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**Houston Area Ending the HIV Epidemic and
Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Planning Body**
Co-hosted by the Houston Prevention Community Planning Group and the
Houston Ryan White Planning Council

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

To Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8899837982>

Meeting ID: 889 983 7982

Or, participate by telephone at: 346 248-7799

AGENDA

* = See attachment

I. Welcome

Ronnie Galley &
Shawn-Kenneth Flintroy
Leadership Team Co-Chairs

II. Presentation: Houston Area Rapid Start Programs

Jason Black
Project Coordinator - EHE

III. Committee and Workgroup Updates:

- A. Status Neutral/Diagnose Committee
- B. Treat Committee
- C. Education and Awareness Committee
- D. Consumer/Community Engagement Workgroup
- E. Needing In-Person Education Workgroup
- F. Youth Workgroup
- G. Professional Healthcare Education Workgroup
- H. Prevention & Policy Committee
- I. Respond Committee
- J. Quality of Life Committee
- K. Aging & HIV Workgroup
- L. Housing Workgroup
- M. Racial & Social Justice Workgroup

Kathryn Fergus & Rodney Mills
Pete Rodriguez & Conley Stone
Ashley Barnes & Titan Capri
Adonis May & Ronnie Galley
Alexis Loving & S-K Flintroy
C. Brown, R. Galley & J. Deal
Evelyn Hicks & Josh Mica
S-K Flintroy & Beatriz Rivera
Tana Pradia
Steven Vargas and TBA
E. Salinas Escamilla & D. Kelly
M. Rowe, K. Gallardo & J. Deal
C. Ligons, B. Cruz & B. Patterson

IV. Next Meeting

V. Appreciations and Adjourn

Ending the HIV Epidemic/Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Planning Body

Summary Reports from Committees and Workgroups

March 2024

The following EHE/Integrated Planning Body committees and workgroups met in March 2024. Each group discussed their committee/workgroup goals and determined activities for their group over the next couple of months.

Aging & HIV Workgroup, 03/20/2024, Diane Beck, Ryan White Office of Support (RWOoS)

Shital Patel, MD, medical director of the Houston AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC), presented information on the training program currently being developed for Ryan White Part A–funded HIV case managers who will receive training in gerontology. They are surveying and holding focus groups with case managers to determine topics to be included in the training. Her colleague, Vaishnavi Sankar, presented preliminary data from an HIV and aging needs assessment conducted with agency staff. Diane will distribute the presentations to all members. In May, there will be a presentation from Senior Research Associate Daniel Castellanos, DrPH, at the Latino Commission on AIDS. The workgroup would like to receive information about best practices for frailty screening for people living with HIV and how to educate doctors on which tests they should run.

Next Meeting: Noon, Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Consumer & Community Engagement Workgroup, 03/25/2024, Cydney Clay, Houston Health

Department (HHD). Members discussed *Road 2 Success* classes hosted by members of the Ryan White Affected Community Committee and held at Ryan White–funded agencies, HOPWA-funded housing sites and more. The classes are designed to provide consumers with information about the HIV care system in the Houston 10-county area. The focus of the FY 2023–2024 classes is teaching consumers how to use the Houston Area Directory of HIV Prevention and Care Services, more commonly known as *The Blue Book*. Office of Support staff created a *Blue Book* Jeopardy game that makes the class fun and interactive. Since December 2023, over 103 non-Ryan White volunteers have participated in the training. **Next Meeting: 11 a.m., Monday, May 20, 2024.**

Housing Workgroup, 03/28/2024, Tori Williams, RWOoS

In reviewing the goals and seeking to build on existing data, members discussed contacting sources, including the University of Houston School of Social Work, which is believed to hold housing data that students collected and which may be useful in meeting current workgroup goals. City of Houston Director of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Megan Rowe, a workgroup co-chair, will assist in obtaining Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports about housing program accomplishments locally. Other existing HIV-related agencies, housing enterprises serving the aging population (including short-term health recovery options), initiatives monitoring local health issues affecting housing, and others serving housing needs of the community at large were also identified as sources of retrievable information meaningful in meeting goals. **Next Meeting: 2 p.m., Thursday, May 23, 2024.**

Needing In-Person Engagement Workgroup, 03/13/2024, Tori Williams, RWOoS

Members identified a number of individuals who will be recruited to join the workgroup, including people who work in harm reduction, those who work with sex workers, and others. AETC is willing to work with the members to develop HIV training for case managers who work with the homeless. There are approximately 1,000 such case managers in Harris and surrounding counties. And, this summer, Project LEAP students will be asked to work with HPD officers who specialize in mental health to develop a pamphlet listing HIV, mental health and other resources for those living on the street. **Next meeting: 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2024.**

Prevention and Policy Committee, 03/12/24, Eliot Davis, HHD

Members reviewed goals and discussed identifying an HHD representative to address the committee on HHD

strategy and plans for implementation of EHE-related activities. Advocates/experts supporting and opposing condom distribution to persons who are incarcerated are needed to inform the committee. These tasks were assigned. Members discussed a hybrid model for meeting and endorsed exploring a strategy, such as a resource hub, to minimize duplication of efforts. **Next meeting: Noon, Tuesday, May 14, 2024.**

