

**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 11, 2022

Meeting Location: St. Philip Presbyterian Church 4807 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77056
and Zoom teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Crystal Starr, Chair	Tana Pradia	Ximena Martinez
Ardry “Skeet” Boyle, Vice Chair	Paul Richards	Skyler King, Change Happens!
Melody Barr	Faye Robinson	Logane Brazile, Dallas RWPC OS
Rosalind Belcher	Pete Rodriguez	
Titan Capri	Robert Sliepka	STAFF PRESENT
Johanna Castillo	C. Bruce Turner	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Tony Crawford	Steven Vargas	Carin Martin
Robert “Bobby” Cruz		Mauricia Chatman
Johnny Deal		Sarah Ross
Evelio Escamilla	MEMBERS ABSENT	
Ronnie Galley	Kevin Aloysius, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Dawn Jenkins	Veronica Ardoin, excused	Sha’Terra Johnson
Daphne L. Jones	Tom Lindstrom, excused	
Denis Kelly	Holly Renee McLean, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Peta-gay Ledbetter	Rodney Mills, excused	Tori Williams
Cecilia Ligons	Shital Patel	Mackenzie Hudson
Roxane May	Oscar Perez, excused	Diane Beck
Josh Mica	Imran Shaikh, excused	Rod Avila
Diana Morgan		

Call to Order: Crystal Starr, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Starr thanked those who have been attending the Council meetings in person. According to the Open Meetings Act, we must have at least 11 in-person participants or we don’t make quorum. Lunch will be provided to those who attend in person. Starr also encouraged all to attend the Monkey pox Town Hall meetings. Dr. Ericka Brown and her team at the Harris County Health Department have been working to provide important information and ask for input on ways to reach the LGBTQ community since Men Who Have Sex with Men are especially vulnerable to this very painful

disease. Starr said that each month we are going to recognize some of our unsung heroes on the Council. This month we are recognizing two Council members who have gone above and beyond in helping the Council: Ronnie Galley who has chaired the Operations Committee for four years and Johnny Deal who generously worked with Mackenzie to organize several focus groups for the Integrated Plan.

Starr then called for a Moment of Reflection.

Adoption of the Agenda: **Motion #1:** *it was moved and seconded (Mica, Ligons) to adopt the agenda with one change: move the Priority and Allocations Committee report to after Approval of the Minutes.*
Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Mica, Galley) to approve the July 14, 2022 minutes.* **Motion carried.** Abstentions: Barr, Belcher, Ligons, May, Richards, Vargas.

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

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part A/MAI*:

- FY21 Part A & MAI Procurement, dated 06/01/22
- FY22 Part A & MAI Procurement, dated 06/02/22

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part B/SS**:

- FY 21/22 Part B Procurement, dated 07/07/22
- FY 21/22 DSHS SS** Procurement, dated 007/07/22
- FY 21/22 DSHS SS** Service Utilization, dated 07/07/22
- FY 21/22 Health Insurance Service Utilization, dated 07/01/22

FY2021 MAI* Carryover Funds: **Motion #3:** *Wait until the Fall 2022 Priority and Allocations Committee meeting to decide on the \$273,335 in MAI funds.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Boyle, Jenkins, Kelly, May, Padilla.

FY 2021 Ryan White Part A Carryover Funds: **Motion #4:** *Calculate the full amount of request Control Numbers: 1 - 3, then deduct one third of the shortfall from each request to indicate the recommended amount. See the attached chart for details.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barr, Jenkins, Kelly, May, Padilla.

Training: Update on the Integrated Plan: Mackenzie Hudson, Health Planner, and Tori Williams, Director, presented the attached PowerPoint on Stakeholder interviews and upcoming community meetings.

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Reports from Committees

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

2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan: Members of the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee attended a “dress rehearsal” for an educational community meeting. Only a small portion of the information gathered for the Integrated Plan was presented. There will be much more information presented at several community meetings. Hence, it will be important for all Council members to attend at least one of the upcoming educational community meetings.

Affected Community Committees: Tony Crawford, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2022-23 Committee Project: **Motion #3:** *The Affected Community Committee will be committing time in 2022 – 2023 to working with subject experts and community partners to design HIV education and*

care services for Youth, a Houston area priority population. **Motion Carried.** Williams clarified that a “Youth” is defined as someone between the ages of 18-24, but the person can be younger with parental consent. Barr said that if her staff works with individuals younger than 18 years of age, HUD requires additional background checks for the safety of everyone.

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

Ryan White Youth Council: **Motion #4:** *The Operations Committee will be dedicating 2022 – 2023 to working collaboratively with the Affected Community Committee to develop a Ryan White Youth Council.* **Motion Carried.** Vargas said he will send the Office of Support an NPR report on sex education for youth to distribute to the Council.

2022 Proyecto VIDA: Steven Vargas, Proyecto VIDA Co-Facilitator said that they just had their ninth class so they are at the halfway mark. Graduation will take place on September 22nd which is also *A Day with HIV* so be sure to take a photo of yourself and upload it to social media.

Quality Improvement Committee: There was no meeting in July, hence no report. Please note that the committee meeting scheduled for August 16th has been moved to August 30th at 1:00 p.m.

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, summarized the attached report.

Task Force Reports: Starr reminded Council members that, per their agreement, they prefer 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.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Williams, Director

Date _____

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

Final Approval by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

Council Voting Records for August 11, 2022

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