

Council Approved May 14, 2015

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, April 9, 2015

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 532
Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Steven Vargas, Chair	Peta-gay Ledbetter	Gloria Sierra, TX Children's Hospital
Tracy Gorden, Vice-Chair	Nancy Miertschin	Trinidad Hernandez
Connie Harris, Secretary	Kevin Moore	Nick Sloop
Roland Amboree	Robert Noble	Michael Kennedy
Ted Artiaga	Shital Patel	STAFF PRESENT
Ruth Atkinson	Teresa Pruitt	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Melody Barr	Leslie Raneri	Carin Martin
Curtis Bellard	Cecilia Ross	Tasha Traylor
David Benson	Carol Suazo	Heather Keizman
Skeet Boyle	C. Bruce Turner	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Tana Brown	David Watson	Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Amber David	Larry Woods	Tiffany Shepherd
Gene Ethridge	MEMBERS ABSENT	Marcus D. Benoit
Herman Finley	Chad Brandt, excused	Terrance Benson
Paul Grunenwald	Bianca Burley, excused	<i>Office Of Support</i>
Steven Harris	Ella Collins-Nelson	Tori Williams
Angela Hawkins	Evelio Salinas Escamilla, excused	Amber Alvarez
Arlene Johnson	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan
John Lazo	Januari Leo, excused	

See attached chart for individual voting information

Call to Order: Steven Vargas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and asked for a Moment of Reflection.

During the welcoming remarks, Vargas asked that the agenda be amended since the Operations Committee motion regarding Community and Public Comment Sign-In Sheets was tabled at the Steering Committee meeting; please disregard this item on the agenda. Meeting packets were sent early because there was no mail service on Good Friday.

Due to his new baby and a fairly new company, Michael Bass has decided to resign from the Planning Council. We will miss his valuable input and wish him well.

Vargas also expressed thanks to the members of the Affected Community Committee, Office of Support staff, Ryan White Grant Administration staff and others for co-hosting and providing volunteer support and expertise at an educational workshop at Ripley House on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Although the turnout was low, the presentations by the speakers were fabulous (thank you, Carin Martin). Council and external members who were greeters at the event included: Gene Ethridge, Curtis Bellard, Tracy Gorden, Skeet Boyle, Angela Hawkins, Kevin Moore and Michael Kennedy.

Adoption of the Agenda: **Motion #1:** *it was moved and seconded (Boyle, Johnson) to adopt the agenda, with the exclusion of the Operations Committee motion regarding Community and Public Comment Sign-In Sheets. Motion carried. Motion carried unanimously.*

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Amboree, Harris, S.) to adopt the March 12, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Boyle, Harris, C., Patel, Pruitt, Ross.

HIV and Aging : Shital Patel, MD, Baylor College of Medicine, presented the attached Power Point presentation on “HIV and the Over 50 Population.”

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Reports from Committees:

Quality Assurance Committee: Cecilia Ross, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Criteria for FY 2016 Service Categories: **Motion #3:** *Approve the attached criteria for determining the FY 2016 Ryan White service categories. Motion approved unanimously.*

Report from the Administrative Agency: Part A: See the attached reports:

- FY13 Chart Reviews for:
 - Primary Care, dated 11/14
 - Vision Care, dated 11/14
 - Oral Health – Rural, dated 12/14
- Clinical Quality Management Committee Report, dated 02/17/15
- 2015 Client Satisfaction Survey Update
- Summary of Recommended Changes, FY15 Performance Measures

Report from the Administrative Agency: Part B: See the attached reports:

- 2014/15 Ryan White Part B Procurement, dated 03/11/15
- 2014/15 DSHS State Services Procurement, dated 03/11/15
- 2014/15 Ryan White Part B Service Utilization, dated 03/10/15
- Health Insurance Service Utilization, dated 03/10/15
- 2014 Chart Reviews:
 - Home & Community Based Services
 - Hospice Services
 - Mental Health Services
 - Oral Health Care Services
- Revised 2015/16 Standards of Care:
 - Hospice Services, effective 01/01/15
 - Oral Health Care Services, received 03/19/15

Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism – Part B/SS: ***Motion #4: Approve the attached FY12/13 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism – Ryan White Part B and State Services, dated 02/10/15. Motion approved unanimously.***

FY16 How To Best Meet the Need Process: All were encouraged to attend the training for the How To Best Meet the Need (HTBMN) process at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015. Also, the workgroups described on the attached flyer. Please contact Monaghan for a reminder.

Health Insurance Workgroup: On March 26, 2015 there was a Health Insurance Workgroup meeting which included participation from representatives of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The focus of the meeting was to help DSHS become more familiar with the work that has been done in Houston and East Texas to promote use of private health insurance, particularly in the areas of allocation, monitoring fiscal issues, and evaluation of the effects of increasing the number of consumers that have private health insurance plans.

