

**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, May 11, 2023

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

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Crystal Starr, Chair	Kevin Aloysius, excused	Charles Henley, Consultant
Ardry “Skeet” Boyle, Vice Chair	Servando Arellano, excused	
Josh Mica, Secretary	Rosalind Belcher	STAFF PRESENT
Titan Capri	Caleb Brown, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Robert “Bobby” Cruz	Johanna Castillo, excused	Glenn Urbach
Kenia Gallardo	Tony Crawford	Mauricia Chatman
Ronnie Galley	Kathryn Fergus, excused	
Dawn Jenkins	Daphne L. Jones, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Peta-gay Ledbetter	Roxanne May, excused	Sha’Terra Johnson
Cecilia Ligons	Rodney Mills, excused	
Diana Morgan	Shital Patel, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Allen Murray	Evelio Salinas Escamilla, excused	Tori Williams
Oscar Perez	Imran Shaikh, excused	Mackenzie Hudson
Tana Pradia	Faye Robinson, excused	Diane Beck
Paul Richards	C. Bruce Turner, excused	Rod Avila
Pete Rodriguez		
Ryan Rose		
Megan Rowe		
Robert Sliepka		
Carol Suazo		
Steven Vargas		

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

During the opening remarks, Starr said thank you and presented flowers to Lorrie Castle, Operations Manager at St. Philip Presbyterian Church, with the following words of appreciation, “Lorrie has welcomed us and made us feel at home in this lovely church. We extend our deepest thanks to the Pastor

and all of the church members. We have enjoyed working with you and will miss you”.

Starr continued by stating that April is usually our busiest time of year because of the How To Best Meet the Need (HTBMN” process. She thanked the HTBMN workgroup co-chairs, the co-chairs of the Quality Improvement Committee and the staff of the Office of Support and Administrative Agencies.

Additional HTBMN workgroups were dedicated to learning about HIV and Aging and ways to implement some of the activities in the 2022-26 Integrated Plan. These workgroups will continue to meet since they are designed to look at a lot of information before making recommendations to the Council.

On Monday, the HIV and Aging workgroup will hosted Jules Levin, an HIV activist who has been a driving force behind the development of at least 3 medical clinics in New York City established specifically to meet the needs of Older Adults Living with HIV (OALH). Please attend this hybrid meeting to learn how we can prepare our community to best meet the needs of our aging population.

On Wednesday, May 24th, the Council will work with the Serving the Incarcerated and Recently Released Coalition to explore the pros and cons of distributing condoms in jails and prisons. That hybrid meeting will start at 9:30 am. Reach out to Diane if you need more information about these workgroup meetings. Starr then called for a Moment of Reflection.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2: it was moved and seconded (Mica, Boyle) to approve the April 13, 2023 minutes. Motion carried. Abstentions: Capri, Ledbetter, Rodriguez, Suazo.

Roles and Responsibilities of Ryan White Part A Stakeholders: Charles Henley, Consultant, presented the attached PowerPoint.

Public Comment and Announcements: None..

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Allen Murray, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Most Ryan White committees, including the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee, did not meet in April so that volunteers could attend the FY24 How to Best Meet the Need training and workgroup meetings.

Affected Community Committee: No report.

Quality Improvement Committee: No report.

Operations Committee: No report.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Bobby Cruz, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Reallocation of FY23 Unallocated Funds: Motion #3: *Allocate \$18,000 to increase the FY23 Ryan White Office of Support Budget to pay for a short-term lease on office and meeting space until more permanent space becomes available.* **Motion Carried.**

Reallocation of FY23 Unallocated Funds: Motion #4: *Allocate \$485,889 to Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy based on the high need for this service in FY22.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Jenkins, Perez.

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

Report from Ryan White Grant Administration: Glenn Urbach, Manager, summarized the attached report.

Report from The Resource Group: Sha'Terra Johnson, Health Planner, summarized 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.

Announcements: Mica announced the opening of the Poz Impact non-profit auto repair shop, services are focused on the LGBTQ and HIV communities as well as women. For information contact Info@pozimpact.org.

Adjournment: Motion: *it was moved and seconded (Boyle, Lignons) to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 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 May 11, 2023

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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