

**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 13, 2009

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Suite 101

Houston, Texas 77027

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	
		Anna Langford, The Resource Group
Bruce Turner, Chair	Claudine Alexandre-McGill, excused	Danielle Houston, The Center for AIDS
Asia Johnson, Secretary	Fide Cisnero, excused	Sabrina Taylor
Jackie Baldwin	Paula Downes, excused	Busi Peters-Mangham
David Benson	David Garner, excused	Rita Wiltz
Keith Bynam	Jerry Garza, excused	Lillian Bowen
Tonya Fisher	Gabriel Gonzalez, excused	Scot More
Tammy Garrison	Dena Gray	Lluva Banks
Thomas Giordano	Charlotte Harris, excused	Austin Smith
Eddie Givens	Terry Hobbs, excused	Kalvin L. Marshall
Morénike Giwa	Ernesto Macias, excused	Billie Lackins
Linda Hollins	Michael Miller, excused	Crystal Walter
Sheron Jackson	Askari Naqvi, excused	Gina M. Blackwell
Melvin Johnson	Pete Rodriguez, excused	Joe F. Caywood
J. Hoxi Jones	Ryan Rushing, excused	Daniel Reynolds
Patrick Martin	Glenn Taggart, excused	Stacie Ellis
Osaro Mgbere	Cathy Wiley, excused	Rachel Robrett
Greg Monk		
Ruben Rosas		<i>Ryan White Grant Administration:</i>
Cecilia Ross		Charles Henley
Josie Salazar	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	
Eulalia Seymore	Ann Reed, Bering Omega Community Services	<i>Office of Support:</i>
John Tuttle	Stanley Lewis, St. Hope Foundation	Tori Williams
Steven Vargas	Conshura Cauley, St. Hope Foundation	Jen Kim
	W. Jeffrey Campbell, St. Hope Foundation	Diane Beck
	Thomas J. Franklin III	

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 11:40 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection. Turner gave a special welcome to members of the Project LEAP class, guest speaker Dr. Stanley Lewis and Council Member Garrison.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: ***Motion #2***: *it was moved and seconded (Ross, Givens) to adopt the July 11, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Giordano.

Training: HIV and Mental Health: Dr. Stanley Lewis, St. Hope Foundation, presented the attached power point presentation entitled: *Mental Illness & HIV*.

**Public Comment:**

Ann Reed, Bering Omega Community Services: Bering Omega is collaborating with Montrose Counseling Center to do testing at a homeless shelter and link clients to care. Omega House is now offering respite services. The Day Center offers many activities for clients who attend. The Dental Clinic no longer has block appointments; there is a new system where clients can fill an appointment slot for someone who cannot make it on that day.

Crystal, on behalf of the Project LEAP class, stated the Project LEAP students were very happy to be attending the Council meeting.

**Reports from Committees:**

Quality Assurance: No report.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Chair, reported that the attached TB and utilization data (Question 2.1) will be incorporated into the *2009 Houston Area Joint Epidemiological Profile*. Also, the attached report entitled: *New Cases for 2007* is very interesting; it shows the number of new HIV cases that progressed to AIDS within the same year.

Affected Community Committee: Greg Monk reported that the Consumer Gala Health Fair workgroup is working in conjunction with Ryan White Grant Administration to put together a consumer workshop. It was originally planned to take place in late 2009 but due to scheduling problems it will take place in February 2010. Several members are going to do site visits to select the venue and the committee will let Council know when the date has been finalized because Council members will be needed to assist on the day of the event. Ruben Rosas, Co-Chair, reported that in July the committee met at Legacy Community Health Services. The consumer educational presentation was entitled: *The Houston Meth Epidemic*.

Operations Committee: Greg Monk reported that the date of the all-day 2010 Council Orientation will be Thursday, January 28, 2010. Please mark your calendars now for this important event. Also, the date of the 2010 Mentor/Mentee Luncheon is Monday, January 25, 2010. See the attached quarterly committee report.

Priority and Allocations Committee: John Tuttle, Vice Chair, presented the attached document entitled: *FY 2009 July Increase Funding Recommendations*.

***Motion #3***: *To approve the attached FY 2009 July increase funding recommendations. Motion Carried.* Abstentions: Martin, Jackson, Mgbere, Salazar, Giordano.

See the attached quarterly committee report.

**Report from Office of Support:** Tori Williams, Manager, summarized the attached report. She encouraged members who could stay afterward to stay to answer questions from Project LEAP students. Turner presented Williams with a card from the Council and wished her a happy birthday.

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

**New Business:**

Report from Ryan White Parts B, C Rural and D: Patrick Martin summarized the attached report.

