

Council Approved April 14, 2011

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, March 10, 2011

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair	Venita Ray	Chandra Simmons-Gary, SOS
Pete Rodriguez, Vice-Chair	Terrence Redix	Ramird Hernandez
Billie Lackins, Secretary	Ruben Rosas	Katrina Fields Will
Sherifat Akorede	Ryan Rushing	Cathy Wiley, HDHHS
Jackie Baldwin	Beverlee Solomon	
Ben Barnett	Lisa Tallent	
Melody Barr	C. Bruce Turner	<i>Ryan White Grants Administration</i>
Michael Bass	Steven Vargas	Charles Henley
David Benson	David Watson	
Chris Escalante		<i>Office of Support</i>
Jerry Garza	MEMBERS ABSENT	Tori Williams
Eddie Givens	Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Georgette L. Monaghan
Morénike Giwa	Roland Amboree, excused	
Gabriel Gonzalez	David Garner, excused	
Melvin Johnson	Linda Hollins, excused	
J. Hoxi Jones	Sheron Jackson, excused	
Januari Leo	Lyla Ordonez, excused	
Ernesto Macias	Eric Twombly, excused	
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Greg Monk		

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 11:35 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

Welcoming Remarks: Smith-Ross invited several members of the Council to stand so that all members could meet them and review the "Getting to Know You Form" which described them. Smith-Ross encouraged Co-Chairs to get their members to watch the Open Meetings Act training video; see the attached Open Meetings Act Score Board flyer.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1: *it was moved and seconded (Vargas, Monk) to adopt the agenda and add "K. Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition" to New Business. Motion carried.*

Adoption of the February 10, 2011 Minutes: **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Rosas, Turner) to adopt the February 10, 2011 minutes. **Motion carried.*** Abstention: Rushing.

Update on the Town Hall Meetings: Williams stated that four or the seven Town Hall meetings have taken place. There is a need for more consumers to participate. Copies of the slide presentation are available upon request.

Public Comment: None.

Reports from Committees:

Ad Hoc EIIHA Strategy Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, stated that the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on March 28, 2011.

Quality Assurance Committee: Ryan Rushing, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:
Reports from the Part A Administrative Agent: See the attached reports.

Reports from the Part B Administrative Agent: See the attached chart reviews from The Resource Group: Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Home & Community-Based Health Services and Mental Health Services. P. Martin thanked Ryan White Grant Administrative staff for their assistance and training in chart reviews.

Update on the Health Insurance Service Category: see attached email from Henley.

HRSA Policy on PrEP: See the attached policy.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
2011 HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment: The needs assessment is finished and will be presented to the Steering Committee and Council for approval in April 2011.

Affected Community Committee: Melvin Johnson, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:
2011 Monthly Committee Speakers: see the attached "List of 2011 Monthly Speakers".

AIDS Walk: See Monaghan if you wish to participate in the Ryan White Hoopla Table at the AIDS Walk on Sunday, March 13, 2011.

Operations Committee: Morenike Giwa, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
2011 Council Training: See the attached list of 2011 Council training topics. The June 9, 2011 topic entitled: "Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS" was moved to September 8, 2011 to allow more time for guidance to arrive from HRSA.

Priority and Allocations Committee Greg Monk, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:
FY 2012 Principles and Criteria: **Motion #3:** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Principles and Criteria. **Motion carried.***

Priority Setting Process: The committee is exploring the possibility of using the priority setting process developed by the New York City Planning Council.

New Clients Entering the Ryan White Care System: See the attached email report from Henley.

June 2011 Committee Meeting Dates: The Committee has scheduled the following meetings at which they will develop recommendations for the FY 2012 allocations for Ryan White Part A and B and State Services funding:

- 1 – 5 pm, Tuesday, June 7, 2011
- 1 – 5 pm, Wednesday, June 8, 2011
- 1:30 – 5:30 pm, Thursday, June 9, 2011
- 12:30 pm, Thursday, June 23, 2011 – the full committee will review and approve the recommended FY 2012 allocations

Training: Prevention Updates: Cathy Wiley, City Health Department, gave a verbal report on Prevention Updates: The Health Department received a 27% cut (\$20million) to their department (there is a \$130 million city wide short fall) which means there will be 100 layoffs in the City Health Department (2300 city wide). The Health Department is currently working on the “Safer Initiative” program which will concentrate on providing testing and education in especially hard hit neighborhoods, like the Sunnyside area. The Department is doing some testing at Walgreens Pharmacy in the Sunnyside area. And, there have been meetings with community leaders to broaden community education. These efforts are tied to the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. The Health Department will be working with the affected community by supplying free condoms for distribution at events. See attached flyer about the Women/Girls National Awareness Day event tonight. Planning for the next HIP HOP for HIV Awareness event has begun; the testing site will again be at Greenspoint Mall. Health screening other than for HIV and STD’s will be added this year. Due to budget restraints, the goal will be to test 7500-10000 individuals. The Department is working on a policy to address what happens when an infected person infects another person. Mayor Parker does not support the criminalization of HIV positive individuals. Part of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy is to respond to the Houston, Baytown and Sugar Land epidemic, the City needs all the assistance it can get to do this. As part of a new social marketing strategy called “Greater than AIDS” , Department personnel will be present at a Houston Rockets game.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, summarized the attached report. Immediately following the meeting, the Office of Support will show the 60 minute Open Meetings Act training video that is mandatory for all members to view before March 31, 2011.

