

Council Approved March 10, 2022

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, February 10, 2022
Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

| MEMBERS PRESENT | MEMBERS PRESENT | OTHERS PRESENT |
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| Crystal Starr, Chair | Matilda Padilla | Jereme Scott |
| Ardry “Skeet” Boyle, Vice Chair | Oscar Perez | |
| Kevin Aloysius, Secretary | Tana Pradia | |
| Veronica Ardoin | Paul Richards | STAFF PRESENT |
| Titan Capri | Faye Robinson | <i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i> |
| Johanna Castillo | Pete Rodriguez | Carin Martin |
| Kimberley Collins | Imran Shaikh | Heather Keizman |
| Tony Crawford | Robert Sliepka | Mauricia Chatman |
| Christopher M. Crawford-Prado | C. Bruce Turner | |
| Robert “Bobby” Cruz | Steven Vargas | <i>The Resource Group</i> |
| Johnny Deal | | Sha’Terra Johnson |
| Ronnie Galley | | |
| Dawn Jenkins | MEMBERS ABSENT | <i>Office of Support</i> |
| Daphne L. Jones | Rosalind Belcher | Tori Williams |
| Denis Kelly | Tom Lindstrom, excused | Mackenzie Hudson |
| Peta-gay Ledbetter | Nkechi Onyewuenyi | Diane Beck |
| Cecilia Ligons | Shital Patel, excused | |
| Roxane May | Andrew Wilson | |
| Holly Renee McLean | | |
| Josh Mica | | |
| Rodney Mills | | |
| Diana Morgan | | |

Call to Order: Crystal Starr, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Starr welcomed new members of the 2022 Ryan White Planning Council. She thanked the Operations Committee and the Office of Support staff for organizing the new member orientation, the mentor/mentee meeting and the Planning Council Orientation. She reminded all members that, according to Council policies, complaints must be made to the Operations Committee.

See Tori, Ronnie or Matilda if someone wishes to see a copy of our policy and/or if they wish to lodge a complaint related to the Council or its processes. Starr asked Vargas to give an update on Proyecto VIDA. Vargas said that the class has been postponed until March (tentative). They interviewed one applicant for the class this week and are still accepting applications. Because this is a pilot project, Ryan White Grant Administration is giving us a lot of leeway so we are considering expanding the class statewide in order to train more Spanish-speaking individuals. To date, 6 individuals have been accepted into the class. Starr then called for a Moment of Reflection and asked everyone to remember the life of Diandra Bellamy.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1: it was moved and seconded (Kelly, Deal) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2: it was moved and seconded (Boyle, Kelly) to approve the December 9, 2021 minutes. Motion carried. Abstentions: Ardoin, Capri, Crawford, Crawford-Prado, Ligons, May, McLean, Mills, Pradia, Vargas.

Integrated Planning that Includes a Quality of Life Pillar: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair of the Comprehensive HIV Planning committee said that Ending the HIV Epidemic planning focuses on four pillars: diagnose, treat, prevent and respond. There has been talk around the community, locally and nationally, about looking beyond just the biomedical advances that have been made for people living with HIV. On page 19 of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy it says “*Inequities in the social determinants of health are significant drivers and contributors to health disparities and highlight the need to focus not only on HIV prevention and care efforts, but also on the ways that programs, practices, and policies affect communities of color and other populations that experience HIV disparities.*” That is an invitation to look at the inequities that might be present, an invitation to see what we can do about affecting the quality of life for folks living with HIV. Positive Women’s Network, US People Living with HIV Caucus and other groups have been pushing for the same, are willing to work with the current administration in developing some of the quality of life measures and could be a resource for us. Whether or not the administration decides to take it up this time around or not, this is an opportunity for us to lead as we have done so often when it comes to helping people with HIV. 2022 is the 10th anniversary of when we did the very first prevention and care services plan and we’ve been doing one ever since. In 2012 HRSA suggested it and since we were considering it already we jumped on the idea and HRSA invited us to share how we did it at conferences around the country. I see a repeat of the same situation when it comes to quality of life. Even with the advances in meds and living as long as we are now, aging with HIV raises concern about quality of life across the entire spectrum of our lives. Vargas is asking the Council to consider developing a quality of life pillar to go along with the other pillars, to help us make a difference in the lives of people living with HIV. He invited everyone to stay for the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee meeting this afternoon after the Council meeting. A number of Council members made comments in support of this idea.

