

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, June 9, 2011

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair	Steven Vargas	Modelle Brudner, Liaison for County Judge Emmett
Sherifat Akorede	Nadine Wallace	Deon Hunter, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program
Roland Amboree	David Watson	John LaFleur
Ben Barnet		Ramiro Hernandez
David Benson	MEMBERS ABSENT	Kathryn Wartel, Goodwill
Chris Escalante	Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Aundrea Mathews
Jerry Garza	Pete Rodriguez, excused	Ann Reed
Eddie Givens	Billie Lackins, excused	
Gabriel Gonzalez	Jackie Baldwin, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Januari Leo	Melody Barr, excused	Charles Henley
Ernesto Macias	Michael Bass, excused	Carin Martin
Osaro Mgbere	David Garner, excused	
Greg Monk	Morénike Giwa, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Lyla Ordonez	Linda Hollins, excused	Patrick Martin
Venita Ray	Sheron Jackson, excused	
Terrence Redix	Melvin Johnson, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Ruben Rosas	J. Hoxi Jones	Tori Williams
Dr. Beverlee Solomon	Ryan Rushing, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan
C. Bruce Turner	Lisa Tallent, excused	
Eric Twombly		

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 11:35 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks: Smith-Ross thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and on time. She then asked for a Moment of Reflection.

Training: Legislative Update: Januari Leo, Legacy Community Health Services, gave a verbal legislative update that included the attached “Texas HIV/AIDS Fast Facts”. Henley gave a verbal update on the attached CAEAR flyer and Ryan White Program Appropriations, which related to Leo’s legislative information.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Solomon, Amboree) to adopt the May 12, 2011 minutes. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Garza, Macias, Mgbere, Ordonez, Turner.

Public Comment: Monk read the guidelines regarding public comment and then announced that each person would have 3 minutes in which to present their comments.

Deon Hunter, Houston Volunteer Lawyer's Program, asked the Council to continue to support Legal Services.

Reports from Committees:

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

PEP and PrEP Presentation: Paul Simmons, RN, Executive Director, Center for AIDS provided information to the committee on Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). Note: Ryan White funds cannot fund either PEP or PrEP. Future meetings will be with the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee on the fourth Monday of each month beginning at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

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

Administrative Reports from Part A: See the attached reports:

- FY10 Part A & MAI Service Utilization, Final dated 04-28-11
- FY10 Part A & MAI Procurement, dated 04-28-11
- FY10 Part A & MAI Allocation and Expenditure Summary, dated 04-28-11

Administrative Reports from Part B: See the attached reports:

- FY09/10 Part B Procurement, 04/01/10 – 03/2011
- FY10/11 State Services Procurement, 09/01/10-04/30/11
- FY09/10 Part B Service Utilization, From ARIES as of 05/01/11
- FY10/11 State Services Utilization, from ARIES as of 04/10/11

FY 2012 Ryan White Service Definitions: **Motion #3**: *To approve the attached FY 2012 Ryan White Part A, B and State Services funded service definitions and financial eligibility. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Akorede, Amboree, Barnett, Leo, Solomon, Watson, Macias.

FY 2012 Targeting Chart: **Motion #4**: *To approve the attached FY 2012 Ryan White Part A, B and State Services funded Targeting Chart. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Akorede, Amboree, Barnett, Leo, Solomon, Watson, Macias, Ordonez.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Vargas, Co-Chair, gave the following report:

FY 2012 Comprehensive Plan: See the attached instructions for the FY 2012 Comprehensive Plan. The Ad Hoc EIIHA Strategy Committee met upstairs with the **Comprehensive** HIV Planning Committee this morning. Williams and Henley outlined the requirements for preparing the Plan, which is due in Washington on May 2012.

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

2011 Public Hearings: The first Ryan White public hearing was on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. The recommendations from the How To Best Meet the Need process were presented. The next Public Hearing will be on Tuesday, June 28, 2011. Items to be presented include the FY 2012 service priorities and allocations for Ryan White Parts A and B and State Services funding.

Committee Training: Committee members worked with Carin Martin from Ryan White Grant Administration

to test the online client satisfaction delivery system. Afterwards, members understood the client satisfaction delivery system better and Rosas thanked Martin for leading members through the process.

Operations Committee: Amboree, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

How To Best Meet the Need: 2012/13 Blue Book: ***Motion #5:*** *To approve the Blue Book project as described on the attached budget. Motion carried.* Abstention: Osaro.

FY 2012 Council Support Budget: ***Motion #6:*** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Council Support Budget. Motion carried.* Abstention: Osaro.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Monk, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

FY 2012 Service Priorities: The Committee will present the recommended FY 2012 Service Priorities for Ryan White Parts A and B and State Services funding at the June 28, 2011 Public Hearing. Hence, they will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and Council in July 2011.