Operations Committee: Ruth Atkinson, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Council Quorum & Attendance Survey Results: See the attached survey results regarding Council quorum and attendance.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: David Benson, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Speakers Bureau Update: The Committee reviewed the Speakers Bureau Evaluation Form, which serves as both a feedback tool and an opportunity to continuously connect with members of the business community through the email sign-up section. Lazo stated that the National Council of Women of Achievement has asked for a speaker at their Health Fair on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Nike Bleu will be the speaker.

Feasibility Special Study: The Committee reviewed the Cost of Care for Hepatitis C addendum. The document details the potential cost of treating/curing hepatitis C co-infections out of pocket, as part of the pilot project assessed in the original feasibility study, and with manufacturer co-pay assistance programs for the hepatitis C medications. Though participants would need to get prior medication approval from their insurance carriers, use of insurance coverage and co-payment assistance programs could greatly reduce the cost of curing hepatitis C co-infection.

The Committee has decided to wait until the Supreme Court issues a ruling on King v. Burwell to provide a recommendation on the pursuit of a pilot project. Staff was instructed to begin gathering information on potential cost-sharing partnerships.

Enrollment Special Study – Phase 2: The Committee updated the survey tool used for Phase 1 of the Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Special Study. Questions were added about enrolling children in Qualified Health Plans (QHPs), motivations for selecting particular QHPs, satisfaction with QHPs, and plans for the next open enrollment period.

Upcoming Meetings: The Committee will not meet in April. The Comprehensive Plan Evaluation Workgroup will meet on April 16 at 2:00 p.m., and the Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA) workgroup will meet in May. Workgroup attendance is open to all who are interested.

Affected Community Committee: Herman Finley, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

HIV and ACA Educational Workgroups: The second HIV and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Educational Workgroup for consumers took place on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Ripley House. Although there was little

public participation, volunteers for the event thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and felt that the information provided was extremely helpful.

Training: How To Best Meet the Need Process: At their March meeting, the committee hosted a training for consumers on the Ryan White How To Best Meet the Need process.

Project LEAP 2015: Many thanks to Ross, Ethridge, Bellard and Gorden for their extraordinary Project LEAP recruitment efforts. Collectively, they staffed 5 recruitment events at 3 Ryan White funded primary care sites and recruited at least eight applicants.

Monthly Committee Education and Speakers: See the attached list of monthly committee educational presentations and Speakers.

Community Events: See the attached list of community events at which the committee will have a presence.

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report.

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

Report from Ryan White Grant Administration : Carin Martin, Manager, Ryan White Grants Administration, summarized the attached report.

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

Medical Updates: Patel: The CROI Conference was held at the end of February. On Tuesday, April 12, 2015, there will be a second meeting at Thomas Street Health Center to share information presented at the conference. Dr. Patel is seeing a high number of individuals with cardio vascular disease. On the other hand, those who are being treated for Hepatitis C and HIV are showing a high rate of response.

New Business:

Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D: Miertschin stated that Ryan White Part C funds may allow Harris Health Systems to add an Adolescent Clinic at Northwest Clinic.

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC): No report.

HOPWA: Barr stated that on April 9, 2015, there will be a second Public Hearing on the 2015 Consolidated Plan. The City Housing Department is looking for input on how federal dollars should be spent. HOPWA received a \$1 million cut in FY 2015.

Community Prevention Group (CPG): Finley stated that they have an HIV-themed song written by one of their members. They are reviewing it to see if they want to make it public and relate the song to Houston.

Update from Task Forces:

- **African American:** Johnson-Fairley stated they will be meeting April 17, 2015, same time and same location. They will be participating at Madison High School for Youth and HIV World AIDS Day tomorrow. They will also be participating at Spring High School at a Community Awareness Show on the April 25, 2015.
- **Latino:** See Vargas's attached report.

- **MSM:** Artiaga stated that the next meeting is on April 30, 2015. They will be hosting a testing event on April 18, 2015.
- **Youth:** Lazo stated that tomorrow is National HIV/AIDS Youth Awareness Day; hence, the Task Force will be hosting an interactive panel on HIV at Madison High School.
- **Hepatitis C:** See Vargas's attached report.
- **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI):** Finley stated that the task force met at Hiram Park MSC. If anyone is doing a community related event and needs incentives, they have some to give away. Contact him for more information.
- **Urban AIDS Ministry:** David stated that testing events are now being done at Food Banks using the theme: "Juice for a Squeeze".

HIV and Aging: Turner stated that Ann Robbins skyped her presentation on *HIV and Mature Texans* at the March task force meeting. Meetings are always the fourth Friday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Montrose Center.

Texas HIV Medication Program: Turner stated that the next meeting is on May 15, 2015.

SPNS Grant: HIV and the Homeless Program: Miertschin stated they are still leading the county with 95% enrollment.

Announcements: Lazo stated that those providers working in cancer have very little expertise in HIV.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Jon" Williams

Victoria Williams, Manager

04/29/15

Date

Draft Certified by Council Chair: S. Vargas

Date 05/07/15

Final Approval by Council Chair: S. Vargas

Date 05/14/15

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