

HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL



We envision an educated community where the needs of all persons living with HIV 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 living with and/or affected by HIV by taking a leadership role in the planning and assessment of HIV resources.

MINUTES

12 noon, Thursday, August 9, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cecilia Oshingbade, Chair	Tana Pradia	Jeffrey Campbell, HHD
Skeet Boyle, Vice Chair	Shital Patel	Rachel White, HHD
Carol Suazo, Secretary	Faye Robinson	Moctezuma Garcia, HHD
Ted Artiaga	Isis Torrente	Melvin Lewis, Gilbreath
Connie L. Barnes	Bruce Turner	Shabaura Perryman, Merck
Rosalind Belcher	Steven Vargas	
David Benson		
Ella Collins-Nelson		
Bobby Cruz	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Johnny Deal	Ruth Atkinson, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Herman L. Finley III	Ronnie Galley, excused	Carin Martin
Paul E. Grunenwald	Arlene Johnson	Heather Keizman
Angela F. Hawkins	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	
Dawn Jenkins	Osaro Mgbere, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Daphne L. Jones	Robert Noble, excused	Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Denis Kelly	John Poole, excused	Crystal Townsend
Peta-gay Ledbetter	Venita Ray	
Tom Lindstrom	Viviana Santibanez, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Rodney Mills	Gloria Sierra, excused	Tori Williams
Allen Murray		Amber Harbolt
		Diane Beck

Call to Order: Cecilia Oshingbade, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Oshingbade said that July was a busy month. The Affected Community Committee hosted a Public Hearing with the LEAP students who shared their ideas regarding comprehensive planning. She thanked all who attended the Committee Cross Training held earlier this week, and especially those who presented information about their committees. The Affected Community has hosted two Emergency Preparedness Trainings for the HIV Community, with four more scheduled

in August and September. On July 26th, twenty-five Project LEAP students graduated. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make the graduates feel special. Ten students have already been appointed to serve as external committee members and nine have applied to be Council members next year. Please be on the lookout for some new faces at your committees and please do all that you can to make them to feel welcome.

Training: Molecular HIV Surveillance: Moctezuma Garcia, PhD, Houston Health Department, presented the attached training regarding the City of Houston's Molecular HIV Surveillance program.

Project PRIDE and Data 2 Care: Melvin Lewis, Gilbreath Communications, presented information about the upcoming Houston Health Department media campaign.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Turner, Barnes) to approve the July 12, 2018 minutes with one correction: Artiaga was absent and should not be listed as abstaining from motions.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Artiaga, Benson, Pradia, and Torrente.

Public Comment and Announcements: Shabaura Perryman is now the Texas representative for Merck.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following: FY 2019 EIIHA* Plan Target Populations: The following target populations for the FY 2019 EIIHA Plan received final approval from the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee:

- 1) African Americans
- 2) Hispanics/Latinos age 25 and over
- 3) Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)

The Office of Support is to include information on late diagnoses, along with HIV and aging in the EIIHA section of the HRSA application. The Office of Support is also to include a statement recognizing that currently available epidemiologic data is not sufficient to assess the need for testing, referral, and linkage in at-risk populations such as among those who are transgender, intersex, homeless, those released from incarceration, adolescents ages 13 to 17, and young adults ages 18 to 24. See the attached for additional information.

Affected Community Committee: Rodney Mills, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Road 2 Success: The Council is partnering with the Houston Health Department, Harris County Public Health Ryan White Grant Administration and The Resource Group to provide Emergency Preparedness Training for the Houston HIV Community. On July 16, 2018, members of the Affected Community Committee and others participated in a dress rehearsal followed by an opportunity to give feedback. Participation was robust and those who attended found the activities and handouts to be useful and fun. Members of the Affected Community Committee will help staff five or more training sessions in August, September and October.

