

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

12 noon, Thursday, September 11, 2014

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Steven Vargas, Chair	Cecilia Ross	Ramiro Hernandez
Herman Finley, Vice-Chair	C. Bruce Turner	
Leslie Raneri, Secretary	David Watson	
Ruth Atkinson	Larry Woods	STAFF PRESENT
Michael Bass		<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Curtis Bellard	MEMBERS ABSENT	Carin Martin
David Benson	Roland Amboree, excused	Heather Keizman
Skeet Boyle	Melody Barr, excused	
Bianca Burley	Burnest Carter	
Ella Collins-Nelson	Rene de Buenrostro, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Amber David	Jerry Garza	Sha-Terra Johnson-Fairley
Chris Escalante	Gabriel Gonzalez, excused	
Evelio Salinas Escamilla	Paul Grunenwald, excused	
Gene Ethridge	Peta-gay Ledbetter, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Tracy Gorden	Januari Leo, excused	Tori Williams
Connie Harris	Greg Monk, excused	Amber Alvarez
J. Hoxi Jones	Shital Patel, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan
Nancy Miertschin	Eric Twombly, excused	
Kevin Moore	Nadine Wallace, excused	
Teresa Pruitt	Tamika White	

See attached chart for individual voting information

Call to Order: Steven Vargas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and asked for a Moment of Reflection.

Adoption of the Agenda: ***Motion #1:** it was moved and seconded (Turner, Pruitt) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Collins-Nelson, Boyle.

Adoption of the Minutes: ***Motion #2:** it was moved and seconded (Turner, Pruitt) to adopt the August 14, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Collins-Nelson, Jones, Moore.

Training: EIIHA Update: Amber Alvarez, MA, Health Planner, Office of Support, presented the attached Power Point presentation entitled "No One Left Behind: Houston's Strategy to Link People to HIV Care".

Public Comments and Announcements: Raneri read the guidelines regarding public comment. Jones reviewed the attached document entitled "Medicaid and CHIP, Renewals are Changing".

Reports from Committees:

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: No committee report.

Affected Community Committee: Gene Ethridge, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Training: HIV and Dental Care: Committee members heard a presentation on HIV and Dental Care at St. Hope Foundation in Sugar Land.

Monthly Meeting Topics: See the attached list of monthly training topics and off site meeting locations.

2014 Community Events: See the attached list of 2014 events where the Council will have a presence. If anyone would like to help staff a table at the Miss Utopia event on Sunday, October 26, 2014, please see Monaghan. Standards of Care Training for consumers will be held at the committee's next meeting at 12 noon, Thursday, September 25, 2014 at Thomas Street Health Center. At 2:30 p.m. on October 16, 2014 there will be a Consumer-Only Workgroup to review the Standards of Care and Performance Measures. On either October 28 or October 29, 2014 there will be a Community Workgroup for the same purpose.

2014 Greeters: See the attached list of greeters for the 2014 Council meetings.

Blue Book Art Presentation: On August 29, 2014, Art Salazar, former Project LEAP Graduate and committee member, presented five of his own art pieces for the 2015-2016 Blue Book. Additional artwork will be considered until the deadline of 09/18/14.

Quality Assurance Committee: Cecilia Ross, Co-Chair, gave the following information:

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part A: See the attached reports:

- FY14 Procurement – Part A and MAI, dated 08/13/14

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part B: See the attached reports:

- FY13 Procurement – Ryan White Part B, dated 8/21/14
- 2013-14 Service Utilization – Ryan White Part B, dated 8/21/14
- FY 2013/14 Procurement – State Services, thru 06/14
- FY 2013/14 Service Utilization – State Services, dated 8/14/14
- FY 2014 Insurance Assistance Services Utilization, dated 8/14/14

Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism – FY 2013 Part A and MAI: ***Motion #3:** Approve the attached Houston Area Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism for Part A and MAI, Fiscal Year 2013. No corrective action is required. Motion carried.* Abstention: Watson.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Turner summarized the attached memo which outlined changes made to the July 2014 allocation of Ryan White Part A unspent funds due to a difference in the amount of funds available to be allocated according the Harris County Auditors Office.

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

Project LEAP: Twenty-four students graduated from Project LEAP on Wednesday evening, August 13, 2014.

Vargas stated that some of the Project LEAP Graduates who applied for external committee membership were recently appointed to the Quality Assurance, Comprehensive HIV Planning and Affected Community Committees, so they that they can participate in the remainder of the 2014 activities. Ross stated that three new

external committee members participated in the September Quality Assurance Committee meeting. They were all eager to join and ready to learn.

