

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, October 11, 2018

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

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

Call to Order: Cecilia Oshingbade, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Oshingbade said that the Planning Council did not meet in September. Hence, the Council agenda includes items approved by the Steering Committee in September and October. Nominations for the office of Council Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the 2019 Planning Council can now be submitted to the Director of the Office of Support. Nominations must be submitted before the end of the November Steering Committee meeting. After that, nominations can be made from

the floor the day of the election. Nominees must have served on the Council for the previous consecutive 12 months. And, members who work for Ryan White funded agencies, or have any kind of a conflict, cannot run for the Chair position. See the list at each place for those who are eligible to run for Chair. All members who are returning next year can run for Vice Chair or Secretary, if they have been reappointed. Please see Ella or Johnny, Co-Chairs of the Operations Committee, if you have a question.

Training: Trauma-Informed Care: Aly Jacobs, Houston Area Women's Center, presented the attached training. She distributed a talking points card and hotline cards in English and Spanish.

EIIHA* Update: Amber Harbolt, Health Planner, presented the attached training.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Barnes, Hawkins) to approve the August 9, 2018 minutes.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Galley and Sierra.

Public Comment and Announcements: Shabaura Perryman started with Merck in July as the new community liaison for Texas. She has information from Merck regarding two new HIV medications, Delstrigo and Pifeltro. She distributed literature on the new medications.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following: 2018 Quarterly Committee Report: See the attached 2018 Quarterly Committee Report.

Achieving Together: A Community Plan to End the HIV Epidemic: The Committee reviewed a final draft of *Achieving Together: A Community Plan to End the HIV Epidemic in Texas*. This is the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) plan for ending the HIV epidemic across the state of Texas. *Achieving Together* will be formally launched at the Texas HIV/STD Conference in Austin on November 27-29, 2018. See the attached slides from the *Achieving Together* overview presentation. Please help yourself to copies of the full draft of the plan at the sign-in table.

Social Determinants of Health Special Study: Dr. Osaro Mgbere submitted Houston Medical Monitoring Project data on social determinants of health to the Office of Support. Staff are working to summarize primary findings.

Out of Care Special Study: The Office of Support is beginning final data collection for the Out of Care Special Study. Eight interviews are still needed to reach the sampling goal. Candidates for the study have a history of two or more periods of 12 months or longer during which they did not receive HIV medical care. The final eight interviews should consist mostly of women and transgender individuals, though qualified candidates of any gender will be accepted. See and broadly share the attached study flyer. See the Houston Ryan White Planning Council Facebook page or Diane Beck for an electronic copy to share broadly online and through social media.

Epidemiological Profile: The Office of Support is working closely with Houston Health Department (HHD) surveillance and epidemiology staff to complete the next full joint Epidemiological Profile for the Houston Area. Completion is set for the end of the 2018 calendar year.

**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.*

Comprehensive Plan Year 1 Evaluation: The Comprehensive Plan Evaluation Workgroup completed its review of Year 1 (2017) implementation in September, and responsible parties for the 2017 joint Comprehensive Plan submitted final data for 2017 benchmarks last week. Staff are working to draft the Year 1 implementation report, complete with modified recommendations from the 2018 Project LEAP class project.

African American MSM 2016 Needs Assessment Profile: The Office of Support is working to create a profile of service needs and barriers among African American men who have sex with men (MSM) using data collected in the 2016 Consumer Needs Assessment. The profile will reflect the needs and barriers of cis-gender MSM, as a similar profile of transgender individuals was completed in 2017 and is available on the Houston RWPC website.

2019 Needs Assessment: Data collection for the next Consumer Needs Assessment will take place in 2019. See the attached proposed Needs Assessment timeline. See Diane Beck to be added to the Needs Assessment Group meeting and email list. Harbolt stated that the only room available in the November calendar is during the Texas HIV/STD Conference so the first meeting of the Needs Assessment Group will most likely be in December.

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

Training: Standards of Care & Performance Measures: The members of the Affected Community Committee received training on the purpose of Standards of Care and Performance Measures. See the attached presentation.

FY 2019 Standards of Care & Performance Measures: Members of the Affected Community Committee hosted a consumer-only workgroup to provide input into how Ryan White funded services can be strengthened or improved.

Road 2 Success: The Council is partnering with the Houston Health Department, Harris County Public Health Ryan White Grant Administration, Harris County Office of Emergency Management and The Resource Group to provide Emergency Preparedness Training for the Houston HIV Community. To date, the Committee has hosted ten presentations, with plans to host at least four additional training sessions. Those who have attended have found the activities and handouts to be useful and fun.

Transgender Medical Care: ***Motion #3: It is recommended that the Ryan White Planning Council actively advocate for the availability of hormones for transgender patients at Ryan White funded clinics. Since there are no Health and Human Services, American Medical Association or other similarly credentialed guidelines for transgender medical care, advocacy for this critical component of care must come from Planning Councils and other groups. Motion Carried.***

Community Events: See the attached list of 2018 Community Events.

Greeters: See the attached list of 2018 greeters.

