

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, July 11, 2019

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

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Bruce Turner, Chair	Gloria Sierra	Shelly Lucas, DSHS
Tana Pradia, Secretary	Crystal Starr	Lionel M. Hilliard, Dallas EMA
Veronica Ardoin	Isis Torrente	Glenda Blackmon Johnson, Dallas EMA
Tony Crawford		Justin M. Henry, Dallas EMA
Bobby Cruz	MEMBERS ABSENT	Sonya Hughes, Dallas EMA
Ronnie Galley	Rosalind Belcher	Annie Sawyer-Williams, Dallas EMA
Gregory Hamilton	Johnny Deal, excused	
Angela F. Hawkins	Ahmier Gibson, excused	STAFF PRESENT
Allison Hesterman	Dawn Jenkins	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Daphne L. Jones	Arlene Johnson	Carin Martin
J. Hoxi Jones	Tom Lindstrom excused	Heather Keizman
Mel Joseph	Robert Noble	Samantha Bowen
Denis Kelly	Matilda Padilla, excused	
Peta-gay Ledbetter	Faye Robinson	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Holly McLean	John Poole, excused	Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Rodney Mills	Carol Suazo, excused	Crystal Townsend
Niquita Moret		
Allen Murray	OTHERS PRESENT	<i>Office of Support</i>
Shital Patel	Nancy Miertschin, HHS	Tori Williams
Pete Rodriguez	Shabaura Perryman, Merck	Amber Harbolt
Imran Shaikh	Mauricia Chatman, DSHS	Diane Beck

Call to Order: C. Bruce Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Turner asked the visitors from the Dallas EMA to introduce themselves. Turner stated that Council member Connie Barnes was recently in a car accident. Because of this, and since she will be retiring in December, she is retiring now to take care of her health. Turner thanked those who created recommendations for the FY 2020 service priorities and allocations. The Council

appreciates their valuable time and important leadership. Turner also thanked the staff for distributing the different versions of the recommendations so that comments could be provided. He stated that we do not always agree with the comments, but it is important that we are exposed to different points of view and that the public knows that we do review and think about their comments before a final decision is made. Turner then called for a Moment of Reflection.

Adoption of the Agenda: ***Motion #1:** it was moved and seconded (Kelly, Starr) to move the Texas Department of Health Services (DSHS) update to after the Reports from the Administrative Agents and amend the agenda to reflect the following motions that were made at the July Steering Committee meeting:*

Under the Quality Improvement Committee Report - New Motion: Increase the financial eligibility for non-HIV medication under the Local Pharmacy Assistance Program service category and the Mental Health service category to 400% of the Federal Poverty Guideline.

Under the Priority And Allocations Committee Report - Note: Part A Increase/Decrease Scenario: Approve the decrease scenario but note that the Increase Funding Scenario was sent back to the Priority and Allocations Committee for further clarification.

Motion Carried.

***Motion #2:** it was moved and seconded (Kelly, Galley) to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.*

Approval of the Minutes: ***Motion #3:** it was moved and seconded (Starr, Galley) to approve the June 13, 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.* Abstentions: Hamilton, Rodriguez, Shaikh, Sierra.

Training: Priority Setting and Allocations Process: Peta-gay Ledbetter, Co-Chair of the Priority and Allocations Committee, presented the attached PowerPoint presentation.

Public Comment and Announcements: See attached written comment. Shabaura Perryman, Merck Representative, said that they have two new products that were added to the ADAP formulary – one was last year; also, there is a new one pill regimen. If anyone is interested she can provide patient education.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Daphne L. Jones, Chair, reported on the following:

Epidemiological Profile: The Committee received a verbal update on the progress of the Epidemiological Profile.

