

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, August 11, 2011 Braeswood Medical Center
1115 South Braeswood, Houston, Texas 77030

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PROJECT LEAP STUDENTS
Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair	Jackie Baldwin	Carl Tennell
Pete Rodriguez, Vice-Chair	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	Edgar Lopez
Sherifat Akorede	Greg Monk, excused	Bianca Burley
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Lyla Ordonez, excused	Shelly Ann Ramcharan
Ben Barnet	Terrence Redix, excused	Randy Bermudez
Melody Barr	Ryan Rushing, excused	JoVaun Hids
Michael Bass	Dr. Beverlee Solomon, excused	Edith Curry-Moore
David Benson	Lisa Tallent, excused	Damon Stewart
Chris Escalante	Eric Twombly	Charles Scott
David Garner	David Watson, excused	Herman Finley
Jerry Garza		Larry Woods
Eddie Givens	OTHERS PRESENT	Fabian Ellis
Morénike Giwa	Modelle Brudner, Liaison for Co. Judge Ed Emmett	Lena Williams
Gabriel Gonzalez	Linda Cantu, BMX	Joshi Searles
Linda Hollins	Randall Ellis	John Augbull
Melvin Johnson	Angela Richardson	Sharchifa Charles
Januari Leo	Adriana DiBello, AAMA	
Ernesto Macias	Larry Pelky	STAFF PRESENT
Osaro Mgbere		<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Venita Ray	PROJECT LEAP	Charles Henley
Ruben Rosas	Beverly DeJean	Carin Martin
C. Bruce Turner	Christopher Pressley	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Steven Vargas	Gregg Schener	Patrick Martin
Nadine Wallace	Allen Bass	Anna Langford
	Louis Breckford	<i>Office of Support</i>
MEMBERS ABSENT	Felicia Booker	Tori Williams
Billie Lackins, excused	Mary James	Jennifer Hadayia
Roland Amboree, excused	Tracy Gordon	Georgette L. Monaghan

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 11:32 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks: Smith-Ross welcomed the Project LEAP students and their teacher, Danielle Houston from the Center for AIDS. Smith-Ross introduced the new Health Planner for the Office of Support, Jennifer Hadayia. Smith-Ross thanked the following individuals for their invaluable help with the ten 2011 Town Hall Meetings: Cecilia Smith-Ross, Ruben Rosas, Steven Vargas, Chris Escalante, Steven Schurmann, Charles Henley, Carin Martin, Patrick Martin, Anna Langford, Diane Beck and Tori Williams. Smith-Ross concluded this portion of the meeting with a moment of reflection.

Training: “The Future of Medicaid”: Linda Cantu, Associate Director, Healthcare Alliance Liaison, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and Randall Ellis, Senior Government Relation Coordinator, Legacy Community Health Services walked members through the attached power point presentation entitled: “Securing the Future of Medicaid”.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Barr, Rosas) to adopt the July 14, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Akorede, Giwa, Gonzalez, Johnson.

Public Comment: Rosas read the guidelines regarding public comment. Smith-Ross announced that each person would have 3 minutes in which to present their comments.

Beverly DeJean, Project LEAP student, thanked the Council for inviting Project LEAP students to attend today’s meeting.

Larry Pelky stated that his company, PharmaHealth Specialty Pharmacy, offers a service package for people who are HIV+ and need medication and/or nutritional supplements. Please see Pelky after the meeting if interested in learning more about their services.

Reports from Committees:

Quality Assurance Committee: David Benson, Co-Chair, presented the following:

Reports from the Administrative Agency for Part A: See the following attached reports:

- FY10 RW Part A & MAI Procurement – FINAL – 07/13/11
- FY11 RW Part A & MAI Procurement – 07/12/11
- FY11 RW Part A Service Utilization – 1st Quarter – 07/12/11
- FY10 Outcomes Reports – FINAL – 05/25/11
- 2010 Client Satisfaction Report – April 2011

Reports from the Administrative Agency for Part B: See the following attached reports:

- FY 09/10 RW Part B Procurement for 04/01/11 – 06/30/11
- FY 10/11 SS Procurement for 09/01/10 – 06/30/11

Assessment of the Ryan White Part A Administrative Mechanism: **Motion #3:** *Approve the July 2011 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism Report noting that no corrective action is required. Commend Charles Henley and his staff for another year of outstanding work. Motion carried.*

How To Best Meet the Need: Medical Nutritional Therapy: **Motion #4:** *Ask the Part A and Part B Administrative Agents to encourage case managers to let clients, especially minority clients and women, know about the availability of Medical Nutritional services.* Discussion: one member asked why the Council should

vote on something that is already included in the vendor's contract. Williams pointed out that case managers provide a different route for getting information to consumers. The committee wants case managers and doctors to be aware of the service so more minority and women clients are aware of this service. C. Martin stated that this request will be discussed at the next meeting of Ryan White funded physicians and at the semi-monthly meeting of case managers. **Motion failed.** Yeas: Garner, Rodriguez, Barnett. Abstentions: Givens, Macias. Remainder of those members in attendance: No. See below for detailed voting records.

Motion #5: *Ask the Part A and Part B Administrative Agents to encourage case managers and Ryan White funded primary care sites to let clients, especially minority clients and women, know about the availability of Medical Nutritional services.* Discussion: Members continued to discuss barriers to this service.

Motion #6: *it was moved and seconded (Turner, Givens) to call for the question.* **Motion carried.** Nay: Garner. Abstentions: Macias, Rodriguez, Barnett.

Regarding Motion #5 above, Motion carried. Abstentions: Giwa, Macias.