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 MAI Procurement Report, dated 09/18/18
- FY 2018 Part A and MAI Service Utilization Report, dated 09/18/18

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

- FY 18/19 Part B Procurement Report, dated 09/10/18
- FY 18/19 Part B Service Utilization Report, dated 08/14/18
- FY 17/18 Part B Service Utilization Report FINAL, dated 08/14/18

- FY 18/19 Part B Service Utilization Report, dated 08/11/18
- FY 17/18 DSHS State Services Procurement Report, dated 09/10/18
- FY 17/18 DSHS State Services REBATE Procurement Report, dated 09/10/18
- Health Insurance Assistance Service Utilization Report 9/1/17-7/31/18, dated 09/10/18

FY 2019 How To Best Meet the Need: Non-Medical Case Management Targeting Substance Use Disorder: **Motion #4:** *Approve the attached FY 2019 Non-Medical Case Management service definition that targets Substance Use Disorder.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Finley, Jones, Kelly, Patel, Vargas

Training: Standards of Care and Performance Measures: Members of the Quality Improvement Committee also received training in Standards of Care and Performance Measures.

Quarterly Committee Report: See the attached Quarterly Committee Report.

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

FY 2018 Reallocations: **Motion #5:** *Approve the attached, detailed list that reallocates \$703,670 in Ryan White Part A funds; \$130,830 in MAI funds; and \$325,800 in Ryan White Part B funds.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Finley, Jones, Kelly, Patel.

Operations Committee: Ella Collins-Nelson, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Alternative Ryan White Meeting Times and Days: **Motion #6:** *Based upon the attached survey results, continue to schedule Ryan White Planning Council and Committee meetings during regular daytime hours, Monday through Friday.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Finley, Kelly, Turner.

Legislative Updates: **Motion #7:** *Remove legislative updates from the Planning Council's agendas and encourage members to discuss these important issues during their personal time.* **Motion Carried.**

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Director, presented the attached report for October. See also the attached September report.

Report from Ryan White Grant Administration: Carin Martin, Manager, presented the attached report. See also the attached September report.

Report from The Resource Group: Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairly, Health Planner, presented the attached report. See also the attached September report.

Medical Updates: Patel presented the attached report on the Opioid Epidemic in Texas and the United States.

Updates from Task Forces

African-American: Johnson-Fairley said that the African American Task Force will have a World AIDS Day gala on December 1st at Ashford Place. Please see her if you want to buy tickets (\$15).

Latino: Sierra said that it is National Hispanic Heritage Month. AAMA offered testing on Monday for Latino HIV Awareness Day and Vargas will present to City Council next Tuesday.

Youth: Sierra said they are having a health fair at Sam Houston High School on October 27th.

Urban AIDS Ministry: Collins-Nelson said that the next meeting will take place 11:00 a.m., Friday October 19th at the Third Ward Multiservice Center located at 3611 Ennis Street.

HIV and Aging Coalition: Turner said that the next meeting will be at 6 pm on Monday October 15th

at the Montrose Center. The speaker will be Dr. Goldfarb, presenting on erectile dysfunction. Note the unusual date/time.

Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee: Turner stated that the next meeting will be at noon on October 26th. They have two medications that will be discussed for addition to the formulary.

Positive Women's Network (PWN): Pradia said that they meet at 6 pm every 2nd Monday at Bering Omega.

Texas Black Women's Initiative (TBWI): Johnson-Fairly said she was appointed to represent the national Black Women's Health Imperative.

PrEP and Data to Care Campaigns: Kelly said that by World AIDS Day, all components of the campaign should be out.

Texas HIV Syndicate: Harbolt said that they will unveil the state's END plan at the November conference. Scholarships are still available.

END HIV Houston: Johnson-Fairly said there will be a community update on October 25th at Emancipation Park. Invitations will go out soon.

Texans Living with HIV Network: Vargas said there is a conference call this evening. They are planning Texas Advocacy Day which should be around March 20, 2019. The bus will leave from Legacy on California Street.

Announcements: Vargas said that today is the 30th anniversary of National Coming Out Day.

Adjournment: Motion: *It was moved and seconded (Collins-Nelson, Boyle) to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 p.m. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

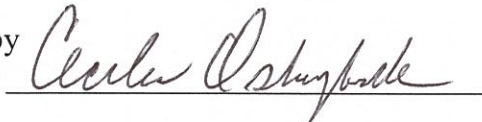


Victoria Williams, Director

Date 10/24/18

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 11/01/18

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 11/08/18

Council Voting Records for October 11, 2018

C = Chair of the meeting ja = Just arrived lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 Transgender Medical Care Carried				MEMBERS ABSENT
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MEMBERS													
Cecilia Oshingbade, Chair				C									Ted Artiaga
Skeet Boyle, Vice Chair		X				X			X				Ruth Atkinson
Carol Suazo, Secretary		X				X			X				Melody Barr
Connie L. Barnes		X				X			X				Rosalind Belcher
David Benson		X				X			X				Paul Grunenwald
Ella Collins-Nelson		X				X			X				Dawn Jenkins
Bobby Cruz		X				X			X				Arlene Johnson
Johnny Deal		X				X			X				J. Hoxi Jones
Herman L. Finley III ja 12:18 pm	X				X				X				Tom Lindstrom
Ronnie Galley		X						X	X				Osaro Mgbere
Angela F. Hawkins		X				X			X				Robert Noble
Daphne L. Jones		X				X			X				John Poole
Denis Kelly		X				X			X				Venita Ray
Peta-gay Ledbetter		X				X			X				Faye Robinson
Rodney Mills		X				X			X				Viviana Santibanez
Allen Murray		X				X			X				Isis Torrente
Shital Patel		X				X			X				
Tana Pradia		X				X			X				
Gloria Sierra		X				X		X	X				
Bruce Turner		X				X			X				
Steven Vargas		X				X			X				

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