Racial and Social Justice Workgroup, 03/19/2024, Richon Ohafia, Ryan White Grant Administration
Members discussed existing work completed by the University of Houston School of Social Work and morbidity and mortality data for Harris County. They discussed goals for the workgroup and needing a better understanding of the purpose of the group and the meaning of racial/social justice and root causes members are looking to address. Tori is trying to locate a speaker to share tools developed by the Ft. Worth Planning Council, which relate to addressing and supporting racial and social justice issues. **Next meeting: 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024.**

Research, Data, and Implementation Committee and Monitoring, Quality Assurance, and Evaluation Committee, 03/14/2024, Tori Williams, RWOoS Many of those assigned to develop evaluation plans for specific committees and workgroups met with their groups and learned more about their planned activities. **Next Meeting: 2 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2024.**

Respond Committee postponed meeting until 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

Status-Neutral Systems and Diagnose Committee, 03/13/2024, Chelsea Frand, HHD
The committee reviewed its goals and activities and described the current status of each. The team discussed keeping track of activities that take place in the community by using an online tracker accessible to multiple representatives of local organizations and perhaps distribute a survey or host a quarterly call or online forum with them. Such links could help identify specific services, such as those currently offering nontraditional hours. The committee will identify additional members as well as resources that can assist with carrying out the activities assigned to the Status-Neutral Systems and Diagnose Committee. Co-chair Kathryn Fergus will create a survey form that will go to community partners to capture activities conducted by local agencies. Tori will see if other committees/workgroups have survey questions they want to add. **Next meeting: 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2024.**

Treat Committee, 03/08/2024, Tori Williams, RWOoS
Members of the Treat Committee reviewed Integrated Planning goals more thoroughly, identified community leaders they wish to recruit for membership and identified groups that may be already engaged in efforts that relate to the committee's assigned goals. To meet goals, the co-chairs expressed interest in surveying case managers who work with people living with HIV and those who are homeless to find out what barriers individuals face in securing and maintaining identification documents and how the committee can help them replace documents needed to access care; determine if Harris County Centralized Patient Care Data Management System (CPCDMS) can be used to provide proof of residency, income and other essential data to make it easier for clients to go through eligibility screenings. Other actions included seeking clarification of Goal 2D by sending it back to the SMART Committee that wrote it; creating a list of agencies providing after-hours care; learning more about the Ryan White-funded position of retention nurse at Cambridge Health Alliance (Cambridge, MA), which helps ensure care, treatment adherence and more. **Next Meeting: Noon, Friday, May 10, 2024.**

Youth Workgroup, 03/04/2024, Rod Avila, RWOoS
Members discussed how best to set up a Youth Council. Three organizations that work with homeless youth, or those with a history of homelessness, were identified. Staff and workgroup members will reach out to the three organizations and see if there is an interest in partnering to develop a monthly, in-person (possibly hybrid) educational program for their clients. **Next Meeting: 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2024.**

<p>UPDATED: 05/03/24</p> <p>INTEGRATED PLANNING BODY (IP)</p> <p>Unless otherwise noted, ALL meetings will be held via Zoom or hybrid</p> <p>Z = Zoom (virtual only)</p>	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 12 noon RW Steering Committee	3	4
	5	6 2:00 p.m. RW HTBMN Special Wg #3 - Various Topics	7 6:00 p.m. <i>IP Youth Workgroup</i>	8 10:00 a.m. <i>IP Needing In Person Engagement Workgroup</i> 3:00 p.m. <i>IP Status Neutral Systems and Diagnose Committee</i> 6:00 p.m. Z <i>IP Leadership Team</i>	9 12 noon RW Planning Council CANCELLED 2:00 pm RW Comp HIV Planning with the IP Research, Data & Implementation and Monitoring, QA & Evaluation committees	10 12 noon <i>IP Treat Committee</i>	11
<p>May</p> <p>2024</p>	12	13 11:00 a.m. RW Operations	14 12 noon <i>IP Prevention and Policy Committee</i> 2:00 p.m. RW Quality Improvement	15 12 noon <i>IP Aging & HIV Workgroup</i>	16	17	18 National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
	19 National API HIV Awareness Day	20 11:00 a.m. RW Affected Community with the <i>IP</i> <i>Consumer & Community Engagement Workgroup</i>	21 12 noon <i>IP Education & Awareness Committee</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>IP Racial and Social Justice Workgroup</i>	22 1:00 p.m. <i>IP Respond Committee</i>	23 CANCELLED RW Priority & Allocations 2:00 pm <i>IP Housing Workgroup</i> 4:00 CPG	24	25
	26	27 Memorial Day Holiday	28 7:00 p.m. RW Public Hearing	29 TENTATIVE 2:00 p.m. RW Quality Improvement	30	31	