Report from Ryan White Grants Administration: Charles Henley, Manager, summarized the attached report.

Report from the Part B and State Services Administrative Agent: Patrick Martin, Development Director, The Houston Regional, HIV/AIDS Resource Group summarized the attached report.

New Business:

Ryan White Part C Urban: Pete Rodriguez stated that one of their counselor’s, Harold Henderson, retired so they are looking for a replacement.

HOPWA: Barr left Monk a note that stated that HOPWA should expect at least a 13% decrease in funding. In a written report from Nike Lukan, Director of Prevention Services, AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc., she states that: “We will be having our General Meeting this week at our regularly schedule time. Friday, March 11, 2011 from 12-1pm on the 4th floor. At this meeting we will discuss our February 7th results, next Action activities, Advocacy Day results, and a representative from the health department’s mobile clinic team will be present to discuss the mobile clinic’s upcoming calendar. Agencies wanting the mobile clinic should be present at this meeting.

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Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS (LHTF): Vargas gave the following report: The Latino HIV Task Force met on Friday, February 25, 2011, and hosted a Community Networking Event at the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park. Gilead, through the efforts of Lynn Selzer, provided the food from Berryhill's. About 45 people were in attendance to hear City Councilmember Ed Gonzales speak to the attendees about the importance of raising HIV awareness in Latino communities. Councilmember Gonzales closed his remarks by pledging to assist the LHTF's efforts and presenting the Task Force with a Proclamation. The upcoming meeting is set for Friday, March 25, 2011 from 2pm - 4pm at Thomas Street Health Center's 3rd Floor Conference Room. Vargas will be speaking to the leadership about adding an agenda item addressing the Texas ADAP crisis, and what LHTF can do to assist Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition.

Vargas also stated that, in response to a question during an interview with Judy Woodruff of the PBS television program, "The Newshour", about the positive effect foreign aid has had saving lives in Africa, Laura Bush said, "I do know that Americans are generous and, I think, they would not like the idea of someone who's been on an A.R.V. with HIV to be taken off of it." Vargas is hopeful that the Texas Legislature feels the same about Texans with HIV.

Serving the Incarcerated and Recently Released (SIRR): Martin thanked Bass for giving a comprehensive presentation on housing at AIDS Foundation Houston. SIRR continues to work on goal setting and has established leaders for these goals. Martin and Langford will be attending the March 25, 2011 Post-Incarceration Summit. The next SIRR meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on March 23, 2011 at the GLBT Cultural Center, 401 Branard, 1st floor; these meetings are always on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

M-PACT: Rosas stated that a new web site has been established.

AIDS Trial Network: Giwa gave the following report: over 100 attendees tapped into Monday's telecall on current research on women and HIV. The Women's Research Group will meet the third week in May in Miami. The AIDS Prevention Network, 065 or Test Link to Care (TLC) has developed a new approach. Instead of just putting clients on meds they will receive supportive care as well as medication. The Trials Network Conference will meet June 5 through 8, 2011.

Legislative Updates: Leo gave the following report: The Texas HIV Medication Program is asking for a \$20 million increase but the state is proposing a possible \$25 million decrease. See the attached flyer for the web site which containing information on how to contact legislators. Also, see the attached flyer about the Texas HIV Medication Program Advisory Committee meeting in Austin on April 1, 2011. Due to a clerical error, the Texas HIV Medication Program Advisory Committee was disband, but it is now up and running.

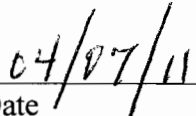
Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition: Turner stated that this is an advocacy group organizing ways to educate and influence the legislature. They are looking for volunteers to help circulate a petition at: 1) the AIDS Walk on Sunday. Meet at the Legacy table any time after 6:00 a.m. and 2) the Texas Day of Outrage at City Hall. Wear black shirts and an AIDS ribbon. Two people are working on media contacts and an education committee has been set up to speak to groups.

Announcements: Giwa announced that the Native American National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is in March. For more information contact Debra Scott through their website: Native American Coalition.org. Garza announced that FLAS is looking for two bilingual licensed chemical dependency counselors.

Adjournment: Smith-Ross adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager


Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: Carla Ross

Date 4/7/2011

Final Approval by
Council Chair: Carla Ross

Date 4/14/2011

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

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