

Council Approved February 10, 2011

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, December 9, 2010

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 101

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair	Sherifat Akorede	Chevonne Potter, BOCS
Pete Rodriguez, Vice-Chair	Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Linda Cantu, BMS
John Tuttle, Secretary	David Benson, excused	
Roland Amboree	Keith Bynam, excused	STAFF PRESENT
Jackie Baldwin	Paula Downes, excused	<i>Liaison for County Judge Emmett</i>
Ben Barnett	Jerry Garza, excused	Modelle Brudner
David Garner	Gabriel Gonzalez, excused	
Tammy Garrison	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Eddie Givens	Patrick Martin, excused	Anna Langford
Morénike Giwa	Osaro Mgbere, excused	
Dena Gray		<i>Ryan White Grants Administration</i>
Terry Hobbs		Charles Henley
Linda Hollins		Carin Martin
Sheron Jackson		Art Delgado
Melvin Johnson		Danilo Novoa
Billie Lackins		Vicki Cerna-Bell
Januari Leo		Mary Asomani-Nyarko
Ernesto Macias		Gail Johnson-LeBlanc
Greg Monk		Dominique Mitchell
Venita Ray		
Ruben Rosas		<i>Office of Support</i>
Ryan Rushing		Tori Williams
Josie Salazar		Georgette L. Monaghan
Glenn Taggart		Diane Beck
Eric Twombly		
Steven Vargas		

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

Call to Order: Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. and thanked all members for their hard work in 2010.

Recognize Retiring Members: Smith-Ross recognized retiring members Garrison, Taggart, Tuttle and P. Martin by presenting each with a certificate of appreciation. Smith-Ross also acknowledged those that are resigning: S. Johnson and K. Bynam.

Recognize Other Members and Partners: Smith-Ross presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following:

- All Council Members
- All Standing Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs
- All Council members who helped with *the 2010 Living Healthy with HIV* event
- All staff who helped with the *2010 Living Healthy with HIV* event
- All staff (Ryan White Grants Administration, The Resource Group, and Office of Support) who helped with the Council process in 2010
- Modelle Brudner, liaison for County Judge Emmett

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

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2**: *it was moved and seconded (Rosas, Monk) to adopt the November 11, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Baldwin, Garner, Garrison, Giwa, Gray, Hobbs, Jackson, Ray, rushing, Taggart, Twombly.

Public Comment: Langford, The Resource Group, stated that she is opposed to the Operations Committee motion regarding child care as it discriminates against those that have children. She asked Council members to vote down the child care motion.

Vargas stated that the Council needs to stay away from gray areas pertaining to the child care motion, as this limits a certain group of people. He asked the Council to vote down the child care motion.

Chevonne Potter, Bering Omega Community Services, summarized the information on the attached handout which describes the Bering Omega Day Treatment Center. Staff can now document depression levels.

Gray gave a personal story of the positive benefits of her own child attending HIV/AIDS related meetings. Gray stated that the child care motion is wrong, unjust and unfair. She asked the Council vote down the motion.

Garner also urged the Council to vote down the child care motion.

Giwa, after declaring a conflict of interest, stated that through different situations both the Priority and Allocations and Operations Committees have been on the hot seat this year. Giwa attended the last Operations Committee meeting and stated that the committee discussed the child care issue at length. The spirit of the discussion was to allow parents with children to participate in meetings. They were trying to think outside of the box, however, there has to be a better way than the motion presented today.

Rosas stated that he would like to see the child care motion tabled until further information can be collected.

Givens stated that the Council should not be inclusive and ask the Council to vote down the child care motion.

Reports from Committees:

Ad Hoc Strategy Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

Educational Presentations: See the attached presentations on the Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) and

City of Houston HIV Positive Identification and linkage to care program.

FY 2011 EIIHA Strategies from Other Cities: See the information table for a copy of FY 2011 EIIHA strategies from other cities in Texas and Louisiana.

Future Ad Hoc Committee Meetings: The next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2011. Members of the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee will be invited as the main topic of discussion will be the 2011 Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Services Plan for the Houston Area.

