

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, July 13, 2017

Meeting Location: Ryan White Offices, 2223 W. Loop South, Room 532; Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cecilia Ross, Chair	Tana Pradia	Alex Moses
Carol Suazo, Secretary	Venita Ray	Veria Steptoe
Ted Artiaga	Viviana Santibanez	Shola Oshugbade
Connie Barnes	Gloria Sierra	Undrea Goodwin, Detroit, MI
Curtis Bellard	Steven Vargas	Quintin Stroud, Detroit, MI
Skeet Boyle	Larry Woods	
Bianca Burley		
Ella Collins-Nelson		STAFF PRESENT
Amber David		<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Johnny Deal		Carin Martin
Evelio Salinas Escamilla	MEMBERS ABSENT	Heather Keizman
Herman Finley	David Benson, excused	Tasha Traylor
Tracy Gorden	Arlene Johnson	
Paul Grunenwald	Peta-gay Ledbetter, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Angela F. Hawkins	Nancy Miertschin, excused	Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
J. Hoxi Jones	Rodney Mills, excused	
Denis Kelly	Robert Noble, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Tom Lindstrom	Shital Patel, excused	Tori Williams
Osaro Mgbere	Teresa Pruitt, excused	Amber Harbolt
Allen Murray	Krystal Shultz, excused	
John Poole	Isis Torrente, excused	

Call to Order: Cecila Ross, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Ross welcomed Tracy Gorden, the new Vice Chair. She also welcomed Quintin Stroud, Chair, and Undrea Goodwin, Health Planning Coordinator, Southeastern Michigan HIV/AIDS Council. Mr. Stroud and Ms. Goodwin explained that they were visiting the Houston Council in order to learn about Project LEAP so that they could start a similar project in the Detroit area. Ross continued by thanking the Priority and Allocations Committee for their hard work preparing recommendations; the Committee held several special meetings, their regularly scheduled

meeting and a public hearing all in the month of June. She also thanked the co-chairs of the Affected Community for chairing the public hearing. Everyone arrived at the hearing prepared and ready to be televised! Amber gave an excellent review of the 2016 Needs Assessment at the public hearing. She has an amazing ability to make complex data easy to understand and her cartoons and jokes make all of her presentations fun and interesting. She also thanked Diane for her hard work on the public hearing. She spent a lot of time in June preparing scripts, handouts, signs and more, which made all of us look good when the cameras started rolling. This month, members of the Affected Community Committee hosted *Road 2 Success* at the public clinic. The conference room was packed which shows that consumers are hungry for information about case management. Congratulations to the Affected Community Committee for a job well done. And, Ross extended thanks to the Affected Community Committee for organizing the Ryan White booth at the Pride Festival. Then, Ross called for a Moment of Reflection,

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

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion #2*: *it was moved and seconded (Bellard, Barnes) to approve the June 8, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Boyle, David, Mgbere and Pradia.

Training: Priority Setting and Allocations Processes: Collins-Nelson walked the Council through the attached power point presentation which described the priority setting process. She also reviewed the philosophy which was used, along with the FY 2018 Principles and Criteria, to determine the allocations for FY 2018. Grunenwald pointed out that a description of and justification for allocation changes made to an individual service category were documented in the far right hand column of the FY 2018 Level Funding Scenario.

Public Comment and Announcements: See three attached written comments. Vargas distributed a flyer about a community meeting for the Hispanic community and invited members to read a recently released *National Health Assessment of Latinos Growing Older with HIV*. Hard copies were on the information table and electronic copies will be distributed to members later in the day.

Reports from Committees:

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following: In May and June, Amber Harbolt shared the results of the 2016 Houston Area HIV Needs Assessment and Continuum of Care at the 2017 Ryan White televised public hearings.

Quality Improvement Committee: No report.

Affected Community Committee: Tana Pradia, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

June 26, 2017 Public Hearing: In June, the Affected Community Committee hosted the second televised 2017 Public Hearing where the proposed Ryan White FY 2018 service priorities & allocations were presented.

2017 Road 2 Success: On Thursday, June 29, 2017 the Affected Community Committee partnered with Thomas Street Health Center to co-host Road 2 Success. Presentations focused on eligibility and case management services. Amber Harbolt also met with consumers to solicit ideas for strengthening Ryan White funded services.

Camino hacia tu Salud: Camino hacia tu Salud, the Spanish version of Road 2 Success, will take place on Monday evening, August 28, 2017. The Affected Community Committee is partnering with Positive713 to co-host the event.

2017 Community Events: The Affected Community Committee hosted a booth at the Houston Pride Festival. See the attached list for additional community events where the Council will have a presence.

2017 Greeters: See the attached list of Greeters at the 2017 Council meetings.

Operations Committee: No report.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Paul Grunenwald, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

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

- FY 2016 RW Part A/MAI Procurement, dated 06/12/17
- FY 2016 RW Part A/MAI Service Utilization, dated 06/12/17

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

- FY16/17 RW Part B Procurement, dated 06/12/17
- FY16/17 RW Part B Service Utilization, dated 06/12/17
- FY15/16 State Services Procurement, dated 06/12/17
- FY15/16 State Services Service Utilization, dated 06/12/17
- FY16/17 Health Insurance Assistance Report, dated 06/02/17

FY 2018 Ryan White Service Priorities: **Motion #3:** Approve the attached FY 2018 Service Priorities for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI and State Services. **Motion carried.** **Abstentions:** Artiaga, David, Escamilla, Finley, Kelly, Lindstrom, Mgbere and Ray.

