

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, February 9, 2017
2223 W. Loop South, Room 532; Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
John Lazo, Vice-Chair	Tana Pradia	Willie Barnes, ViiV
Carol Suazo, Secretary	Teresa Pruitt	Mikel Marshall, ViiV
Ted Artiaga	Venita Ray	Shabaura Perryman, BMS
Curtis Bellard	Gloria Sierra	
Skeet Boyle	Krystal Shultz	STAFF PRESENT
Bianca Burley	Isis Torrente	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Ella Collins-Nelson	Steven Vargas	Carin Martin
Amber David	Larry Woods	Heather Keizman
Evelio Salinas Escamilla		<i>Tasha Traylor</i>
Herman Finley	MEMBERS ABSENT	
Tracy Gorden	Connie Barnes	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Angela F. Hawkins	David Benson, excused	Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Denis Kelly	Johnny Deal, excused	Lashunda Robinson, intern
Tom Lindstrom	Denny Delgado, excused	Sharon Rhames, intern
Osaro Mgbere	Paul Grunenwald, excused	Nicole Booker, intern
Nancy Miertschin	Arlene Johnson, excused	
Rodney Mills	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Allen Murray	Peta-gay Ledbetter, excused	Tori Williams
Robert Noble	Shital Patel, excused	Amber Harbolt
John Poole	Cecilia Ross, excused	Diane Beck

Call to Order: John Lazo, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

During the welcoming remarks, Lazo welcomed the new Council Members, thanked the Operations Committee for the great job of organizing and hosting the Mentor Luncheon and Orientation and thanked everyone who helped with the Road 2 Success classes and the Physician Conference.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1: it was moved and seconded (Pruitt, Vargas) to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.** Abstention: Finley

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion #2: it was moved and seconded (Pruitt, Hawkins) to approve the December 8, 2016 minutes.* **Motion carried.** Abstentions: Finley, Kelly, Lindstrom, Mgbere, Poole, Ray and Shultz.

Training: END HIV Houston and Crosswalk for END HIV Houston and 2017 Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan: Ray and Harbolt presented the attached documents.

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Reports from Committees:

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Comprehensive Plan Kick Off Event: On January 10, 2017 the Office of Support hosted a Kick Off event for the 2017-2021 Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan.

Affected Community Committee: No report.

Quality Improvement Committee: No report.

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report

Operations Committee: Curtis Bellard, Co-Chair, reported on the following. 2017 Mentor/Mentee Luncheon: The Operations Committee hosted the 2017 Mentor/Mentee Luncheon on January 19, 2017. Before the luncheon, the Chair of the Council provided training to all mentors.

2017 Council Orientation: The Operations Committee hosted the 2017 Council Orientation on January 26, 2017.

2017 Council Activities: Tori Williams reviewed the attached Petty Cash Memorandum, Timeline of Critical Activities and the Texas Open Meetings Act Training Memorandum.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, summarized the attached report. She added that Council volunteers were needed to staff a water table at the AIDS Walk. Pruitt volunteered.

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

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

New Business:

HOPWA: Shultz said that they will be releasing an RFP in late March or early April.

Community Prevention Group (CPG): Finley

Updates from Task Forces:

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI): Noble said that they are still promoting their online survey which has a \$20 incentive and also an incentive for the agency that refers the most participants. The STDFree360 website has a PSA running on several local stations.

African American: Johnson-Fairley said the next meeting is tomorrow at noon at the Fifth Ward Multiservice Center located at 4014 Market Street.

Latino: Sierra presented the attached report.

MSM: Artiaga presented the attached report.

Transgender: David said that a transgender focus group was held to give the transgender community a voice and help us learn about the community needs and cultural competency such as the language that is used. There were at least 30 people in attendance.

Hepatitis C: Vargas presented the attached report.

Urban AIDS Ministry: David said that Nelson-Collins should provide this report because he does not attend this meeting. Nelson-Collins said that there was no meeting.

Youth: Lazo presented the attached report.

HIV and Aging: Lazo presented the attached report.

Positive Women's Network: Pradia said that they meet on the second Monday of the month at Legacy. There will be a presentation on February 7 Black HIV Awareness Day *entitled The Truth about HIV in the Black Community* at Reynolds Elementary in the Sunnyside area. They will also join with AAMA for their March 4th event observing Women and Girls HIV Awareness Day.

END HIV Houston: Ray presented at the start of the meeting.

Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D: Miertschin presented the attached report.

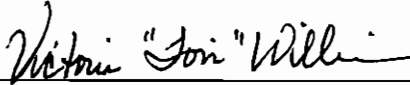
SPNS Grant: HIV and the Homeless Program: Miertschin presented the attached report.

Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee: Miertschin presented the attached report.

Announcements: Gorden has applications for the Poz Living Conference in Florida. Kelly said that Advocacy Day is February 28 in Austin. Ray added that she will have a training for Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 15th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Williams, Director

02/24/17
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 03/02/17

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 03/09/17

Council Voting Records for February 9, 2017

C = Chaired the meeting ♦ ja = Just arrived at the meeting ♦ lm = Left the meeting

MEMBERS	Motion #1 Agenda Carried			Motion #2 Minutes Carried			Motion #1 Agenda Carried			Motion #2 Minutes Carried		
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	YES	NO
MEMBERS												
John Lazo, Vice-Chair				C				X			X	
Carol Suazo, Secretary		X			X			X			X	
Ted Artiaga		X			X			X				X
Curtis Bellard		X			X			X			X	
Skeet Boyle	X			X								X
Bianca Burley		X			X			X			X	
Ella Collins-Nelson		X			X			X			X	
Amber David		X			X			X			X	
Evelio Salinas Escamilla		X			X			X				
Herman Finley			X			X						
Tracy Gorden		X			X							
Angela F. Hawkins		X			X							
Denis Kelly		X					X					
Tom Lindstrom		X					X					
Osaro Mgbere		X					X					
Nancy Miertschin		X			X							
Rodney Mills		X			X							
Allen Murray		X			X							
Robert Noble	X			X								
John Poole		X				X						