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

Report from Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA): Carin Martin, Manager, summarized the attached report. Martin thanked those who reviewed the HRSA grant application.

Report from The Resource Group: Sha-Terra Johnson-Fairley, Health Planner, summarized the attached report.

New Business:

Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D: No report.

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC): No report since they only meet twice a year.

HOPWA: Vargas repeated last month's report for Melody Barr stating that there are no TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistance) slots available at this time.

Community Prevention Group (CPG): See Finley's attached report. Johnson-Fairley stated that CPG is changing their structure so that the Task Forces work together more efficiently.

Update from Task Forces:

African American: See Finley and Johnson-Fairley's attached reports. Finley added that St. Hope Foundation has Mobile Units, see him for more information.

Latino: See Vargas's attached report.

MSM: See Vargas's attached report.

Transgender: No report.

Youth: See Johnson-Fairley's attached report entitled, "HIV and Disclosure: Who? What? When?" The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2, 2014.

Hepatitis C: See Vargas's attached report.

Syphilis: See Finley's attached report.

Urban AIDS Ministry: David reported on the following: there will be HIV testing at select churches on the fourth Sunday of every month. Results from the last 11 months indicate an 11% positivity rate. The highest rate has been at St. John's Church, where there is a huge homeless population.

HIV and Aging: Turner gave the following reports: At the August meeting, Dr. Kass from Baylor University presented information on HIV Associated Neurocognitive Disorder (HAND). The September meeting will include a representative from the Alzheimer's Association who will discuss services available for those suffering with Alzheimer's and Dementia. *Motion #4: it was moved and seconded (Pruitt, Ethridge) to approve participation by the Planning Council and Office of Support in a "dessert bake-off" against the CPG at the HIV and Aging Christmas Party on December 13, 2014. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Finley, Harris.

Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition: Austin's annual Advocacy Day is scheduled for February 18, 2015.

SPNS Grant: HIV and the Homeless Program: Miertschin stated that they are leading the country with 68 individuals enrolled in their program.

Medical Updates: See Patel's attached report.

Announcements:

- Finley announced that Council member Woods has been promoted to Manager of Prevention at St. Hope Foundation.
- Atkinson stated that Positive Organizing Project (POP+) begins on September 30, 2014 at Legacy Community Health Services. Atkinson is starting her own 101 Advocacy Campaign called "Y Not Test" and is writing a letter to Mayor Annise Parker for her support on World AIDS Day. Atkinson is also asking for Council members to provide help and support.
- Hoxi handed out the attached Sickle Cell flyer, as September is Sickle Cell Month.
- Fairley-Johnson announced that the first World AIDS Day planning meeting will be tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at 3611 Ennis Street, the 3rd Ward.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Joni" Williams

Victoria Williams, Manager

09/29/14

Date

Draft Certified by

Council Chair: S. Varga

Date 10/02/14

Final Approval by

Council Chair: S. Varga

Date 10/09/14

Council Voting Records for September 11, 2014

C = Chair of the meeting lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room	Motion #1			Motion #2				Motion #1			Motion #2			
	ABSENT	Agenda YES	Carried NO	ABSTAIN	Minutes YES	Carried NO		ABSTAIN	ABSENT	Agenda YES	Carried NO	ABSTAIN	Minutes YES	Carried NO
MEMBERS														
Steven Vargas, Chair				C			C	Cecilia Ross	X				X	
Herman Finley, Vice-Chair		X			X			C. Bruce Turner	X				X	
Leslie Raneri, Secretary, 12:11	X				X			David Watson	X				X	
Ruth Atkinson		X			X			Larry Woods	X				X	
Michael Bass		X			X									
Curtis Bellard		X			X			MEMBERS ABSENT						
David Benson		X			X			Roland Amboree						
Skeet Boyle				X	lm			Melody Barr						
Bianca Burley, 12:12	X				X			Burnest Carter						
Ella Collins-Nelson				X			X	Rene de Buenrostro						
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Gene Ethridge		X			X			Peta-gay Ledbetter						
Tracy Gorden		X			X			Januari Leo						
Connie Harris		X			X			Greg Monk						
J. Hoxi Jones		X					X	Shital Patel						
Nancy Miertschin, 12:15	X				X	X		Eric Twombly						
Kevin Moore		X					X	Nadine Wallace						
Teresa Pruitt		X			X			Tamika White						

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