**The Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS, or EIIHA, is a national HRSA initiative to increase the number of individuals who are aware of their HIV positive status and link them to medical care. Each year, the Ryan White Planning Council hosts a collaborative process of HIV prevention and care strategies and stakeholders to develop an EIIHA plan for the Houston Area.*

Quality Improvement Committee: Denis Kelly, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

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

- FY 2018 Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Procurement Report, dated 07/17/18
- FY 2017 Performance Measures Highlights

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

- FY 18/19 Part B Procurement Report, dated 07/20/18
- FY 17/18 State Services Procurement Report, dated 07/20/18

Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism – Part A/MAI: **Motion #3:** *Approve the attached FY 2017 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism for Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI). No corrective action required. Motion Carried.*

FY 2019 How To Best Meet the Need Process: **Motion #4:** *Approve the attached service definition for five ADAP Eligibility Workers. Motion Failed.* Abstentions: Artiaga, Finley, Jenkins, Kelly, Patel. **Motion #5:** *it was moved and seconded (Turner, Boyle) to approve the attached service definition for ADAP Eligibility Workers. Motion Carried.* Abstentions: Artiaga, Finley, Jenkins, Kelly, Patel.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Bruce Turner, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

FY 2018 Reallocations: The committee will meet on August 23, 2019 to reallocate approximately \$500,000 in Ryan White Part A, Part B and State Services funding.

Operations Committee: No report.

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

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

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

Medical Updates: Patel presented the attached report.

Updates from Task Forces

African-American: Johnson-Fairley said that the African American Task Force will meet tomorrow. They are taking nominations for awards to be presented at the World AIDS Day gala. If you have not received information about this event, please contact her to get on the email list.

Sexually Transmitted Infections: Finley said they participated in an event for 713 Day (July 13) with 97.9 The Boxx radio station and a local rap artist offering free HIV testing, cell phones, backpacks and other items.

Latino: Vargas said that they had a voter registrar training at their last meeting.

HIV and Aging Coalition: Turner said they would have an *Emergency Preparedness Training for the HIV Community* at their next meeting. See the attached flyer.

Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee: Turner stated that the next meeting had to be rescheduled.

Positive Women's Network (PWN): Hawkins said that the next meeting is August 13th at the Montrose

Center. POP+ is taking applications for the next class, see attached flyer and application.

Texas Black Women's Initiative (TBWI): Johnson-Fairly said the 2018 Be-YOU-tiful Hair & Health Showcase promoting HIV prevention, treatment and PrEP for women of color will be held September 9, 2018 at The Ensemble Theatre.

Texas HIV Syndicate: Harbolt said they met in Austin last week. As always, Houston and East Texas shined in their planning efforts. There were many questions about LEAP and Road 2 Success. After visiting Houston, the Fort Worth Planning Council implemented a training program and recently graduated 9 Council Members. The state's END HIV plan may be available next month for the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee to review.

END HIV Houston: Johnson-Fairly said they are starting a speaker's bureau and are looking for speakers. They have a community calendar to which groups can submit information about events and meetings.

Texans Living with HIV Network: Vargas said there is a conference call this evening. They are starting to plan Texas Advocacy Day for 2019.

Announcements: Pradia said that she participated in a fabulous webinar with Vargas and Oshingbade.

Adjournment: Motion: *It was moved and seconded (Collins-Nelson, Boyle) to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

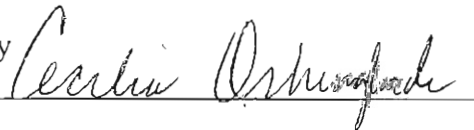


Victoria Williams, Director

Date 09/19/18

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 10/04/18

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 10/11/18

Council Voting Records for August 9, 2018

MEMBERS	Motion #1 Agenda Carried			Motion #2 Minutes Carried			Motion #3 FY17 Assessment of the Admin Mech Carried		
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSENT	YES	NO
C = Chair of the meeting ja = Just arrived lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room									
Cecilia Oshingbade, Chair			C			C			
Skeet Boyle, Vice Chair ja 12:21	X			X					
Carol Suazo, Secretary		X			X				
Ted Artiaga		X				X			
Connie L. Barnes		X			X				
Rosalind Belcher ja 12:11	X			X					
David Benson		X				X			
Ella Collins-Nelson		X			X				
Bobby Cruz		X			X				
Johnny Deal		X			X				
Herman L. Finley III ja 12:11	X			X					
Paul E. Grunenwald									
Angela F. Hawkins ja 12:18	X			X					
Dawn Jenkins ja 12:14	X			X					
Daphne L. Jones		X			X				
Denis Kelly		X			X				
Peta-gay Ledbetter		X			X				
Tom Lindstrom		X			X				
Rodney Mills		X			X				
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