Needs Assessment Progress: The Committee reviewed the attached updated timeline and finalized survey tool. The Committee also received a verbal update on the Project LEAP pilot of online surveying, and a process update for the entire survey project. As of 6/26/19, 119 valid surveys have been collected. This is 20% of the minimum target sample size. The first provider focus group with case managers and service linkage workers was held on 6/19/19. The NAG Analysis Workgroup met 6/21/19 to revise and approve the attached analysis principles. The NAG Workgroup will meet for a mid-data collection check-in on Monday, July 15th. Please see Diane if you would like to receive more information about the meeting. Harbolt thanked the Project LEAP students for helping at the survey sites. Staff currently has over 200 surveys.

Quarterly Report: Please see the attached committee quarterly report.

Affected Community Committee: Isis Torrente, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Training: Blue Book Treasure Hunt: The Committee participated in the Blue Book Treasure Hunt, which will be part of the upcoming Road 2 Success trainings.

Public Hearing for the 2020 Priorities and Allocations: On Monday, July 1, 2019, the Affected Community Committee will host a televised public hearing to announce the proposed FY 2020 service priorities and allocations for Ryan White Part A, Minority AIDS Initiative, Part B and State Services funding.

Volunteers for Project LEAP Graduation: The Project LEAP graduation will be on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. If anyone would like to volunteer to help set up, host and/or clean up after the event, please see Tori.

2019 Community Events: See the attached list of 2019 Community Events.

2019 Greeters: See the attached list of 2019 Greeters who will host guests at monthly Council meetings.

Quality Improvement Committee: Gloria Sierra, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Training: Standards of Care & Performance Measures: Amber Harbolt provided training on Ryan White Standards of Care and Performance Measures.

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

- FY18 Service Utilization – Part A & MAI, dated 05/23/19
- FY18 Performance Measures Highlights

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

- FY18/19 Procurement Report Part B (FINAL) – dated 06/03/19
- FY19/20 Procurement Report Part B – dated 06/03/19
- FY18/19 Procurement Report DSHS SS – dated 06/03/19
- FY18/19 Health Insurance Program Report – dated 06/03/19

FY 2020 How To Best Meet the Need Recommendations: **Motion #4:** *Approve the attached FY 2020 service definition for Mental Health Services.* **Motion Carried.**

Financial Eligibility for Mental Health and Non-HIV Medication: The Quality Improvement Committee asked the Recipients to provide information to help the Steering Committee determine if the financial eligibility for non-HIV medication and Mental Health Services should be increased to 400%. **Motion #5:** *Increase the financial eligibility for non-HIV medication under the Local Pharmacy Assistance Program service category and the Mental Health service category to 400% of the Federal Poverty Guideline.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Crawford, Kelly, Patel, Starr.

Pay for Performance: Kelly stated that he was against targeting MSM. Why were transgender individuals not considered? Providers should be doing this without the incentive, it is their job. Starr expressed concern that transgender wasn't listed in the data. Pradia said that women of color are left out as well. **Motion #6:** *it was moved and seconded (Starr, Kelly) to end debate.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Kelly, Galley. **Motion #7:** *Approve the Pay for Performance model and ask the Recipient to provide the agencies with a list of ways they can use the incentives, based upon provider suggestions. In the first year of the program, target black MSM. In future years, consider targeting other populations who are also experiencing disparities.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Kelly, Patel.

Telehealth: **Motion #8:** *it was moved and seconded (Crawford/Kelly) to send the information regarding Telehealth back to the Quality Improvement Committee for clarification.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Cruz, Patel, Shaikh.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Bobby Cruz, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative: See the attached report:

- FY18 Procurement – Part A & MAI, dated 06/10/19

Reports from Administrative Agent – Part B/State Services: See the attached report:

- Final Quarter Reallocations

FY 2020 Ryan White Service Priorities: **Motion #9:** *Approve the attached FY 2020 Service Priorities for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI** and State Services.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Mills, Patel.

FY 2020 Allocations: Level Funding Scenario – All Funding Streams: **Motion #10:** *Approve the attached FY 2020 Level Funding Scenario for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI and State Services funds. See attached chart for details.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Jones, Kelly, Moret, Patel, Shaikh, Starr.

