## HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL

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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, June 14, 2007 Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416 Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Bruce Tuner, Chair	David Bartholomew, excused	Jim Stanley, HCPHES
Ken Malone, Vice-Chair	Lester Byrd, excused	Randall Ellis, Legacy
David Watson, Secretary	Fide Cisnero, excused	
Burton Bagby	Yvette Garvin, excused	Executive Liaison, County
Jacquelyn Baldwin	LaQuoiya Graham	Judge Emmett
Paula Downes	Kimberly Griffin, excused	Modelle Brudner
Tonya Fisher	Sylvia Mazique, excused	
David Garner	Michael Miller, excused	HIV Services
Tammy Garrison		Charles Henley
Thomas Giordano		
Eddie Givens		Office of Support
Dena Gray		Tori Williams
Terry Hobbs		Georgette L. Monaghan
Kevin Jackson		
Asia Johnson		
Melvin Johnson		
Kenya Kimble		
Marco Mata		
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Shannon Prudhomme		
Patrick Richoux		
Samuel Robinson IV		
Pete Rodriguez		
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See the attached chart at the end of the minutes for individual voting information.

**Call to Order**: Bruce Turner, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m. by asking for a moment of reflection.

Randal Ellis, Legacy Community Health Services, summarized the attached handout summarizing decisions made at the last legislature session in Austin, Texas.

Turner introduced the new Council members: Kenya Kimble and Patrick Richoux.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: *Motion #2*: it was moved and seconded (Downes, Malone) to adopt the April 12, 2007 minutes. *Motion carried*. Abstentions: Burton, Giordano, Gray, Prudhomme, Taggart, Wiley.

Public Comment: None.

## **Reports from Committees:**

Quality Assurance Committee: Glenn Taggart, Co-Chair, gave the following reports: Reports from HIV Services: See the attached: Final/4<sup>th</sup> Quarter WICY Report, Final FY 2006 Administrative Cost Report and Final FY 2006 Procurement Report

FY 2007 HRSA Part A & B Fundable Program Services: See the attached list of allowable HRSA service categories.

FY 2008 How To Best Meet the Need Process: *Motion #3*: To accept the attached recommendations regarding service definitions for Ryan White Part A and B and State Services. *Motion carried.*Abstentions: Richoux, Vargas, Wiley, Watson, Downes, Giordano, Gray, Prudhomme.

FY 2008 HIV/AIDS Targeting Chart: *Motion #4: To accept the attached FY 2008 HIV/AIDS targeting chart for all service categories. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Richoux, Vargas, Wiley, Watson, Downes, Giordano, Gray, Prudhomme.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair: No report

Affected Community Committee: Tonya Fisher, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Houston Homeless: Steven Vargas and Scott More were the speakers at the last committee meeting and they gave excellent presentations on the Homeless in general and on the Houston Homeless Court.

HIV and the Incarcerated: The presentation at the June 19, 2007 committee meeting will be entitled "Good Ol' Boys and Bars on the Windows: HIV Inside TDCJ".

May 29, 2007 Public Hearing: The Public Hearing on the How To Best Meet the Need recommendations was short as there were only a handful of people present representing the general public.

Positive Empowerment: Recommended Action: *Motion #5*: To sponsor and have a booth at all three Positive Empowerment Summits targeting women, gay men and those over 40. Motion carried. Abstention: Richoux.

Operations Committee: Givens, Vice-Chair, gave the following reports:

HRSA Policy Regarding Administrative Expenses: See the attached policy from HRSA dated April 26, 2007, which outlines new requirements regarding administrative expenses.

FY 2008 Council Support Budget: *Motion #6*: To accept the attached FY 2008 Council Support Budget. *Motion carried.* Abstention: Richoux.

Council Bylaws, Policies and Procedures: The committee continues to review and recommend updates to Council bylaws, policies and procedures.

Priority & Allocations Committee: Paula Downes, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

FY 2008 Service Priorities: The Priority and Allocations Committee made recommendations on the FY 2008 service priorities for Ryan White Part A and B and will present these recommendations at a Public Hearing on June 25, 2007. Williams stated that the Office of Support has received several public comments via email regarding the proposed service priority for Transportation. All of the comments have asked the Council to move the priority to the first ranking of the non-core services. The committee will review these comments at their meeting on June 21, 2007.

FY 2007 Decrease/Increase/Level Funding Scenario: *Motion #7: To implement the decrease funding scenario in FY 2007 based on the Part A actual award and the MAI award estimated at level funding. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Richoux, Vargas, Wiley, Watson, Downes, Giordano, Gray, Prudhomme.

June 2007 Committee Meeting Schedule: See the attached committee meeting schedule. Public comment is welcome at the beginning of each meeting.

Quarterly Committee Report: See the attached report.

**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.

## **New Business:**

Turner presented a book on behalf of the Planning Council to Modelle Brudner, the liaison for Judge Emmett, since she will be retiring on July 1, 2007.

Ryan White Part F SPNS: Dr. Giordano stated that five clients have enrolled in the project. They hope to broaden the client age base.

Report from the CDC Planning and Prevention Group: Robinson stated that candidates for membership are still being interviewed. There will be a CDC Orientation at 5 pm on June 28, 2007.

Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Robinson stated that June 27, 2007 is National HIV Testing Day. There is a "Hip Hop for HIV" concert on June 30, 2007. Free tickets will be available in exchange for being tested. The goal is to get young adults tested.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Vargas stated that the Latino Task Force will be at Club Carnival for National HIV Testing Day. Volunteer testers are needed. If interested, please see Vargas.

HOPWA: Gray stated that the Housing Development Committee met on 06-13-07. Two new providers have been added: Ft. Bend and Life Roads in Pasadena. There is a decrease in gaps from last year and

most of the agencies have received an increase in funding. The 2007 HIV/AIDS Housing Needs Assessment Report should be available by August or September.

Announcements: Baldwin passed out invitations for those interested in attending the Saving Our Community, Kids and Seniors (SOCKS) fundraiser entitled "Summer Breeze Night".

Adjournment: Motion #8: it was moved and seconded (Taggart, Jackson,) to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m. Motion carried.

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