

Council Approved October 13, 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, September 8, 2011

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416, Houston, Texas 77030

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair	Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Kalvin Marshall, Greeter
Pete Rodriguez, Vice-Chair	Roland Amboree, excused	Michael Goodman
Billie Lackins	Jackie Baldwin	Dionne Berkhalter
Sherifat Akorede	Michael Bass, excused	
Ben Barnet	Jerry Garza	STAFF PRESENT
Melody Barr	Melvin Johnson, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
David Benson	Osaro Mgbere, excused	Charles Henley
Chris Escalante	Venita Ray, excused	
David Garner	Ruben Rosas, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Eddie Givens	Ryan Rushing, excused	Patrick Martin
Morénike Giwa	Lisa Tallent, excused	
Gabriel Gonzalez	Eric Twombly	<i>Office of Support</i>
Linda Hollins	Steven Vargas, excused	Tori Williams
J. Hoxi Jones		Jennifer Hadayia
Januari Leo		Georgette L. Monaghan
Ernesto Macias		
Greg Monk		
Lyla Ordonez		
Terrence Redix		
Dr. Beverlee Solomon		
C. Bruce Turner		
Nadine Wallace		
David Watson		

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 11:36 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

Training: HIV-Hepatitis C Co-Infection: Ben Barnett, MD, Professor of Medicine, University of Texas walked members through the attached power point presentation entitled: "HIV and Hepatitis C Co-infection Update".

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

Adoption of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Gonzalez, Givens) to adopt the August 11, 2011 minutes. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Lackins, Jones, Monk, Ordonez, Redix, Solomon, Watson.

Public Comment: None.

Reports from Committees:

Quality Assurance Committee: No report.

Comprehensive HIV Planning and Ad Hoc EIIHA Strategy Committees: Sherifat Akorede, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2012 Comprehensive Plan: See the attached "AT-A-GLANCE" document which outlines the 2012 Comprehensive HIV Planning process. All Council members are encouraged to participate on the Leadership Team or a workgroup in order to provide input into this important process.

Affected Community Committee: Eddie Givens gave the following report:

Committee Training: HIV in Rural Texas: Norma Acker, former case manager at Fort Bend Family Services provided information on HIV in Rural Texas.

Operations Committee: Morénike Giwa, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2011 Attendance Records: See the attached attendance records.

How to Best Meet the Need: Project LEAP: The Operations Committee continues to "fine tune" the service definition for Project LEAP. Hopefully, the committee will finalize its recommendations for review by the Steering Committee and Council in September 2011.

Council Applicants: The Operations Committee will be having four-hour meetings in September, October and November in order to interview and make recommendations to the Chief Elected Official (CEO) regarding all who have submitted an application for Council membership in 2012. At this time, there are five members who will, due to term limits, will be retiring from the Council in December 2011.

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, summarized the attached report.

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 and introduced Yolanda Jones, their new Quality Assurance Coordinator.

New Business:

HOPWA: Barr stated that they have extended the due date of their RFP to September 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a Host Providers meeting on September 16, 2011.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Escalante stated that they will be participating in a Fiesta Patrias parade on Saturday, September 17, 2011. October 15, 2011 is National Latino HIV Testing Day; plans are to have booths set up at both Ripley Centers.

SIRR: Martin stated that presentations were made at the August meeting by the following organizations: AAMA, the City of Houston reentry program and Michelle Gould from Texas Christian University. TCU are doing a research project with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) on an intervention program with HIV+ people being released to the community. Another research project with the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Correctional Managed Care is being discussed. Harris County Jail is doing some following up interviews on what is and what is not working regarding access and barriers to care.

M-PACT: Turner asked members to review the attached flyer describing MPACT's September 27, 2011 event. Turner will be on the Debra Duncan show on September 26, 2011 to promote the event.

AIDS Trial Network: Giwa stated that one of the subcommittees needs members. She will forward the application form to Williams for distribution. In Houston there are several advisory boards related to research. On September 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., The Center for AIDS is holding an informational meeting with the different advisory boards. One item of discussion will be about bringing the different cabs into one unified Houston cab so that they can be more competitive for funds.

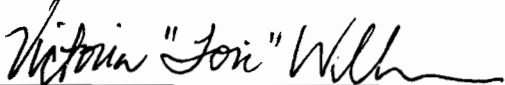
Legislative Updates: Leo stated that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is searching for ways to come up with money so they do not have to ask for so much money in the future.

Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition: There is a planning meeting in Austin on October 15, 2011. Discussions will include how to: give the coalition more legs, be more sustainable and create a mission statement.

Announcements: Akorede reminded members that their participation is needed on the Leadership Team and workgroups for the 2012 Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Services Plan.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager

10-05-11
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 10-06-11

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 10-13-11

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

	Motion #1				Motion #2				Motion #3				Motion #1				Motion #2				Motion #3					
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		NO	ABSTAIN	MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		NO	ABSTAIN	
MEMBERS													MEMBERS													
Sherifat Akorede, 11:45		X				X							Januari Leo		X					X						
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X												Ernesto Macias		X					X						
Roland Amboree	X												Osaro Mgbere	X												
Jackie Baldwin	X												Greg Monk		X									X		
Ben Barnett		X				X							Lyla Ordonez		X									X		
Melody Barr		X				X							Venita Ray	X												
Michael Bass	X												Terrence Redix		X									X		
David Benson, 11:40		X				X							Pete Rodriguez		X					X						
Chris Escalante		X				X							Ruben Rosas	X												
David Garner, 11:55		X				X							Ryan Rushing	X												
Jerry Garza	X												Cecilia Smith-Ross											C		
Eddie Givens		X				X							Dr. Beverlee Solomon		X									X		
Morénike Giwa		X				X							Lisa Tallent	X												
Gabriel Gonzalez		X				X							Bruce Turner		X					X						
Linda Hollins		X				X							Eric Twombly	X												
Melvin Johnson	X												Steven Vargas	X												
J. Hoxi Jones		X						X					Nadine Wallace, 11:46		X					X						
Billie Lackins		X						X					David Watson		X									X		