FY 2020 Allocations: MAI** Increase/Decrease Funding Scenarios: **Motion #11:** *Approve the attached FY 2020 Increase & Decrease Funding Scenarios for Ryan White MAI** funds.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Jones, Kelly, Moret, Patel, Shaikh, Starr.

FY 2020 Allocations: Part A Decrease Funding Scenarios: **Motion #12:** *it was moved and seconded (Cruz, Murray) to approve the FY2020 Part A Decrease scenario.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Jones, Kelly, Moret, Patel, Shaikh.

FY 2020 Allocations: Part B & SS*** Increase/Decrease Funding Scenarios: **Motion #13:** *Approve the attached FY 2020 Increase & Decrease Funding Scenarios for Ryan White Part B and State Services funding.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Jones, Kelly, Moret, Patel, Shaikh.

FY 2019 Level Funding Allocations – State Services: **Motion #14:** *Amend the FY 2019 Level Funding Scenario for State Services, State Services-R and Part B to match the FY 2020 allocations for these same funding streams. The justification is to provide 12 months of funding to 15.e. Service Linkage Worker – Substance Use.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Crawford, Jones, Kelly, Moret, Patel, Shaikh.

Quarterly Committee Report: See the attached Quarterly Committee Report.

Operations Committee: Ronnie Galley, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2019 Attendance Records: The Committee reviewed the 2019 attendance records and asked staff to contact individuals who have missed three or more committee or Council meetings.

Quarterly Committee Report: See the attached Quarterly Committee 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, submitted the attached report.

Updates from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Shelley Lucas, MPH, Manager, HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch reported that there was mixed news from the legislature. Needle exchange and opt-out testing did not pass. Medicaid transportation for perinatal will be able to use Uber and Lyft starting September 1st. There was an amendment to add syphilis testing at delivery as well as in the first and third trimester. They did appropriate all funding for prevention and care services in the state. Johnson-Fairley said that they are currently using UberHealth for medical transportation in Beaumont.

Medical Updates: Dr. Patel presented the attached report.

Community Prevention Group (CPG): Townsend said that the CDC has announced a funding opportunity around the End HIV plan. The director of the CDC will be coming on Monday to tour

Houston and meet with local leaders.

Updates from Task Forces

African American: Johnson-Fairley said that they will meet tomorrow at the Fifth Ward Multiservice Center.

Latino: Sierra said that they will have a presentation on Trauma Informed Care on July 19th at 2 pm at the Montrose Center.

Youth: Sierra said that there will be a Youth Transition Summit on August 7th at the Montrose Center. The morning track from 9 am-11 am is for providers; the afternoon track for youth starts at 11:30 am.

HIV and Aging Coalition: Turner submitted the attached report.

Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee: Turner submitted the attached report.

Positive Women's Network (PWN): Pradia said they meet on the second Monday of the month at 6 pm at Bering Connect.

Texas Black Women's Initiative: Johnson-Fairley said they meet on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at The Resource Group. The next BeYoutiful Hair and Health Showcase will be held Sunday September 8th at the Ensemble Theater.

Texas HIV Syndicate: Harbolt said Houston is greatly underrepresented on the syndicate and encouraged those interested to get involved in this state level planning body, adding that the time requirement is significantly less than the Planning Council.

END HIV Houston: Townsend said the CDC and HRSA announced funding to some jurisdictions. On August 20, 2019, the Southern AIDS Coalition will have an event to launch the first Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. HIV treatment passed the legislature as a protected class on the Medicaid formulary.

Announcements: There will be an event for HIV and Aging in September at Neon Boots. Please be sure to share the transgender survey.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Williams, Director

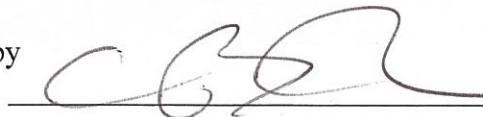
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