Quality Assurance Committee: Ryan Rushing, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Reports from the Part A Administrative Agency: See the following reports:

- FY 201 Part A & MAI Procurement dated 11-12-10
- FY 2010 Part A & MAI Service Utilization dated 11-12-10
- 2010 Mid-Year Outcomes Highlights dated 11-11-10

Reports from the Part B Administrative Agency: See the following reports:

- FY 2010 Part B Procurement dated 04/01/10 - 03/31/11
- FY 2010 Client Utilization for Nov. 2010 dated 11/15/10
- State Services Procurement dated 09/01/10 – 10/31/10

FY 2011/2012 Part A & B Standards of Care & Outcome Measures: **Motion #3:** *Endorse the attached FY 2011/2012 Standards of Care and Outcome Measures.* **Motion carried.** Abstention: Taggart.

FY 2011/2012 Part A & B Standards of Care & Outcome Measures: **Motion #4:** *Ask the Quality Assurance Committee to consider creating additional outcome measures for the Health Insurance service category.* **Motion carried.** Abstention: Taggart.

Health Insurance Service Category: See the enclosed written description of interim rules which are currently in place. A letter is being provided to clients outlining the rules.

Health Insurance Service Category: **Motion #5:** *Keep the interim rules in place until further guidance is received.* **Motion carried.** Abstention: Taggart.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, stated that all are invited to attend the next Ad Hoc Strategy Committee meeting which will be on Monday, January 24, 2011. No additional information from this committee.

Affected Community Committee: Eddie Givens, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2011 Health Living with HIV Event: Givens stated that planning for the event is coming along nicely. The next planning committee meeting is scheduled for 12:30 pm on Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

Town Hall Meetings: Givens stated that the Affected Community Committee has agreed to dedicate its December 15, 2010 meeting to being a dress rehearsal for the Town Hall meetings. All are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. and will be in room 101. Gray asked about the purpose of the Town Hall meetings. Givens stated that they are to educate the community on upcoming issues such as lack of funding for certain services.

Operations Committee: Ruben Rosas, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

Children at Ryan White Meetings: **Motion #6:** *it was moved and seconded (Rosas, Tuttle) to table the following motion regarding children at Ryan White Meetings motion.* “Unless the meeting is off-site, the staff will make

available a separate room where people with children will participate in the meeting via speaker phone.” *Motion to Table this motion failed.* For: Tuttle, Taggart, Salazar, Leo, Monk, Hobbs, Twombly; Against: 17: Abstention: Giwa.

Motion #7: *Unless the meeting is off-site, the staff will make available a separate room where people with children will participate in the meeting via speaker phone. Motion failed.* For: Tuttle, Nays: 20*, Abstentions Taggart, Hobbs, Monk, Giwa. *NOTE: J. Salazar contacted the Office of Support after the meeting to clarify that she voted against this motion.

Election of the 2011 Council Officers:

Motion #8: *it was moved and seconded (Rosas, Baldwin) to accept the slate of nominees and elect by acclamation the following 2011 Officers for the Ryan White Planning Council:*

Chair: Cecilia Smith-Ross
Vice Chair: Pete Rodriguez
Secretary: Billie Lackins

Motion carried.

Important Dates: Please note the following important dates in 2011:

- Mentor/Mentee Luncheon – Tuesday, January 11, 2011
- All Day Council Orientation – Thursday, January 20, 2011

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, summarized the attached report. Ray requested that some of the Town Hall meetings be held at night so those who work have an opportunity to attend.

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

Report from the Part B and State Services Administrative Agent: No report.

New Business:

PC Members: Rodriguez presented Smith-Ross with certificates of appreciation for Chairing the Ryan White Planning Council and for her participation in the Living Healthy event.

Advisory Task Force, City Housing Department: John Tuttle stated that the next meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on January 18, 2011 at HOPWA, 601 Sawyer Street.

Report from the CDC Planning and Prevention Group (CPG): David Garner stated that CPG is still looking for new members. This group is working closely with the Ad Hoc Strategy work group. Unfortunately the Orientation for CPG is the same date as the Council Orientation. Eric Soyle is the new administrative liaison for CPG at the City of Houston.

