

# COUNCIL APPROVED MARCH 14, 2024

## 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 8, 2024

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

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Josh Mica, he/him/él, Chair	Beatriz Rivera	Leslie Williams
Ardry “Skeet” Boyle, Vice Chair	Pete Rodriguez	Beth Allen, consultant
Ryan Rose, Secretary	Yolanda Ross	Mike Smith
Kevin Aloysius	Megan Rowe	
Yvonne Arizpe	Evelio Salinas Escamilla	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Jay Bhowmick	Jose Serpa-Alvarez	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Caleb Brown	Imran Shaikh	Glenn Urbach
Titan Capri	Robert Sliepka	Mauricia Chatman
Johanna Castillo	Crystal Renee Starr	Jason Black
Johnny Deal	Carol Suazo	Francisco Ruiz
Kathryn Fergus	Steven Vargas	
Glen Hollis	Priscilla Willridge	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Kenneth Jones		Sha’Terra Johnson
Denis Kelly		Maylyne Gonzalez
Peta-gay Ledbetter	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	
Cecilia Ligons	Servando Arellano	<i>Office of Support</i>
Roxane May	Tony Crawford	Tori Williams
Rodney Mills	Michael Elizabeth Webb	Diane Beck
Shital M. Patel	Kenia Gallardo	
Bill Patterson	Norman Mitchell	
Tana Pradia	Diane Morgan	
Paul Richards	Oscar Perez	

**Call to Order:** Josh Mica, he/him/él, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. During the opening remarks, Mica welcomed the new members to the Planning Council. He said, although we have 41 members, we know that it is difficult for some people to attend in person so the Council meetings will be hybrid. In order to make quorum we must have 14 members attending the Council meeting in person

so please help us make quorum by attending in person as often as possible. He then 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. He reported that The Normal Anomaly hosted a meeting with the CDC and the Southern AIDS Coalition at TSU last week. A lot of people showed up and there was great discussion. They said it was the largest city that they've had so far. A lot of people from the Planning Council showed up so we had good representation. They shared some next steps on how to end the epidemic, it was really great. He also had Deal and Arizpe tell their experience at the meeting. Vargas said that Arizpe asked really good questions and made some great comments. Mica then called for a Moment of Reflection.

**Introductions:** Mica asked all Council Members and staff to introduce themselves.

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Boyle, Ligons) to approve the December 14, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Arizpe, Bhowmick, Deal, Hollis, Jones, Kelly, May, Patterson, Rivera, Ross, Rowe, Serpa-Alvarez, Shaikh, Starr, Willridge.

**People First Language:** Titan Capri presented the attached PowerPoint.

**Public Comment and Announcements:** None.

### **Reports from Committees**

**Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee:** Robert Sliepka, Co-Chair, reported on the following: 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan: Meetings are being set up for all committee and workgroups for the Integrated Planning body for the 2022-26 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. Please see Tori if you wish to join a group or see the list of meeting dates. See the attached list of co-chairs.

**Affected Community Committee:** Johnny Deal, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Road 2 Success: The Committee hosted a Road 2 Success event at Corder Place, thanks to the assistance of Cecilia Ligons, a case manager at Corder Place. The residents were enthusiastic and appreciated the service information.

**Quality Improvement Committee:** No report.

**Priority and Allocations Committee:** No report.

**Operations Committee:** Cecilia Ligons, Co-Chair, reported on the following: 2024 New Member Orientation & Mentor/Mentee Meeting: Ligons said that the meetings were very successful and that new members were well prepared.

2024 Council Orientation: Ligons said that the orientation was very successful.

Youth Group: The Council hosted a December holiday party for the Youth Group. The case managers had never seen all of the youth come together and felt that it was a great team building event for them. The youth welcome the monthly HIV educational information provided by the Council and appreciate the support.

**2024 Council Activities:** See attached. Williams summarized the memorandum regarding Petty Cash procedures, Open Meetings Act Training and the 2024 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:** Glenn Urbach, Manager, summarized the attached report.

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

**Medical Updates:** Shital Patel, MD, Baylor College of Medicine presented information on HIV, diabetes medications, and weight loss. She will email a copy of the presentation to the Office of Support for distribution.

**Task Force Reports:** 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:** Boyle said that Bread of Life gives out household items and food on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8 am-12 pm. 2019 Crawford Street at Gray Street.

**Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 1:53 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 February 8, 2024

C = Chair of the meeting ja = Just arrived lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 Minutes Carried					Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 Minutes Carried			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO
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Josh Mica, he/him/él, Chair				C				C	Beatriz Rivera		X						X
Ardry “Skeet” Boyle, Vice Chair		X				X			Pete Rodriguez		X				X		
Ryan Rose, Secretary		X				X			Yolanda Ross		X						X
Kevin Aloysius		X				X			Megan Rowe		X						X
Yvonne Arizpe		X						X	Evelio Salinas Escamilla		X				X		
Jay Bhowmick		X						X	Jose Serpa-Alvarez		X						X
Caleb Brown		X				X			Imran Shaikh		X						X
Titan Capri		X				X			Robert Sliepka		X				X		
Johanna Castillo		X				X			Crystal Renee Starr		X						X
Johnny Deal		X						X	Carol Suazo		X				X		
Kathryn Fergus		X				X			Steven Vargas		X				X		
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Shital M. Patel		X				X			Diana Morgan								
Bill Patterson		X						X	Pete Rodriguez								
Tana Pradia		X				X			Imran Shaikh								
Paul Richards		X				X			C. Bruce Turner								