

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 8, 2019

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

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

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

During the opening remarks, Turner said that on July 15, 2019 the director of the CDC was in Houston to discuss funding for the national plan to end HIV. Also, Tracy Wilson, an activist and Council member from the year 2000 until 2005, passed away recently. He left the Council a computer and a printer in his will. Turner and Williams are working with the executor of his estate to arrange receipt of this kind gift. The Project LEAP graduation on July 24th was heartfelt and well attended. Turner thanked those who helped host the event. He said that he has appointed several 2019 Project LEAP graduates to serve as

external committee members. Please help these recent graduates feel welcome as it can be challenging to be thrown into our complicated processes in the middle of the year. Turner then called for a Moment of Reflection.

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

Approval of the Minutes: **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Murray, Torrente) to approve the July 11, 2019 minutes.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Deal, Jenkins, Lindstrom, Padilla, Robinson.

Training: HIV and Intimate Partner Violence: Samantha Bowen, Project Coordinator, Quality Management Development, Ryan White Grant Administration, presented the attached PowerPoint.

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Daphne L. Jones, Chair, reported on the following:
Needs Assessment Progress: As of 7/26, 361 valid surveys have been collected. This is 61% of the minimum target sample size. Harbolt said that as of this week, 432 surveys have been completed which is 73% of the minimum sample size.

Affected Community Committee: Isis Torrente, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
Joint Meeting with the Project LEAP Advisory Committee: The Affected Community Committee met with members of the Project LEAP Advisory Committee in order to prepare for the Project LEAP Graduation on July 24, 2019.

Public Hearing for the 2020 Priorities and Allocations: On Monday, July 1, 2019, the Affected Community Committee hosted 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.

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

Quality Improvement Committee: No report.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Bobby Cruz, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI): See the attached report:

- FY19 Procurement – Part A & MAI, dated 07/25/19

Reports from Administrative Agent – Part B/State Services: See the attached email regarding the status of State Services and Ryan White Part B funds.

FY 2020 Ryan White Part A Increase Funding Scenario: **Motion #3:** *Regarding the Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part A Funding:*

Step 1: Allocate the first \$200,000 to the Pay for Performance pilot program in Primary Care (category 1).

Step 2: Allocate next \$300,000 to Health Insurance Assistance Program (category 5).

Step 3: Any remaining increase in funds following application of Steps 1 & 2 will be allocated by the Ryan White Planning Council. **Motion Carried.**

July 2019 Reallocations for Ryan White Part A & MAI Funds: **Motion #4:** Approve the attached July 2019 Reallocation of Ryan White Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative funds. **Motion Carried.**

Quarterly Committee Report: See the attached Quarterly Committee Report.

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.

Updates from Task Forces

African American: Johnson-Fairley said that they will meet on 08/09/19 at the Fifth Ward Multiservice Center; the World AIDS Day gala information was recently sent out.

Project PATHH: Deal said that they will be meeting on 08/10/19. Williams added that there is a flyer in the meeting packet.

HIV and Aging Coalition: Turner said the next meeting will be on 08/19/19, the speaker will be Nelson Vergel and the topic is aging well with HIV. On 09/15/19 they will host a free 70's jazz and dance social event at Neon Boots from 5pm-9pm.

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 stated that the group meets 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 8, 2019 at the Ensemble Theater. There is a call for models on August 18th.

END HIV Houston: On August 20, 2019, the Southern AIDS Coalition will have an event to launch the first Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. They will be on a radio show on August 26, 2019. They are organizing for the *POWER Project* and recruiting new members. She is selling raffle tickets to send people to a training in October.

Texans living with HIV Network: Pradia said that they are regrouping right now. The next meeting will be on August 24, 2019.

Announcements: Kelly said that a homeless shelter for transgender individuals is being organized in the Montrose area; it is scheduled to open in January 2020. Robinson said that as of September 9, 2019 the City Health Department will have a new HIV Bureau Chief, since Marlene Ward has been promoted to Assistant Director. Beau Mitts will be returning to Houston to be the new HIV Bureau Chief. Jenkins expressed concern about the recent rash of hate crimes and violence in Texas. Kelly said there is a Safe Training app for your phone. Tuner said that the Montrose Center also provided training in this area.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Toni" Williams

Victoria Williams, Director

Date 08/27/19

Draft Certified by
Council Chair:

[Signature]

Date 09/05/19

Final Approval by
Council Chair:

[Signature]

Date 09/12/19

Council Voting Records for August 8, 2019

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