

**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, June 8, 2023

Meeting Location: Bering Church, 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX & Zoom teleconference

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

Call to Order: Crystal Starr, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Starr said the Council is finalizing service definitions and eligibility criteria for Fiscal Year 2024. She thanked all who participated in How to Best Meet the Need workgroups for their important input and said we look forward to receiving recommendations from the Special

Workgroups, such as the HIV and Aging Workgroup. In June, the Priority and Allocations Committee will be prioritizing and attaching funds to the services that we approve today. The process of creating the FY24 Allocations will start on Monday. For those who don't know, Matilda Padilla passed away. She was a wonderful Council member who will be greatly missed. Starr will be representing the Council at her service tomorrow. Starr then called for a Moment of Reflection.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1: *it was moved and seconded (Ligons, Boyle) to adopt the agenda with one change, continue the meeting and allow the guest speaker to present when he arrives on screen. Motion carried.*

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Boyle, Ligons) to approve the May 11, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Castillo, Fergus, Gallardo, Patel.

Results of an Anal Cancer Study: Alan Nyitray, PhD, Center for AIDS Intervention Research at the Medical College of Wisconsin, presented the attached PowerPoint.

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Allen Murray, Co-Chair, reported on the following: 2022-26 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan: The committee will start developing outcome measures for goals in the Integrated Plan. The process will start at 2 pm, after the Council meeting adjourns today. All are welcome and all will be allowed to vote since this will be the start of the Evaluation Workgroup. The meeting will use the hybrid format. Check the Council website rwpchouston.org for a meeting packet or call to request one.

Joint Meeting of the Affected Community and Project LEAP/Proyecto VIDA Advisory Committees: Ardry Boyle, Jr., Vice Chair, Affected Community Committee, reported on the following: 2022 Project LEAP Evaluation Report: Williams summarized the results of the 2022 Project LEAP and VIDA Evaluation Reports.

2023 Project LEAP and Proyecto VIDA: **Motion #3:** *Use the same service definition and student selection guidelines in 2023 that were used in 2022. Motion Carried.* Abstention: Rowe.

2023 Project LEAP and Proyecto VIDA will begin in August, with the students graduating shortly after Thanksgiving. They will both be taught using a hybrid format. All Ryan White volunteers are encouraged to help recruit student applicants. See the attached flyers and application forms which will be distributed at Ryan White funded clinics, special events and more. Please spread the word.

Quality Improvement Committee: Josh Mica, Council Secretary, reported on the following: Reports from Administrative Agent – Part A/MAI*: See the attached reports.

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part B/SS: See the attached reports.

FY 2024 Service Definitions and Financial Eligibility: **Motion #4:** *Approve the attached, recommended FY 2024 Service Definitions and Financial Eligibility for Ryan White Part A/MAI, Part B and State Services funded services. See the attached Summary of How to Best Meet the Need recommendations and financial eligibility. Motion Carried.*

Targeting Chart for FY 2024 Service Categories: **Motion #5:** *Approve the attached FY 2024 Targeting Chart for the Ryan White Part A/MAI, Part B and State Services funded service categories. Motion Carried.*

Priority and Allocations Committee: Bobby Cruz, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
FY 2024 Service Priorities: The Committee made recommendations regarding the FY 2024 service priorities, which will be presented to the Steering Committee and Planning Council after the public hearing in late June 2023.

Ryan White FY 2024 Allocations: The process for allocating FY 2024 Ryan White Part A/MAI, Part B and State Services funding will begin on Monday, June 12, 2023 at noon. See Rod if you wish to receive reminders.

Operations Committee: Cecilia Lignons, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
Proposed Revisions to the FY 2023 Planning Council Support Budget: **Motion #6:** *Approve the attached, revised FY 2023 Planning Council Support Budget.* **Motion Carried.** Abstention: Capri.

Proposed FY 2024 Council Support Budget: Recommended Action: **Motion #7:** *Approve the attached FY 2024 Council Support Budget.* **Motion Carried.**

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: See the attached report.

Medical Update: Patel presented the attached information from the CDC regarding the decline in HIV cases. She also stated the importance of the HPV vaccine as prevention for many cancers, including anal cancer. For more information on the HPV vaccine, refer to the medical update from February 2023.

Task Force Reports: Starr said that the Council agreed 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: Lignons said there is still space available at the Positive Living Conference in Florida if anyone is interested. Rowe said that FLAS and Bread of Life are now HOPWA providers. Bread of Life has taken on the existing clients from Avenue 360 and FLAS can take new clients. In July, The Women’s Home will also be a provider. Patel thanked the Administrative Agents for their collaboration on the EHE/Rapid Start program with ECHO. The results will be presented in a poster in Paris next week. Murray said that Bering will have a float in the PRIDE parade, if anyone wants to ride let him know.

Adjournment: **Motion:** *it was moved and seconded (Mica, Lignons) to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m.* **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Williams, Director

Date _____

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: _____

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Final Approval by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

Council Voting Records for June 8, 2023

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