Report from Ryan White Part F SPNS Project: Henley explained that SPNS is a special project of national significance which is funded under Ryan White Part F. Houston received a five-year demonstration project to identify young men of color who are positive and link them to care. There are 7 other sites across the country participating in this project. As of the second week in August 2009, the Houston project had identified 49 positive individuals and linked them to care. In September 2009 the project will be transferred to Part A.

Mayor's Task force on AIDS: Baldwin reported that the task force would be meeting on August 14, 2009 at noon at the Houston Department of Health and Human Services building on North Stadium Drive.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS (LIITF): Steven Vargas gave the following report: The two preliminary positives from HIV Testing Day have been confirmed. The last meeting on July 24, 2009 was held at Thomas Street Health Center in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room; all remaining meetings for the year will take place at this location. Meetings are held on the last Friday of every month starting at 11:00 a.m. and everyone is welcome. For more information about the task force, contact 713-987-4740 or email [latinohtf@hotmail.com](mailto:latinohtf@hotmail.com). Latino HIV Awareness day is October 15<sup>th</sup> so plans are being made for that.

Legislative Updates: See the attached Legislative Update from Ken Malone. Henley said there is a lot going on with health care reform right now so it's very confusing. The Ryan White Program must be reauthorized to continue.

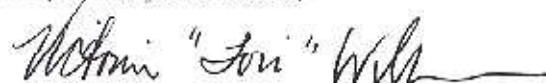
HOPWA: Keith W. Bynam stated that the staff will be having a training on the new SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) program later this year. The goal of the program is to increase access to Social Security disability benefits; PWAs will get benefits sooner and not have to wait in line.

M-PACT: Ruben Rosas reported that M PACT is a task force for the MSM community which is meeting tonight. It is a small group working in conjunction with the City of Houston. For more information visit the website: [www.mpacthouston.org](http://www.mpacthouston.org)

**Announcements:** Vargas announced that it was Tuttle's birthday today and wished him a happy birthday.

**Adjournment: Motion #4:** *it was moved and seconded (Rosas, Salazar) to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Victoria Williams, Manager

09-03-09  
Date

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Council Chair: 

Date 09-03-09

Final Approval by  
Council Chair: 

Date 9/10/09

**2009 Council Meeting Voting Record for Meeting Date: August 13, 2009**

	Motion #1	Agenda	Carried		Motion #2	Minutes	Carried			Motion #1	Agenda	Carried		Motion #2	Minutes	Carried	
MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X				X				Asia Johnson		X				X		
Jackie Baldwin		X				X			Melvin Johnson		X				X		
David Benson		X				X			J. Hoxi Jones		X				X		
Keith Bynam, 12:50 lm		X				X			Ernesto Macias	X				X			
Fide Cisnero	X				X				Patrick Martin		X				X		
Paula Downes	X				X				Osaro Mgbere		X				X		
Tonya Fisher		X				X			Michael Miller	X				X			
David Garner	X				X				Greg Monk		X				X		
Tammy Garrison		X				X			Askari Naqvi	X				X			
Jerry Garza	X				X				Pete Rodriguez	X				X			
Thomas Giordano, 1:20 lm		X						X	Ruben Rosas		X				X		
Eddie Givens		X				X			Cecilia Ross		X				X		
Morénike Giwa, 1:05 lm		X				X			Ryan Rushing	X				X			
Gabriel Gonzalez	X				X				Josie Salazar		X				X		
Dena Gray	X				X				Eulalia Seymore		X				X		
Charlotte Harris	X				X				Glenn Taggart	X				X			
Terry Hobbs	X				X				Bruce Turner				C				C
Linda Hollins		X				X			John Tuttle		X				X		
Sheron Jackson		X				X			Steven Vargas		X				X		
									Cathy Wiley	X				X			

	Motion #3				Motion #4					Motion #3				Motion #4			
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Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X				X				Asia Johnson		X				X		
Jackie Baldwin		X				X			Melvin Johnson		X				X		
David Benson		X				X			J. Hoxi Jones		X				X		
Keith Bynam, 12:50 lm	X				X				Ernesto Macias	X				X			
Fide Cisnero	X				X				Patrick Martin				X		X		
Paula Downes	X				X				Osaro Mgbere				X		X		
Tonya Fisher		X				X			Michael Miller	X				X			
David Garner	X				X				Greg Monk		X				X		
Tammy Garrison		X				X			Askari Naqvi	X				X			
Jerry Garza	X				X				Pete Rodriguez	X				X			
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Eddie Givens		X				X			Cecilia Ross		X				X		
Morénike Giwa, 1:05 lm	X				X				Ryan Rushing	X				X			
Gabriel Gonzalez	X				X				Josie Salazar				X		X		
Dena Gray	X				X				Eulalia Seymore		X				X		
Charlotte Harris	X				X				Glenn Taggart	X				X			
Terry Hobbs	X				X				Bruce Turner				C				C
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