		
Morénike Giwa, 11:42	X				X			X			X			X			X		
Gabriel Gonzalez	X				X		X				X			X			X		
Dena Gray	X				X			X			X			X			X		
Charlotte Harris	X				X			X			X			X			X		
Terry Hobbs	X				X			X			X			X			X		
Linda Hollins	X				X			X			X			X			X		
Sheron Jackson	X				X		X				X			X			X		