## 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 14, 2008 Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Suite 416 Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	Project LEAP
Tammy Garrison, Chair	David Bartholomew, excused	Claudine Alexandre
Ken Malone, Vice-Chair	David Benson, excused	Gabriel Gonzalez
Eddie Givens, Secretary	Dan Ellis, excused	Sheron Jackson
Jackie Baldwin	David Garner	Greg Monk
Fide Cisnero	Kimberly Hardison, excused	Marvin Bell
Paula Downes	Terry Hobbs, excused	Twyla Lee
Tonya Fisher	Linda Hollins, excused	Valegi Jns
Yvette Garvin	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	Steve Schurmann
Thomas Giordano	Ernesto Macias, excused	Alan Lucas
Morenike Giwa	Michael Miller, excused	Nina Robinson
Dena Gray	Glenn Taggart, excused	Jerry Garza
Charlotte Harris	OTHERS PRESENT	Xraka White
Asia Johnson	King Hillier, Harris County Hospital District	Omavale Luthuli
Melvin Johnson	Ferdinand Gaenzel, Harris County Hospital District	Christian Founds
Osaro Mgbere	Bryan McLeod, Harris County Hospital District	Glenn Carraux
Askari Naqvi	Vince Temples, Harris County Hospital District	Wayne Busby
Pete Rodriguez	Tina Foster, Harris County Hospital District	Kevin Moore
Ruben Rosas	Harris County Public Health & Environmental Svcs.	Edward Stevenson
Ryan Rushing	Tom Ricciardello, HCPHES	Gustavo Moreno
Josie Salazar	Modelle Brudner, Liaison for County Judge Emmett:	Marcienne Hemabov
Eulalia Seymore	Mary Asomani-Nyarko, Ryan White Grant Administration	Eric Twombley
Cecilia Smith	Carin Martin, Ryan White Grant Administration:	Roy Rainwater
Bruce Turner	Dawn Mead, Ryan White Grant Administration:	Glenn van Gaalen
John Tuttle	Tori Williams, Office of Support:	Ronald Schindler
Steven Vargas	Georgette L. Monaghan, Office of Support:	Michael Kennedy
Cathy Wiley		Marc Samuels

See the attached chart at the end of the minutes for individual voting information.

**Call to Order**: Tammy Garrison, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection including special thoughts for Jerry Shelton, as well as his family and friends.

Vince Temples, the Vice President of Privacy and Project Officer for Harris County Hospital District (HCHD) apologized to all consumers who have been affected by the problem of the missing flash drive containing financial and medical records of some of the HCHD patients. He described the measures taken by HCHD to secure the privacy of all those affected. He again apologized and gave the Response Center's telephone number of 888-979-2323 for those who would like additional information.

Training: New HIV/AIDS Medications: Thomas Giordano, MD, Baylor College of Medicine, reviewed the attached Power Point presentation entitled "New HIV/AIDS Medications".

Adoption of the Agenda: <u>Motion #1</u>: it was moved and seconded (Tuttle, Givens) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: <u>Motion #2</u>: it was moved and seconded (Malone, Gibbs) to adopt the June 12, 2008 minutes. **Motion carried**. Abstentions: Baldwin, Garvin, Gray, Mgbere, Rushing, Tuttle.

Adoption of the Minutes: <u>Motion #3</u>: it was moved and seconded (Tuttle, Givens) to adopt the July 10, 2008 minutes. **Motion carried**. Abstentions: Baldwin, Cisnero, Gray, Rodriguez, Salazar, Vargas.

**Public Comment:** Claudine Alexandre, representing the Project LEAP students, thanked the Council for inviting them to attend the Council meeting and for the Project LEAP classes. The students are learning a lot of valuable information and are excited about becoming involved with the Council.

