

HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL



We envision an educated community where the needs of all HIV/AIDS infected 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 infected and/or affected with HIV/AIDS by taking a leadership role in the planning and assessment of HIV resources

MINUTES

11:30 a.m., Thursday, August 11, 2005

2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Steven Walker, Chair	Larry Bryant, excused	Steve DeCorte
Ken Malone, Vice-Chair	Lester Byrd, excused	Martin Piggee, DRWMF
Kevin Jackson, Secretary	Paula Downes, excused	Charles Henley, HIV Services
Gary Ainsworth	Stephen Garcia, excused	Kay Martin, HIV Services
Bill Barry	Daniel Garza, excused	Rocaille Roberts, HIV Services
Skeet Boyle	Kimberly Griffin	Jim Stanley, Health Dept.
Fide Cisnero	Nancy Miertschin, excused	Maurice Peterson, Greeter
Jhonna Evans-Thomas	John Odom	Modelle Brudner, Judge Eckels
Tonya Fisher	Yvette Proctor, excused	Tori Williams, Ofc. Of Support
Joe Fuentes, Jr.	John Sahn, excused	Jennifer Kim, Ofc. Of Support
Tammy Garrison	George H. Smith, excused	G.L. Monaghan, Ofc. Of Support
Dena Gray	Lesley Williams	
Johnny Harris, Jr.		
Gretchen Hollingsworth		
Priscilla Jenkins-Roberts		
Marlene McNeese-Ward		
Sylvia Mazique		
Michael Miller		
Leo Nosser		
Joseph Osei-Frimpong		
Samuel Robinson, IV		
Glenn Taggart		
Bruce Turner		
John Tuttle		
Thomas Urban		
Christy Varhaug		
Ray Watts		
Cathy Wiley		

Call to Order: Steven Walker, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. by asking for a moment of reflection.

Training: Client Satisfaction and Clinical Chart Reviews: Rocaille Roberts, HIV Services, presented the attached Power Point presentation.

Adoption of the Agenda: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Turner, Fisher) to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.***

Adoption of the Minutes: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Ainsworth, Jackson) to adopt the July 14, 2005 minutes. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Fuentes, Jr., Malone, Wiley.

Public Comment: None.

Reports from the Committees (See the attached chart at the end of the minutes for individual voting information):

Communication Ad Hoc Committee: Gary Ainsworth, Chair, gave the following report:

Letter to Consumers: *Motion 1: To approve the attached letter to consumers regarding changes in Title I Services as of 03-01-06 with a distribution date to be determined by the Council Chair. **Motion carried.***

Priority & Allocations Committee: Bruce Turner, Vice Chair, gave the following report:

FY 2005 Reallocation: *Motion 2: To fund the attached list of service categories at the amount recommended. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Malone, McNeese-Ward, Miller, Wiley, Fuentes, Jr.

Quality Assurance Committee: No report.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: No report.

Administrative Assessment Committee: No report.

Affected Community Committee: Skeet Boyle, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2005 Committee Meeting Locations: See attached chart.

Client Complaint/Grievance Report: See attached report.

Greeters: See attached chart.

Outreach to the Community: See attached chart and evaluation information.

Clinical Trails – UTMB Galveston: See attached information.

Operations Committee: Michael Miller, Chair, gave the following reports:

Ryan White Planning Council (RWPC) Representation at Meetings and Conferences: The Chair of the Council should continue to select the RWPC representative at meetings, conferences and HRSA training programs. A sign-up sheet will be provided at Orientation for those who wish to be considered as the RWPC representative.

Mentors: See attached chart of mentors for new Council members.

Orientation for New Members: Orientation for all new members has tentatively been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

Attendance: The Council Sign-in sheet will now ask for the time of arrival.

Attendance: Letters requesting an explanation have been sent to those who have missed a significant number of meetings.

Advances in Medication and Treatment:

Medicare Reform: Ken Malone and Steve DeCorte presented the attached power point presentation on "Medicare Reform and the Likely Impact on ADAP". The rules are evolving and will continue to change until January 1, 2006.

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

Report from HIV Services: Charles Henley, Director, HIV Services, Harris County Health Department, summarized the attached report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Legislative Updates: Walker appointed the following to serve on an Ad Hoc Legislative Committee: Malone, Fuentes, Jr., Gray, McNeese-Ward and Williams. The committee will walk through the major points of the attached recommendations from President Bush at the September Council meeting. Malone stated that now is the time to aggressively write the state legislators concerning the attached recommendations.

Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Gray stated that the next meeting is on Friday, August 26, 2005.

HOPWA: Gray stated that it is very important for members to fill out and send in the HOPWA Technical Assistance questionnaire that was mailed out last week. HOPWA needs to hear about any and all concerns. Felicia Farrar has resigned, effective August 19, 2005.

Announcements: Malone stated that The Assistance Fund and the Montrose Clinic's Boards have met and voted to merge the two agencies effective October 3, 2005.

Adjournment: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Boyle, Garrison) to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager

9/1/05
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: Ken Malone

Date 9/1/05

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 9/8/05

JA = Just arrived at meeting
LR = Left room temporarily
LM = Left the meeting
C = Chair of the meeting

Scribe: Monaghan

2005 Council Meeting Voting Record for Meeting Date: 8/11/05

	Motion 1				Motion 2				Consumer letter	Motion 1				Motion 2				
	ABSENT	YES	NO	Motion carried	ABSENT	YES	NO	Motion carried		ABSENT	YES	NO	Motion carried	ABSENT	YES	NO	Motion carried	
MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Gary Ainsworth		x				x				Ken Malone		x						x
Bill Barry		x				x				Sylvia Mazique, 11:40		x				x		
Skeet Boyle		x				x				Nancy Miertschin	x				x			
Larry Bryant	x				x					Michael Miller		x						x
Lester Byrd	x				x					Leo Nosser		x				x		
Fide Cisnero		x				x				John Odom	x				x			
Paula Downes	x				x					Joseph Osei-Frimpong		x				x		
Johnetta Evans-Thomas, 11:43	X				X					Yvette Proctor	x				x			
Tonya Fisher		x				X				Samuel Robinson, 11:43								
Joe Fuentes, Jr.		x						x		Glenn Taggart		x				x		
Stephen Garcia	x				x					John Sahn	x				x			
Tammy Garrison		x				X				George H. Smith	x				x			
Daniel Garza	x				x					Bruce Turner		x				x		
Dena Gray, 12:08	x				x					John Tuttle		x				x		
Kimberly Griffin	x				x					Thomas Urban, 11:51	x					x		
Johnny Harris, Jr.		x				x				Christy Varhaug		x				x		
Gretchen Hollingsworth, 12:27		x				x				Steve Walker				C				C
Kevin Jackson, 12:15		x				x				Ray Watts, 11:52	x					x		
Priscilla Jenkins-Roberts, 11:42	x					X				Cathy Wiley		x						x
Marlene McNeese-Ward		x						x		Lesley P. Williams								