The Committee has developed recommendations for the FY 2012 allocations for Ryan White Parts A and B and State Services funding. These recommendations will be reviewed and voted on when the committee meets again at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2011. Monk thanked the staff of Ryan White Grant Administration, The Resource Group and the Office of Support for helping make the June 7, 2011 meeting go smoothly.

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

Report from Ryan White Grant Administration: Charles Henley, Manager, summarized the attached report.

Report from The Resource Group: Patrick Martin, Program Development Director, The Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group summarized the attached report.

New Business:

Getting to Know You Forms: Smith-Ross asked Macias, Ordonez and Givens to stand, as they were featured on the Getting to Know You Forms this month.

HOPWA: See the attached report from John Tuttle.

African American Emergency Task Force on HIV/AIDS and the Hip Hop for HIV Awareness Event: Dr. Solomon stated that the Hip Hop for HIV Awareness event will be kicking off at Greenspoint Mall on Monday, June 27, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The goal is to test 8000 youth and young adults. There will be 2 shifts over 8 days. See the attached application form to sign up. Please fill out and turn the forms into the Office of Support as the Ryan White Planning Council is responsible for recruiting 20 volunteers. Vargas stated that at the last State of Emergency meeting each task force was represented, including Council representatives Ray, Turner and Rosas.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Vargas gave the following report: The Latino HIV Task Force (LHTF) is meeting weekly on Fridays at Thomas Street Health Center to finalize preparations for its June 18, 2011 testing event to be held at the Baker-Ripley Neighborhood Center. Please feel free to participate in the event. Two tables are available for agencies who wish to highlight their services. Please email latinohtf@hotmail.com if you would like one of the tables. The LHTF is also proud to announce that they were one of two groups selected by GALLO (Gay and Lesbian Latino Organization) to be a recipient of their upcoming annual fundraising event, *Noche de Baile 2011*. See the flyer for the event for detailed information or call: 713-553-3393. Tickets are \$50. The next LHTF meeting will be on Friday, July 22, 2011 at Thomas Street Health Center's 3rd Floor Conference Room from 2-4:00 p.m. They will be reviewing outcomes from the June 18th testing event.

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Serving the Recently Released (SIRR): Martin stated that there were two SIRR sponsored events in May:

- 1.) A "Meet and Greet" education meeting with staff from the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Association (MHMRA). They presented information about a program that takes place within local jails. And, Dr. Barnet gave presentation on HIV and Substance Abuse.
- 2.) Held a regular meeting where the Dispute Resolution Center gave a presentation describing their free services. Bee Busy, Inc. also provided information on services at their new clinic.

Martin met with members of the Los Angeles Police Department to discuss the formation of a SIRR-like collaboration in the future. Members of SIRR are also going to meet with representatives from the Galveston Sheriff's department to discuss ways to strengthen linkages to care for HIV positive inmates about to be released.

At the June SIRR meeting, Bristol-Myers Squibb will present a slide presentation on Medicaid After Healthcare Reform. -before and after, June 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Montrose Counseling Center, 401 Branard. All are welcomed.

M-PACT: Rosas stated that they will be doing testing at the Pride Festival this year and the City of Houston Health Department will have a mobile van set up as well during the parade.

Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition: Leo stated that the group will soon be hosting a meeting in East, Texas.

Announcements: Vargas announced that the Gay & Lesbian Latino Organization will be presenting Noche De Gala, see attached flyer. Smith-Ross announced that Sheron Jackson is resigning from the Council because she has accepted a position in Saudi Arabia. Rosas reminded members to encourage friends participate in the upcoming Ryan White Town Hall meetings and off-site Affected Community Committee meetings.

Adjournment: Smith-Ross adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Joni" Williams
Victoria Williams, Manager

07/06/11
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: Carla Ross

Date 7/7/11

Final Approval by
Council Chair: Carla Ross

Date 7/14/11

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	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sherifat Akorede		X				X						X	Januari Leo		X					X				X	
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X												Ernesto Macias		X					X				X	
Roland Amboree		X				X						X	Osaro Mgbere		X					X			X		
Jackie Baldwin	X												Greg Monk		X					X			X		
Ben Barnett		X				X						X	Lyla Ordonez		X					X			X		
Melody Barr	X												Venita Ray		X					X			X		
Michael Bass	X												Terrence Redix		X					X			X		
David Benson		X				X					X		Pete Rodriguez	X											
Chris Escalante		X				X					X		Ruben Rosas		X					X			X		
David Garner	X												Ryan Rushing	X											
Jerry Garza		X					X				X		Cecilia Smith-Ross					C						C	
Eddie Givens		X				X					X		Dr. Beverlee Solomon		X					X				X	
Morénike Giwa	X												Lisa Tallent	X											
Gabriel Gonzalez		X				X					X		Bruce Turner		X					X			X		
Linda Hollins	X												Eric Twombly		X					X			X		
Sheron Jackson	X												Steven Vargas		X					X			X		
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