Philosophy Used for FY 2018 Allocations: See the attached philosophy.

FY 2018 Allocations: Level Funding Scenario – All Funding Streams: **Motion #4:** Approve the attached FY 2018 Level Funding Scenario for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI and State Services funds. See motion 1 on the attached chart for details. **Motion carried.** **Abstentions:** Artiaga, David, Escamilla, Finley, Kelly, Lindstrom, Mgbere and Ray.

FY 2018 Allocations: Increase/Decrease Funding Scenarios – MAI: **Motion #5:** Approve the attached FY 2018 Increase & Decrease Funding Scenarios for Ryan White MAI funds (motion 2). **Motion carried.** **Abstentions:** Artiaga, David, Escamilla, Finley, Kelly, Lindstrom, Mgbere and Ray.

FY 2018 Allocations: Increase/Decrease Funding Scenarios – Part A: **Motion #6:** Approve the attached FY 2018 Increase & Decrease Funding Scenarios for Ryan White Part A funds (motion 3). **Motion carried.** **Abstentions:** Artiaga, David, Escamilla, Finley, Kelly, Lindstrom, Mgbere and Ray.

FY 2018 Allocations: Increase/Decrease Funding Scenarios - Part B & SS: **Motion #7:** Approve the attached FY 2018 Increase & Decrease Funding Scenarios for Ryan White Part B and State Services funds (motion 4). **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

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

New Business

Updates from Task Forces

African American: Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley said African American State of Emergency would meet on Friday July 14th at the Fifth Ward Multi-Service Center (4014 Market Street) at noon, and reported that the TBWI would meet Thursday July 20th at The Resource Group.

Latino: Sierra reiterated that there would be an Immigration Community Meeting on Tuesday July 25th at AAMA's Garza Building (6001 Gulf Freeway) from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MSM: Artiaga said MPact did not meet in June. The next meeting will take place Monday July 24th.

Transgender: No update.

Hepatitis C: Vargas submitted the attached report, and noted that the Task Force will be encouraging agencies to provide hepatitis testing during the last week of July in observance of National African American Hepatitis C Action Day (Tuesday July 25th) and World Hepatitis Day (Friday July 28th). Those who wish to participate in hepatitis testing observance in July can contact Steven Vargas or the Hepatitis C Task Force.

Youth: Sierra said the Youth Task Force is currently working with the Houston Independent School District to adjust the sexual education provided in schools.

HIV and Aging: Finley said there will be an HIV and Aging Conference in Austin, and asked those interested to contact the Office of Support for the information provided in the Texas Department of State Health Services Insider newsletter.

Positive Women's Network (PWN): Pradia said PWN has expanded to encompass the state of Texas. The next PWN meeting will take place on Monday, August 7th at 6:00 p.m. Pradia also announced there will be a Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting for women's care at Legacy Community Health (LCH) on Thursday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m.

END HIV Houston: Ray said the next END HIV Houston meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 18th at 6:00 p.m. at LCH. Topics will including implementation development and next steps.

Texas HIV Syndicate: No update

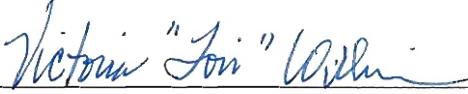
Texans Living with HIV Network: Ray said that the Texas Living with HIV Network is forming to provide support and advocacy for people living with HIV statewide. The Texas Living with HIV Network Steering Committee is still in its planning phase for the network and taking names of individuals interested in participating. Please contact Steven Vargas or Venita Ray for more information.

Legislative Updates: Kelly said that the Texas Special Session will start Tuesday, July 18th. Kelly noted that two bills in particular will affect LGBTQ individuals, with 20 topics overall.

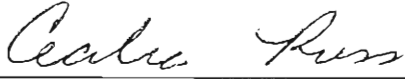
Announcements: David reported that 400 individuals were tested June 27th-29th at the National Testing Day event, with many individuals re-linked to care and 180 individuals received recommended immunizations. David also mentioned that Catholic Charities will be holding a forum on HIV and veterans in October or November. Sierra asked members to keep the campers and counselors at the upcoming Camp Hope in their thoughts. Finley said that there had been another murder of a transgender individual in the U.S., and noted that there would be a screening of the film *Major!* on the life of transgender rights advocate Major Griffin-Gracy. Gorden provided a brief update on Friends Together projects in Africa. Ray announced the Positive Strike Force would soon be available to provide brief presentations on eliminating stigmatizing language from organizations, and asked anyone interested in receiving this presentation to contact Venita Ray.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Director

08/01/17
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 08/03/17

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 08/10/17

C = Chair of the meeting ja = Just arrived lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room VP = Via phone	Motion #7 FY18 Part B/SS Increase/Decrease Carried				MEMBERS	Motion #7 FY18 Part B/SS Increase/Decrease Carried			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MEMBERS					MEMBERS				
Cecilia Ross, Chair				C	Tana Pradia	X			
Carol Suazo, Secretary		X			Venita Ray			X	
Ted Artiaga				X	Viviana Santibanez	X			
Connie Barnes		X			Gloria Sierra	X			
Curtis Ballard		X			Steven Vargas	X			
Skeet Boyle		X			Larry Woods	X			
Bianca Burley		X							
Ella Collins-Nelson		X							
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