

**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 11, 2010

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Suite 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair	David Benson	Anna Langford, The Resource Group
Pete Rodriguez, Vice-Chair	Paula Downes, excused	Nicole Gilders, HACS
John Tuttle, Secretary	Tammy Garrison, excused	
Sherifat Akorede	Jerry Garza	Charles Henley, Ryan White Grant Administration
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Sheron Jackson, excused	
Roland Amboree	Asia Johnson, excused	Tori Williams, Office of Support
Jackie Baldwin	Melvin Johnson, excused	Jen Kim, Office of Support
Ben Barnett	Ryan Rushing, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan, Office of Support
Gina Blackwell	Glenn Taggart, excused	
Keith Bynam		
David Garner		
Eddie Givens		
Morénike Giwa		
Gabriel Gonzalez		
Dena Gray		
Terry Hobbs		
Linda Hollins		
Sammie Johnson		
J. Hoxi Jones		
Billie Lackins		
Januari Leo		
Ernesto Macias		
Patrick Martin		
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Greg Monk		
Venita Ray		
Ruben Rosas		
Cecilia Ross		
Josie Salazar		
Eric Twombly		
Steven Vargas		

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

Call to Order: Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

New HRSA Initiative Regarding Early Identification of Individuals Living with HIV/AIDS:
Charles Henley, Manager, Ryan White Grant Administration Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services, summarized the attached document.

Marlene McNeese-Ward, Bureau Chief HIV/STD & Viral Hepatitis Prevention, City of Houston Health Department, stated that they have not received any guidance but hope to by mid-March. McNeese-Ward stated that this should strengthen collaboration. McNeese-Ward invited the Council to be a co-sponsor for the HIP HOP for HIV event. Last year the goal was to test 15,000 individuals. At least 14,471 were tested. This was the largest single testing event held in the United States. The first HIP HOP for HIV planning meeting will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at 8000 North Drive in the 1st floor auditorium. Some outcomes data from 2009 include: of the 14,471 individuals, 1% tested positive which is extremely high; 20%+ had STD's; for 36% it was the first time tested. Ages that were targeted were 15-35. The actual age groups that made up the majority of participants were 15-24 years of age.

Adoption of the Agenda: **Motion #1**: *it was moved and seconded (Alexandre-McGill, Monk) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.*

Adoption of the December 2009 Minutes: **Motion #2**: *it was moved and seconded (Rosas, Givens) to adopt the December 10, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Jones, Martin, Akorede, Amboree, Barnett, Blackwell, S. Johnson, Lackins, Leo, Ray, Twombly.

Public Comment: None.

Reports from Committees:

Affected Community Committee: Eddie Givens, Co-Chair, gave the following report:

Healthy Living with HIV: the next meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. This will be followed by training for event volunteers at 1:00 p.m. Givens thanked Monk and Rosas for co-chairing the event and keeping everyone on track. Givens invited all HIV positive members of the Council to see Smith-Ross if they wish to serve as a member of the Affected Community Committee.

Operations Committee: Jackie Baldwin, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2010 Mentor/Mentee Luncheon: the event was well attended. Mentors and mentees seemed to enjoy meeting one another.

2010 Council Orientation: the Orientation went well. It was well attended, the training was informative and County Judge Ed Emmett addressed the membership.

2010 Council Timeline: Tori Williams, Manager, reviewed the attached documents:

Steering and Council meeting dates: The committee agreed that dates for Steering and Council meetings are to remain on the first and second Thursdays of the month. Steering Committee will meet at 12:00 p.m. and Council at 11:30 a.m. The Steering Committee meeting for May will be moved to Tuesday May 4, 2010 to accommodate the EMA/TGA meeting in New Orleans on May 6 and 7, 2010. All Operations Committee meetings except for February will be on the Tuesday before Council meets.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, 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.

Report from The Resource Group: Patrick Martin, Program Development Director, The Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, summarized the attached reports.

Getting to Know You Forms: Smith-Ross explained the purpose of the attached forms.

New Business:

Planning Council Members: Garner stated that there will be an Urban Coalition of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) meeting in Houston at the end of February. Cities who belong to this coalition include: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Miami, Chicago, New York and Houston.

Ryan White Part F SPNS: Henley stated that this project is now complete so no future reporting is necessary.

Report from the CDC Planning and Prevention Group: Garner stated that anyone interested in joining the CPG should please contact Cathy Wiley. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month between 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Gray stated that the 10th Annual State of Emergency/African-American Gala was held recently. It was a great event. Groups were seated according to the year they joined the effort. There will be a Women's/Girls event on March 10th and an Incarcerated event on April 16th, 2010.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Vargas The Latino HIV Task Force met to organize their 2010 events. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in Thomas Street Health Center's 3rd Floor Conference Room. Please feel free to join the group if interested.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA): Bynam stated that the City Housing Department is waiting for instructions from HUD regarding the HOPWA program in Houston. The Homeless/Rapid Rehousing was signed and is fully operational in 11 agencies.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager

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