

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 8, 2012

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Morénike Giwa, Chair	Claudine Alexandre-McGill, excused	Ann Reed, Bering Omega
Ben Barnett, Vice-Chair	Roland Amboree, excused	Ramido Hernandez
Ruth Atkinson	Bianca Burley, excused	Rajagopal V. Sekhar, MD, BCM/HCHD
Melody Barr	David Garner, excused	Jodi Wellner, Legacy Community Health Svcs.
Michael Bass	Jerry Garza, excused	Denise Deckard, Greeter
David Benson	Tracy Gorden, excused	Jessica Diaz
Amber David	Linda Hollins	Chevonne Potter
Chris Escalante	Melvin Johnson, excused	
Gabriel Gonzalez	Billie Lackins, excused	STAFF PRESENT
J. Hoxi Jones	Venita Ray, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Januari Leo	Ruben Rosas, excused	Charles Henley
Ernesto Macias	Ryan Rushing, excused	Carin Martin
Osaro Mgbere	C. Bruce Turner, excused	Heather Keizman
Nancy Miertschin	Nadine Wallace, excused	
Greg Monk		<i>The Resource Group</i>
Kevin Moore		Anna Langford
Lyla Ordonez		
Terrence Redix		<i>Office of Support</i>
Dr. Beverlee Solomon		Tori Williams
Carl Tennill		Jen Hadayia
Eric Twombly		Georgette L. Monaghan
David Watson		
Pat Weatherspoon		
Lena Williams		
Larry Woods		

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

Call to Order: Morénike Giwa, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. and asked for a Moment of Reflection.

Training: Panel Discussion on the Pros and Cons of Medical Nutritional Supplements: In 2011, the provider for Ryan White funded medical nutritional supplements ended their contract prematurely, raising a number of

questions about the service. As a result the following individuals were invited to serve on a panel to address the attached list of questions prepared by the Quality Assurance and Affected Community Committees:

- Rajagopal V. Sekhar, M.D., endocrinologist, from Baylor College of Medicine and the Harris County Hospital District
- Jodi Wellner, Registered Dietician, Legacy Community Health Services
- Greg Monk, Personal Trainer and Consumer

The speakers agreed on the following points:

- 1.) The Council should be careful about allocating funds for supplements that have not been scientifically proven to be effective.
- 2.) Those that have been scientifically proven to be effective can be very helpful to consumers.
- 3.) Supplements should only be provided if approved by the physician treating the patient for HIV/AIDS to make sure the supplements are not contra indicated for the patient's HIV and other medication.

Henley stated that Ryan White Grant Administration has recently conducted a survey with clinicians regarding the pros and cons of nutritional supplements. Martin will share findings from the survey with the Quality Assurance Committee next week. The findings are consistent with the above comments. As a point of information, Ryan White funds cannot be used to pay for over the counter vitamins.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2**: *it was moved and seconded (Monk, Redix) to adopt the February 9, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Jones, Macias, Mgbere, Miertschin, Ordonez, Weatherspoon, Williams.

Public Comment: Ordonez read the guidelines regarding public comment. Giwa announced that each person would have 2 minutes in which to present their comments. Jessica Diaz distributed written comments from Bering Omega Community Services.

Reports from Committees:

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

Reports from the Administrative Agency – Part A: See the attached:

- FY 2011 Part A & MAI Procurement Report, 01/30/12
- FY 2011 Part A Service Utilization Report, 3rd Quarter, 01/03/12

Reports from the Administrative Agency – Part B: See the attached:

- FY 09/10 Part B Procurement Report, 04/01/11 thru 01/31/12
- FY 2011/12 Part B Service Utilization Report, 3rd Quarter, 04/01/11 thru 12/31/11
- FY 2011/12 DSHS State Services Utilization Report, 1st Quarter, 01/04/12
- FY 2011/12 State Services Procurement Report, 09/01/11 through 01/31/12

Comprehensive HIV Planning: Michael Bass, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2012 Comprehensive Plan: Bass gave highlights from the attached February 2012 Summary of Activities.

2012 Comprehensive Plan: See the enclosed list of strategies from each Workgroup, timeline, feedback presentation and questionnaire for key stakeholders.

2012 Committee Meeting Dates: Due to a number of scheduling conflicts, the Committee will change its meeting date and time to 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of the month. In March, they will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2012 to approve the 2012 Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan.

Affected Community: Lyla Ordonez, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

Committee Meeting Schedule: The February Committee meeting was dedicated to selecting committee training topics and off site meeting locations.

National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is on March 10, 2012. See the attached description of the event.

Operations Committee: David Watson, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2012 Council Training: See the attached schedule of speakers for the 2012 Council trainings. Possible topics for August and October are: Legal Issues and HIV, Finances and HIV, and Health Care Reform. The presentation to the Planning Council by Project LEAP students has been moved to September 13, 2012 so that they can be present for the update on the Texas HIV Medication Program.

Priority and Allocations: Greg Monk, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

FY 2013 Principles and Criteria: **Motion #3:** *To approve the attached FY 2013 Principles and Criteria. Motion carried.* Abstention: Ordonez.