## **Reports from Committees:**

**Quality Assurance Committee:** Pete Rodriquez, Chair, presented the following:

Reports from the Ryan White Part A Administrative Agent (see attached):

- ➤ FY 2008 Administrative Cost Report 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (as of 07-08-08)
- ightharpoonup FY 2008 WICY Report 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (as of 07-07-08)
- > FY 2007 Procurement Report for Part A & MAI (revised 07-07-08)
- > FY 2008 Procurement Report for Part A & MAI (revised 07-07-08)
- ➤ FY 2008 Service Utilization Report 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (revised 07-07-08)

Reports from the Ryan White Part B Administrative Agent (see attached):

- > FY 2008 Procurement Report for Part B (reflects April & May 2008)
- > FY 2007 Procurement Report for State Services Funding (reflects Sept. thru May)
- > FY 2007 Utilization Report for Part B & State Services Funding

Quarterly Committee Report: See the attached report.

**Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee**: Steven Vargas, Chair, presented the attached Quarterly Committee Report.

**Affected Community Committee:** Cecilia Smith, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Consumer Education: The committee enjoyed a presentation entitled "Interactions Between HIV and Non-HIV Drugs" which was given by Pennye Rohde, Physician Assistant at St. Hope Foundation. The event was well attended by clinic patients and members of the committee and proved very helpful information.

2008 Community Events: See the attached list.

Quarterly Committee Report: See the attached report.

**Operations Committee**: Ruben Rosas presented the following:

Policy for Approving the Council Support Budget: <u>Motion #4</u>: To approve the attached Policy 400.03 entitled: Process for Approving the Council Support Budget. Motion carried.

**Priority & Allocations Committee:** Bruce Turner, Chair, stated that the committee did not meet in July because the Resource Group had \$150,000 in unspent *State Services* funding but the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) gave the Resource Group permission to allocate the funds without a recommendation from the Ryan White Planning Council since the three requests for additional funds totaled approximately \$150,000. Williams stated that Turner was consulted before the meeting was cancelled.

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

**Report from Ryan White Grants Administration**: Carin Martin, Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA), Public Health and Environmental Services, summarized the attached report.

## **New Business:**

Ryan White Parts C Urban and D: Pete Rodriquez stated that the Hospital District is in the process of applying for Part C funding for the Northwest Health Center.

Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Cathy Wiley stated that a recent dialogue between the Urban AIDS Ministry and representatives of the recently released was well-attended. Dena Gray reminded Council members that the State of Emergency Task Force (SOE) meets every second Friday at the Health Department at 8000 Stadium Drive. All are welcomed to attend.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Steven Vargas stated that the next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at the Women's Center.

Legislative Updates: Ken Malone stated that President Bush has signed the \$48 billion PEPFAR Bill. Approximately \$2.5 million will fund the National AIDS Stragedy which is actually the National Office for AIDS. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently announced that the recent incidence rate has increased from 40,000 to 56,000. This may be due to better reporting rather then in an actual increase in cases. Gray stated that the Congressional Black Caucus will resume meetings. Contact U.S. Representative Al Green's office for details. Malone met with Senator Rodney Ellis's staff to discuss testing. Funds will need to be found it there is to be additional testing.

HOPWA: Dena Gray stated that she is no longer employed at HOPWA and is now the Executive Director at Bread of Life. Please contact Keith Bynum for information about HOPWA. Gray is still nvolved with the proposal process. Williams stated that County Judge Emmett will be sending a request to HOPWA for a new representative to serve on the Council.

**Announcements:** Baldwin thanked the Council for all their support during the time when her family was grieving.

Vargas stated that an Immigration Workshop is being presented next Wednesday, August 20, 2008, see attached flyer.

Respectfully submitted.

\*\*Wetonia "Ini" Will—

Victoria Williams, Manager

Date

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Final Approval by Council Chair: | Cun Malone | Date | D9.09.08 |

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Adjournment: Motion #5: it was moved and seconded (Giwa, Fisher) to adjourn the meeting at 12:57

p.m. Motion carried.

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