How To Best Meet the Need: Bus Passes: **Motion #7:** *Keep the current bus pass system as is with 1900 "grandfathered" passes, approximately 100 non-renewable time based passes available at \$52 per pass and Q cards for all others.* **Motion carried.** Nays: Barnett, Leo. Abstentions: Giwa, Barr, Givens, Macias, Ray, Turner.

How To Best Meet the Need: Bus Passes: **Motion #8:** *Conduct a focus group to look at the Q cards, how they are issued and renewed: and to look at barriers in order to hopefully make improvements to this service.* **Motion carried.** Abstentions: Macias, Gonzalez.

Quarterly Committee Report: FYI: See the attached report.

Comprehensive HIV Planning and Ad Hoc EIIHA Strategy Committees: No report.

Affected Community Committee: Ruben Rosas, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
Committee Training: HIV and Transgender Issues: Cristan Williams, Executive Director, Transgender Foundation of America, gave a presentation on HIV and Transgender Issues.

August Committee Training: Norma Acker, former case manager at Fort Bend Family Services will be providing information on HIV in Rural Texas at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at the Center for AIDS.

HIP HOP for HIV Awareness event: Escalante stated that 7,950 individuals were tested for HIV during this 30 day event. It is not yet known how many individuals tested positive.

Operations Committee: Morénike Giwa, Co-Chair, stated that there is no report. See the attached, updated schedule of speakers for the remainder of the 2011 Council meetings.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Linda Hollins, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:
FY 2011 Targeting Percentages: **Motion #9:** *To adjust the FY 2011 Primary Medical Care targeting percentages for Community Based and Public Clinic Primary Care, including Women at the Public Clinic, so that they are aligned with the percentages approved by the Council for FY 2012.* **Motion carried.** Abstentions: Macias, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Mgbere.

Allocation Increases: ***Motion #10:*** Approve the attached allocation increases using FY 2010 Ryan White Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) carry over funds. ***Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Macias, Leo, Barr, Barnett.

FY 2011 Unspent Funds: ***Motion #11:*** In the final quarter of the FY 2011 Ryan White Part A grant year, after implementing the Council-approved October reallocation of unspent funds and utilizing the existing 10% reallocation rule to the extent feasible, Ryan White Grants Administration (RWGA) may reallocate any remaining unspent funds as necessary to ensure the Houston EMA has less than 5% unspent Formula funds and no unspent Supplemental funds. RWGA must inform the Council of these shifts no later than the next scheduled Ryan White Planning Council Steering Committee meeting. ***Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Macias, Leo, Akorede, Barnett, Mgbere.

Quarterly Committee Report: FYI: See the attached report.

Report from Office of Support: In the interest of time, Tori Williams, Manager, invited the committee to read the attached report at a later date.

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

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

New Business:

HOPWA: Melody Barr stated that the submission date for Requests for Proposals is on August 29, 2011.

Report from the Community Planning & Prevention Group (CPG) : David Garner stated that CPG has spent the last couple of months focusing on the Hip Hop for HIV Awareness event. The next meeting is the fourth Thursday of this month at 3 p.m.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Steven Vargas stated that they met last month to work on their Fall events. They typically meet on the fourth Friday of the month at 2 pm.

Serving the Recently Released Coalition (SIRR): Patrick Martin stated that the next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at the Montrose Counseling Center. Presenters include: AAMA and a research project entitled Project IMPACT. All are welcome to attend.

M-PACT: Bruce Turner stated that M-PACT will be holding an event on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, that will include educational presentations, health related information, health screenings and entertainment. Please see Vargas if you would like to volunteer to help.

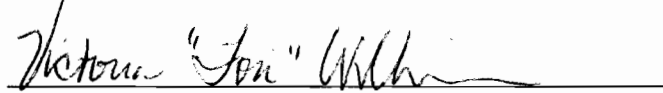
AIDS Trial Network: Morénike Giwa stated that the Women, Teens and Youth Community meets once a month on Tuesdays at Texas Children's Hospital from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Legislative Updates: Januari Leo stated that the information sent as part of the FYI portion of the meeting packet provides a good overview of what is going on. The Austin meeting on July 29, 2011 was well attended by people statewide and it was very good and informative.

Announcements: Smith-Ross wanted to congratulate V. Ray in advance for climbing Kilimanjaro. Benson stated that there is a web version of a New York Times article about health disparities affecting access to care for African Americans living with HIV/AIDS.

Adjournment: Motion #12: it was moved and seconded (Givens, Garner) to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. *Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager

08/25/11
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 9/8/2011

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	Motion #4				Motion #5				Motion #6					Motion #4				Motion #5				Motion #6				
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Claudine Alexandre-McGill			X			X				X			Ernesto Macias				X				X				X	
Roland Amboree	X												Osaro Mgbere			X			X				X			
Jackie Baldwin	X												Greg Monk	X												
Ben Barnett		X				X					X		Lyla Ordonez	X												
Melody Barr			X			X				X			Venita Ray			X			X				X			
Michael Bass			X			X				X			Terrence Redix	X												
David Benson			X			X				X			Pete Rodriguez		X				X						X	
Chris Escalante			X			X				X			Ruben Rosas			X			X				X			
David Garner		X				X					X		Ryan Rushing	X												
Jerry Garza			X			X				X			Cecilia Smith-Ross				C				C				C	
Eddie Givens				X		X				X			Beverlee Solomon	X												
Morénike Giwa			X				X			X			Lisa Tallent	X												
Gabriel Gonzalez			X			X				X			Bruce Turner					X					X			
Linda Hollins			X			X				X			Eric Twombly	X												
Melvin Johnson			X			X				X			Steven Vargas					X					X			
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Billie Lackins	X												David Watson	X												

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