

Council Approved September 10, 2242

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 6, 2020

Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Tana Pradia, Chair	Pete Rodriguez	Anthony Williams, Goodwill
Allen Murray, Vice Chair	Carol Suazo	
Crystal Starr, Secretary	Bruce Turner	
Kevin Aloysius	Steven Vargas	STAFF PRESENT
Veronica Ardoin	Andrew Wilson	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Rosalind Belcher		Carin Martin
Mauricia E. Chatman	MEMBERS ABSENT	Heather Keizman
Enrique Chavez	Johnny Deal, excused	Rebecca Edwards
Tony Crawford	Ahmier Gibson	
Bobby Cruz	Gregory Hamilton	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Ronnie Galley	Arlene Johnson	Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Angela F. Hawkins	Daphne L. Jones, excused	Crystal Townsend
Dawn Jenkins	Deondre Moore	
Denis Kelly	Matilda Padilla	<i>Office of Support</i>
Tom Lindstrom	Shital Patel, excused	Tori Williams
Holly McLean	John Poole	Amber Harbolt
Josh Mica	Rashel Richardson	Diane Beck
Rodney Mills	Imran Shaikh, excused	
Niquita Moret	Gloria Sierra	
Oscar Perez		
Faye Robinson		

Call to Order: Tana Pradia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Pradia thanked members for meeting a week early so that members can participate in the National Ryan White Conference. The conference will take place from August 11th

until the 14th. Hopefully, members will take advantage of this unique opportunity and attend a National HIV Conference work group or plenary from their Houston home or office.

Pradia then called for a Moment of Reflection.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1: *it was moved and seconded (Kelly, Mica) to adopt the agenda with one change: move the Report from the Resource Group to V..* **Motion carried.**

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Starr, Jenkins) to approve the June 11, 2020 minutes.* **Motion carried.** Abstention: Crawford.

Motion #3: *it was moved and seconded (Mica, Hawkins) to approve the July 9, 2020 minutes.* **Motion carried.** Abstentions: Chavez, Galley, Perez.

Training: Goodwill-HOPWA Project Good Hope: Anthony Williams, Employment Specialist at Goodwill Industries of Houston, presented two videos and gave information about their employment program for PLWH.

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

FY 2021 EIIHA Target Populations: The EIIHA Workgroup met on July 16, 2020 to select the FY2021 EIIHA target populations for inclusion in the Ryan White Part A grant application. Please see the attached target populations criteria worksheet and the target populations selection matrix. This information was distributed broadly along with instructions on how to submit public comment. As usual, on July 23, 2020, the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee provided the final approval on the attached motions from the EIIHA Workgroup so that staff can start working on the Part A/MAI* grant application.

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

Training: *COVID-19, Safe Sex and Jeopardy:* Committee members participated in an educational game called *COVID-19, Safe Sex and Jeopardy* that was created by Diane Beck from the Office of Support. There was some stiff competition but Johnny Deal and Cecilia Oshingbade tied for first place. All who played won a surgical mask and those who tied for first place will also receive a cloth mask, courtesy of Tana Pradia. Many thanks to Tana and Rodney for “test piloting” the game several weeks ago.

Quality Improvement Committee: No report.

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

Reports from Administrative Agent – Part A/MAI*: See the attached reports from Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative funding:

- FY20 Procurement – Part A & MAI*, dated 07/16/20

July 2020 Reallocations: Ryan White Part A & MAI* Funds: Martin said that the MAI* amount is an estimate, the final number has not yet been received from the Auditor’s Office. **Motion #4:** *Approve the attached July 2020 Reallocation of Ryan White Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funds.* **Motion Carried.** Abstention: Kelly.

Operations Committee: Carol Suazo, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Youth Group: The Committee hosted a Zoom meeting with the Youth Group. The presenter was Chad Brandt, a Clinical Psychologist with a specialty in anxiety.

FY 2021 Office of Support Budget: **Motion #5:** Give the Director of the Office of Support the authority to implement parts or all of the attached plan of possible revisions to the FY 2020 Council Support Budget as we get closer to the end of the fiscal year and spending is clearer. **Motion carried.**

2020 Council Attendance: See the attached chart which summarizes Council attendance in 2020.

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

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

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

Updates from Task Forces

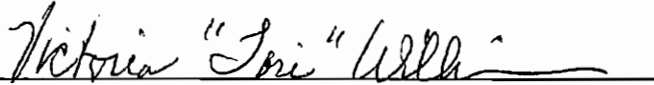
Community Planning Group (CPG): Vargas submitted the attached report.

Announcements: Jenkins said that the Lifeline program provides low cost phone and internet services for low income households. Kelly encouraged everyone to fill out the 2020 census asap as it is ending a month early. <http://2020census.gov>. Vargas said that he recently taught a Spanish version of the BLOC training, which trains Latinos to participate on planning bodies. It is an historic event as it is one of the only times that HRSA has funded a training in another language.

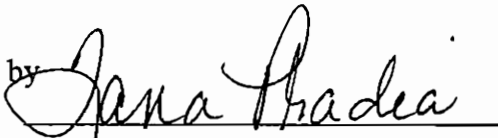
Aloysius said that PLWH have been excluded from COVID-19 vaccine trials. If members see that, please ask the company why PLWH are being excluded. Crawford said he was told that Baylor would be doing one for PLWH in January. Vargas stated that Moderna will soon begin recruiting PLWH for their vaccine trials.

Adjournment: Motion: it was moved and seconded (Mica, Ardoin) to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. **Motion Carried.**


Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Director

Date 08/26/20

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 09/03/20

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 09/10/20

* MAI = Minority AIDS Initiative funding
** SS = State Services funding
***EIIHA = Early Identification of Individuals with HIV and AIDS

Council Voting Record for August 6, 2020

C = Chair of the meeting ja = Just arrived lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room VP = Via phone	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 June 11, 2020 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 July 9, 2020 Minutes Carried					Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 June 11, 2020 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 July 9, 2020 Minutes Carried			
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Crystal Starr, Secretary		X				X				X			Carol Suazo	X				X				X			
Kevin Aloysius		X				X				X			Bruce Turner		X				X				X		
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