African American Emergency Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Dena Gray stated that National Black Awareness Day is February 17, 2011. The Sunnyside area has scheduled a large testing event that day.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Steven Vargas stated that today will be the last 2010 meeting for the Task Force. The 2011 leadership will be selected today. This year the Task Force assigned more of the work to

committees. Fear of deportation has had a significant negative impact on HIV testing in the Latino community. The focus of the Task Force in 2011 will be to reach these Latinos.

HIP HOP for HIV Awareness Event: Ruben Rosas again thanked those who donated their time as a volunteer at the event.

M-PACT: Ruben Rosas stated that the last 2010 meeting will be on Thursday, December 16th. The group will review the activities of 2010 and work on some creative ideas for 2011.

AIDS Trial Network: Morénike Giwa stated that last month the Network worked on restructuring itself so that HIV Co-infections will focus on TB as well as Hepatitis B and C. Malaria will be included with other infectious diseases and Hep C. Network meetings will be held in June in Washington D.C. They are open to the public. The first week will feature Prevention; the second week will feature maternal/pediatric/adolescent and child birth. AIDS Trail Network is supporting studies that are being conducted in Houston; one at Texas Children's Hospital for pregnant women who seem to be treatment naïve and a vaccine trial.

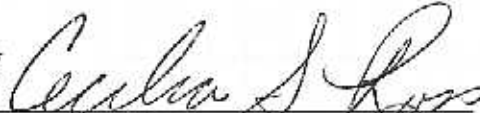
Announcements: Gray introduced Linda Cantu, who will be working with the Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition. Garner stated that advocacy is even more important now and highly encouraged members to attend the "mock Town Hall meeting" on Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

Adjournment: Smith-Ross adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager

02/01/11
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 02/04/11

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 2/10/11

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	Motion #1				Motion #2				Motion #3					Motion #1				Motion #2				Motion #3			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sherifat Akorede	X												Melvin Johnson		X				X				X		
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X												J. Hoxi Jones	X											
Roland Amboree		X			X				X				Billie Lackins		X			X				X			
Jackie Baldwin		X					X		X				Januari Leo		X			X				X			
Ben Barnett		X					X		X				Ernesto Macias		X			X				X			
David Benson	X												Patrick Martin	X											
Keith Bynam	X												Osaro Mgbere	X											
Paula Downes	X												Greg Monk		X			X				X			
David Garner		X					X		X				Venita Ray		X				X			X			
Tammy Garrison		X					X		X				Pete Rodriguez		X			X				X			
Jerry Garza	X												Ruben Rosas		X			X				X			
Eddie Givens		X			X								Ryan Rushing		X				X			X			
Morénike Giwa		X					X		X				Josie Salazar		X			X				X			
Gabriel Gonzalez	X												Cecilia Smith-Ross				C				C				C
Dena Gray, 11:56		X					X		X				Glenn Taggart		X				X						X
Terry Hobbs		X					X		X				John Tuttle		X			X				X			
Linda Hollins, 11:58		X			X								Eric Twombly		X				X			X			
Sheron Jackson		X					X		X				Steven Vargas		X			X				X			

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	Motion #4				Motion #5				Motion #6						Motion #4				Motion #5				Motion #6			
	QA- ask	Carried			QA – Health Ins.	Carried			Table Child care Vo	Failed			QA- ask	Carried			QA – Health Ins.	Carried			Table childcare vote	Failed				
MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	
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Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X												J. Hoxi Jones	X												
Roland Amboree		X			X					X			Billie Lackins		X				X					X		
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Paula Downes	X												Greg Monk		X				X			X				
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Jerry Garza	X												Ruben Rosas		X				X				X			
Eddie Givens		X			X					X			Ryan Rushing		X				X				X			
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Terry Hobbs		X			X				X				John Tuttle		X				X			X				
Linda Hollins		X			X					X			Eric Twombly		X				X			X				
Sheron Jackson		X			X					X			Steven Vargas		X				X				X			

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	Motion #7				Motion #8				Motion #				Motion #7				Motion #8				Motion #				
	Childcare vote	Failed			Officers	Carried			Carried			Childcare vote	Failed			Officers	Carried			Carried					
MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X												J. Hoxi Jones	X											
Roland Amboree			X		X								Billie Lackins			X			X						
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David Benson	X												Patrick Martin	X											
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