

# Council Approved November 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, October 13, 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	Connie Whitworth, Janssen
Melody Barr	Paul Richards	John Huckaby, AFH
Rosalind Belcher	Pete Rodriguez	Megan Rowe, HOPWA
Titan Capri	Imran Shaikh	Temo Priest, Project LEAP
Johanna Castillo	C. Bruce Turner	
Tony Crawford		<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Robert "Bobby" Cruz		<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Johnny Deal		Heather Keizman
Dawn Jenkins	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Mauricia Chatman
Daphne L. Jones	Veronica Ardoin, excused	Jason Black
Denis Kelly	Ardry "Skeet" Boyle, excused	
Cecilia Ligon	Kevin Aloysius, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Tom Lindstrom	Evelio Escamilla, excused	Sha'Terra Johnson
Roxane May	Ronnie Galley, excused	
Josh Mica	Peta-gay Ledbetter, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Rodney Mills	Holly Renee McLean, excused	Tori Williams
Diana Morgan	Faye Robinson	Mackenzie Hudson
Matilda Padilla	Robert Sliepka, excused	Diane Beck
Shital Patel	Steven Vargas, excused	Rod Avila
Oscar Perez	Andrew Wilson	

**Call to Order:** Crystal Starr, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Starr thanked everyone who attended the Community meetings for the Integrated Plan. Attendance was excellent and all ideas and comments were appreciated. She also thanked everyone who volunteered to host the Proyecto VIDA graduation. The event was well attended

and well organized. She also thanked Steven, Isis and Rod for co-facilitating Proyecto VIDA this year. It was clear at graduation that the students loved working with them.

Starr then called for a Moment of Reflection.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** **Motion #1:** *it was moved and seconded (Deal, Ligons) to adopt the agenda with one change, after D. 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan add of E. The Reunion Project. Motion carried.*

**Approval of the Minutes:** **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Deal, Mica) to approve the September 8, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Capri, Crawford, Lindstrom, May, Padilla.

**The 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan:** Williams and Hudson walked Council members through the data collected for the 2022 Integrated Plan, and resulting, Goals and Objectives. See attached power point presentation.

**The Reunion Project:** Williams said she received a letter asking for the Planning Council to support this event. It started in California in support of those left behind at the start of the AIDS epidemic. They currently hold town halls around the country similar to Road 2 Success. The Houston town hall will take place November 18-19 at St. John's downtown. The first day will be educational, specifically around employment and the second day will be set up by the local host committee. Pradia added that it is the first time they have come to Houston and all long term survivors are invited and encouraged to attend. **Motion #3:** *it was moved and seconded (Mica, Deal) to be a collaborative partner of The Reunion Project by allowing them to add our logo to marketing materials and promoting the event. Motion carried.* Abstention: Shaikh.

**Public Comment and Announcements:** None.

### **Reports from Committees**

**Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee:** Josh Mica, Co-Chair, reported on the following: 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan: **Motion #4 from the Community Meetings as well as the Affected Community & Comprehensive HIV Planning Committees:** *We recommend that the Planning Council provide a letter of concurrence in favor of the 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Service Plan. Motion carried.* Abstention: Shaikh.

**Operations Committee:** Ronnie Galley, Co-Chair, reported on the following: The Operations Committee did not meet in September so that their members could attend the Integrated Planning meetings.

Election of 2023 Council Officers: Nominations are currently being accepted for 2023 Planning Council Officers.

2022 Proyecto VIDA: Starr said the graduation was a huge success.

**Quality Improvement Committee:** No report. The committee did not meet in September so that their members could attend the Integrated Planning meetings.

**Priority and Allocations Committee:** No report. The committee did not meet in September so that their members could attend the Integrated Planning meetings.

**Report from Ryan White Office of Support:** Tori Williams, Director summarized the attached report.

**Report from Ryan White Grant Administration:** Heather Keizman, Interim Manager, summarized the attached report.

**Report from The Resource Group:** Sha'Terra Johnson, Health Planner, summarized the attached report.

**Medical Updates:** Patel presented information about Covid and the flu. See attached.

**Task Force Reports:** Starr reminded Council members that, per the groups' agreement, there would be no verbal Task Force Reports while using the virtual or hybrid format. The Office of Support is happy to receive and distribute written reports in advance of all Council meetings.

**Announcements:** Barr said that the HOPWA NOFO closed yesterday. New providers applied for funding which is very exciting for our community. Starr said the link to register for the Reunion Project is live. Pradia said she will send a link for Spanish; there will be interpreters at the event. Mica said that Thomas Street Health Center will host a Thanksgiving dinner on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** *it was moved and seconded (Ligons, Deal) to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Victoria Williams, Director

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Draft Certified by  
Council Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Final Approval by  
Council Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Council Voting Records for October 13, 2022

C = Chaired 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 #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 Minutes Carried			
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Rosalind Belcher		X				X			Paul Richards		X				X		
Titan Capri		X					X		Pete Rodriguez		X				X		
Johanna Castillo		X				X			Imran Shaikh		X				X		
Tony Crawford		X					X		C. Bruce Turner	X				X			
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