

# 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, October 13, 2005

2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PROJECT LEAP REPS PRESENT:	OTHERS PRESENT
Ken Malone, Vice-Chair	Steven Walker, excused	Askazi Naqvi	Martin Piggee, DRW
Kevin Jackson, Secretary	Johnetta Evans-Thomas	Jose Silva	Dwayne Haught
Gary Ainsworth	Joe Fuentes, Jr., excused	John Eastridge	Charles Henley, HIV Services
Bill Barry	Michael Miller, Excused	Kenneth Middleton	Tori Williams, Ofc. Of Support
Skeet Boyle	Glenn Taggart, excused	Louise Middleton	G.L. Monaghan, Ofc. Of Support
Larry Bryant	John Sahm, excused	Jay Huddleston	Bernie Vasquez, Center for AIDS
Lester Byrd	Thomas Urban, excused	Cecilia Smith	
Fide Cisnero	Cathy Wiley, excused	Eddie Givens	EXTERNAL MEMBERS PRESENT:
Paula Downes	Lesley Williams	Ryland Gittens	David Watson, HDHHS
Tonya Fisher		Mark Chatman	Mary Lee Johnson
Stephen Garcia		Henry Richards	Thomas Gegeny, CFA
Tammy Garrison		Scott Beaver	Cathy Kirkwood
Daniel Garza		Lisa Acogny	Karina Navarro, AVES
Dena Gray		Osaro Mgbere	Veronica Garza
Kimberly Griffin		Sylvia Patterson	Jay Johnson
Johnny Harris, Jr.		Jacquelyn Baldwin	Maurice Peterson
Gretchen Hollingsworth		Roslyn Rose	Kevin Berry
Priscilla Jenkins-Roberts		Steven Vargas	Marilyn Jones
Marlene McNeese-Ward		Melvin Johnson	
Sylvia Mazique		Bret Hathaway	
Nancy Miertschin		Shaloon Washington	
Leo Nosser			
John Odom			
Joseph Osei-Frimpong			
Yvette Proctor			
Samuel Robinson, IV			
George Smith			
Bruce Turner			
John Tuttle			
Christy Varhaug			

**Call to Order:** Malone, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. by asking for a moment of reflection.

Volunteer Appreciation Presentation: Malone presented certificates of appreciation to the 2005 external committee members. Malone presented a special certificate to Mary Lee Johnson for perfect attendance.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: *Motion: it was moved and seconded (Jackson, Boyle) to adopt the September 8, 2005 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Turner, Downes, McNeese-Ward, Varhaug.

**Public Comment:** None.

### **Reports from the Committees**

Quality Assurance Committee: Bruce Turner, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2006 Standards of Care and Outcome Measures: Members are encouraged to attend 2006 Standards of Care and Outcome Measures Work Groups. See attached schedule.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: No report

Administrative Assessment Committee: No report

Priority & Allocations Committee: No report

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

Meeting with Rural Clients: The committee met at Family Services of Greater Houston in the Woodlands. Clients stated that it is difficult to access the following services: dental care, transportation and counseling for family members. Gray stated that HOPWA would like to coordinate with the committee on housing issues.

2005 Community Events: See the attached list of events.

Operations Committee: Boyle reported on the following:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): The committee recommends that a review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) take place after reauthorization.

Committee Structure: The Operations Committee is looking at the functions of several committees to see if one or more committees can be merged. This will increase membership on all committees.

Specifically, the committee is exploring a recommendation to merge the Administrative Assessment Committee into the Quality Assurance Committee and the Advances in Medications and Medical Treatments Committee into the Affected Community Committee.

Attendance: See the attached attendance records.

Malone stated that the elections for the Officers for the 2006 Ryan White Planning Council will be held in December 2005.

Advances in Medication and Treatment: Odom, Vice-Chair, reported on the following:

Hurricane Katrina: The committee is in the process of creating posters with information about the Blue Book to be distributed at sites where evacuees gather, such as FEMA, Red Cross, etc.

Committee Structure: The Committee recommends that the Operations Committee look at merging this committee with the Affected Community Committee.

Medicare Part D and its Impact on ADAP: Dwayne Haught, Manager, Texas HIV Medication Program, Department of State Health Services presented the attached Power Point Presentation on Medicare Part D and ADAP. Haught announced that he will repeat the presentation for consumers and other interested parties today at 3:00 p.m. at the Center for AIDS.

**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, HCHD, summarized the attached report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Spokesperson from STAGE to Title I: Jackson stated that the annual retreat will be on October 27 and 28, 2005 in Galveston.

Report from the CDC Planning and Prevention Group: McNeese-Ward stated that CPG is taking applications for new members. Anyone interested should call Brenda Chapman at: 713-794-9092.

HOPWA: Gray stated that the PWA Housing Advisory Committee met yesterday and elected three (3) Co-Chairs: Matt Locklin, Tori Williams and herself. HUD has released waivers for those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. To obtain a waiver, contact the AIDS Foundation Houston. HOPWA is looking for agencies that would like to apply for funding for construction, renovation and conversion projects.

**Announcements:** Garza, D. stated that AVES is providing free HIV/AIDS testing as part of the National Hispanic AIDS Awareness Campaign today from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and at Kroger's on Saturday, October 15, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bryant summarized the information on the attached flyer regarding the "AIDS Caravan to Washington D.C." project.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1:10 p.m.

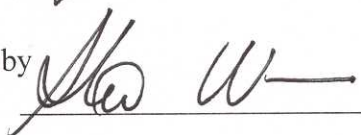
Respectfully submitted,

  
Victoria Williams, Manager

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