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Reports from Committees

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

2021 Epidemiological Supplement: Rodriguez had a question about a few items. On page 3 it shows that viral suppression is at 59% which is very low but there is no explanation or comparison to previous years. On page 6 it mentions Stage 3 HIV but there is no explanation. He thinks it would be helpful to have the state and or national continuum of care as comparison to the local one. Vargas said that Stage 3 HIV is what is formerly referred to as an AIDS diagnosis. The viral suppression numbers includes non-Ryan White providers and Shaikh added that it is the same as the last report, noting that this is a

supplement and not a full report and cannot be used on it's own. He said there also is more on the continuum of care in the full report. **Motion #3:** *Approve the attached 2021 Epidemiological Supplement for HIV Prevention and Care Services Planning.* **Motion Carried unanimously.**

Affected Community Committee: No report.

Quality Improvement Committee: No report.

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report.

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

2022 New Member Orientation & Mentor/Mentee Meeting: Galley said that the meetings went very well and he thanked the mentors and mentees who attended, and said Starr was a great timekeeper.

2022 Council Orientation: Galley said that the 2022 Orientation was well attended and Pete Rodriguez and Dr. Patel were outstanding speakers. He thanked Cruz and Beck for the Who's Who game.

2022 Council Activities: See attached. Williams summarized the memorandum regarding Petty Cash procedures, Open Meetings Act Training and the 2022 Timeline of Critical Activities. These items will also be reviewed at the first meeting of each committee.

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, Health Planner, presented the attached report.

Task Force Reports: Starr said that the Council agreed some time ago that they preferred not to have verbal Task Force Reports while meeting on Zoom. The Office of Support is happy to receive and distribute written reports in advance of all Council meetings. Padilla volunteered to give the Latino Task Force report and Ardoin will check into joining the Youth Task Force.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: **Motion:** *it was moved and seconded (Galley, Sliepka) to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m.* **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Williams, Director

Date _____

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

Final Approval by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

Council Voting Records for February 10, 2022

| 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 Minutes Carried | | | | Motion #3 2021 Epi Supplement Carried | | | | | Motion #1 Agenda Carried | | | | Motion #2 Minutes Carried | | | | Motion #3 2021 Epi Supplement Carried | | | |
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| | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | | MEMBERS | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | YES | NO |
| MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crystal Starr, Chair | | | | C | | | | | | | | C | Rodney Mills | | X | | | | | | X | | X | | |
| Ardry "Skeet" Boyle, Vice Chair | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | Diana Morgan | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Kevin Aloysius, Secretary | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | Matilda Padilla | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Veronica Ardoin | | X | | | | | X | | | X | | | Oscar Perez | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Titan Capri | | X | | | | | X | | | X | | | Tana Pradia | | X | | | | | X | | | X | | |
| Johanna Castillo ja 12:20pm | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | | Paul Richards | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Kimberley Collins | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | Faye Robinson | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Tony Crawford lm 12:55pm | | X | | | | | X | | | X | | | Pete Rodriguez | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Christopher M. Crawford-Prado | | X | | | | | X | | | X | | | Imran Shaikh | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Robert "Bobby" Cruz ja 12:20pm | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | | Robert Sliepka | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Johnny Deal | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | C. Bruce Turner | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Ronnie Galley | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | Steven Vargas | | X | | | | | X | | | X | | |
| Dawn Jenkins | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Daphne L. Jones ja 12:08pm | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Denis Kelly | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | MEMBERS ABSENT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peta-gay Ledbetter | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | Rosalind Belcher | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cecilia Ligons | | X | | | | | X | | | X | | | Tom Lindstrom | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Roxane May | | X | | | | | X | | | X | | | Nkechi Onyewuenyi | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Holly Renee McLean | | X | | | | | X | | | X | | | Shital Patel | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Josh Mica | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | Andrew Wilson | | | | | | | | | | | | |