FY 2013 Priority Setting Process: **Motion #4:** *Use the same priority setting process for FY 2013 that was used by the Council for FY 2012. (See the attached policy.) Motion carried.* Abstention: Ordonez.

Health Insurance Assistance: See the attached financial report dated 04/01/11 through 12/31/11.

In the Houston area, both Ryan White Part A and B received increased grant awards.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, Office of Support for the Ryan White Planning Council stated that, in the interest of time, she would not review the attached report. Instead she made three quick announcements: 1) There is a March 15, 2012 joint meeting of the Quality Assurance, Priority and Allocations and Affected Community Committees. Other Council and external committee members are invited to participate as well. The purpose is to determine the criteria to be used in the How to Best Meet the Need (HTBMTN) process to determine the FY 2013 service categories. 2) Please see the attached, revised HTBMTN workgroup schedule. And, 3) please bring packets that are mailed to members to the meetings to help conserve paper.

Report from Ryan White Grants Administration: Charles Henley, Manager, Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA), Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services, briefly summarized the attached reports.

Report from the Part B and State Services Administrative Agent: Ann Langford, Health Planner for The Resource Group stated that her organization was selected to be the administrative agent for Ryan White Part B in the Houston HSDA for the next four years. Langford distributed the list of Houston area grant awards to local organizations and encouraged members to attend the First Annual East Texas Engagement Conference for Post-Released Offenders from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at St. John's Church Downtown, 2019 Crawford Street, Houston, TX 77002 (see the attached flyer).

New Business:

Project LEAP: Giwa reported that the Advisory Committee will meet again next week. They have been working on the suggested curriculum and staff has secured classroom space at the Third Ward Multi Service Center.

HOPWA: Barr stated that they are working on an Action Plan. The funding year is from 7/1/2012 – 6/30/2013 so they will soon be submitting their application to HUD.

Report from the Community Planning & Prevention Group (CPG/PPG): Langford stated that the next meeting is at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 8000 Stadium Drive.

African American Emergency Task Force on HIV/AIDS: David reported that the Task Force will be meeting on March 9, 2012 at noon the fourth floor of 8000 Stadium Drive. They meet every second Friday. One of their tasks is to provide HIV testing somewhere in the community every other month.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Escalante stated that they partnered with AAMA to do testing at the Alante Adult Literary School. Their meetings are every fourth Friday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Thomas Street Clinic.

AIDS Trial Network: Giwa reported that the CROI Conference is being held this week.

Legislative Updates/Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition: see attached Road to AIDS meeting flyer.

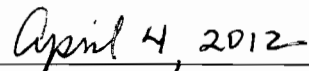
Medical Updates: Ben Barnett, MD stated that he did not have any medical updates but the CROI Conference is probably the most important HIV research conference in the world going on in Seattle. There are free webinars available.

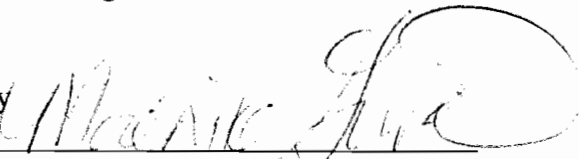
Announcements: Escalante announced a Health Fair on March 22, 2012, see the attached flyer. Jones announced that there will be a meeting on March 13, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. regarding the 1115 Waiver. Tennill reminded members that the Project LEAP Feedback Survey ends tomorrow, Friday, March 9, 2012. Monk announced that his cousin has been appointed President of the Human Rights Campaign.

Adjournment: Giwa adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

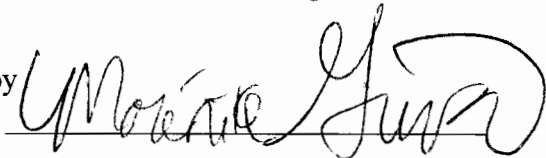
Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager


Date April 4, 2012

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date April 5, 2012

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date April 12, 2012

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

	Motion #4						Motion #4			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN			ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MEMBERS					MEMBERS					
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X				Ernesto Macias		X			
Roland Amboree	X				Osaro Mgbere		X			
Ruth Atkinson		X			Nancy Mietschin		X			
Ben Barnett		X			Greg Monk		X			
Melody Barr		X			Kevin Moore		X			
Michael Bass		X			Lyla Ordonez				X	
David Benson		X			Venita Ray	X				
Bianca Burley	X				Terrence Redix		X			
Amber David		X			Ruben Rosas	X				
Chris Escalante		X			Ryan Rushing	X				
David Garner	X				Dr. Beverlee Solomon		X			
Jerry Garza	X				Carl Tennill		X			
Morénike Giwa		X			Bruce Turner	X				
Gabriel Gonzalez		X			Eric Twombly		X			
Tracy Gorden	X				Nadine Wallace	X				
Linda Hollins	X				David Watson		X			
Melvin Johnson	X				Pat Weatherspoon		X			
J. Hoxi Jones		X			Lena Williams		X			
Billie Lackins	X				Larry Woods		X			
Januari Leo	X									