

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, July 14, 2011

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair	Ryan Rushing	Modelle Brudner, Liaison for Co. Judge Ed Emmett
Pete Rodriguez, Vice-Chair	Dr. Beverlee Solomon	Edward Stevenson
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Lisa Tallent	Ruth Atkinson
Ben Barnet	C. Bruce Turner	Linda Amberboy, Riverside
Melody Barr	Eric Twombly	Doshie Piper, Riverside HRC
Michael Bass	Steven Vargas	Harold White, Riverside HRC
David Benson	Nadine Wallace	
Chris Escalante		<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
David Garner	MEMBERS ABSENT	Charles Henley
Jerry Garza	Sherifat Akorede, excused	Carin Martin
Eddie Givens	Roland Amboree, excused	
Linda Hollins	Jackie Baldwin, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Januari Leo	Morénike Giwa, excused	Patrick Martin
Ernesto Macias	Gabriel Gonzalez, excused	
Osaro Mgbere	Melvin Johnson, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Greg Monk	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	Tori Williams
Lyla Ordonez	Billie Lackins	Georgette L. Monaghan
Venita Ray	Terrence Redix, excused	
Ruben Rosas	David Watson, excused	

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.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1: *it was moved and seconded (Turner, Rosas) to adopt the agenda with the following changes: move "Training on the Allocations Process" immediately after the adoption of the minutes and move "Report from the Part A Administrative Agent" after the training. **Motion carried.***

Adoption of the Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Givens, Alexandre-McGill) to adopt the June 9, 2011 minutes. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: Alexandre-McGill, Rodriguez, Barr, Bass, Hollins, Rushing, Tallent.*

Training: The Allocations Process: Linda Hollins and Greg Monk, Co-chairs, Priority and Allocations Committee walked Council members through the following, attached documents:

- FY 2012 Guiding Principles and Decision Making Criteria
- Philosophy Used to Determine the Ryan White and State Services Funded FY 2012 Allocations
- FY 2010 Ryan Part A, MAI Service Utilization Report, 4th Quarter/Final

Report from the Part A Administrative Agent: Henley presented the attached documents:

- Worksheet for FY 2011 Part A Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario (-6.944%)
- Changes in the Ryan White Part A FY 2011 Level Funding vs. the Actual Decrease Scenario
- Worksheet for Proposed FY 2012 Allocations – Level Funding Scenario

Public Comment: None. Williams stated that public comments received in the last couple of weeks were included in the meeting packet. New comments are at each member's place.

Reports from Committees:

Quality Assurance Committee: No report.

Comprehensive HIV Planning and Ad Hoc: Steven Vargas, Co-Chair, gave the following report: EIIHA Strategy Committee is meeting with the Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee every fourth Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. so that they can work together to produce the 2012 Comprehensive Plan. See the attached power point presentation outlining the instructions for the Plan.

Affected Community Committee: Ruben Rosas Co-Chair, reported on the following: 2011 Public Hearings: the recommended services priorities and allocations were presented at the second Public Hearing on June 28, 2011.

Committee Training: HIV and the Incarcerated: Michael Bass, a member of the Planning Council, student at the UT School of Public Health and staff member at AIDS Foundation Houston, gave a presentation on HIV and the Incarcerated. The next meeting will be next Tuesday at noon. The topic will be "HIV and Transgender Issues". Everyone is invited to attend.

Operations Committee:

HIP HOP for HIV Awareness: Dr. Beverlee Solomon, Council Liaison to the event, reported that the Council has recruited 23 volunteers for the event. The goal was 20 volunteers. The Operations Committee met in July and agreed to distribute 200 HIP HOP concert tickets provided by the City Health Department to 18 – 35 year old HIV positive individuals through case managers at Ryan White funded primary care sites, Part C funded agencies and Texas Children's Hospital. Unused tickets will go to HIV organizations that are affiliated with a Council member.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Greg Monk, Co-Chair, gave the following reports: Projected ADAP Shortfall: See the attached letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services outlining possible measures to be taken to address a projected ADAP shortfall in FY 2012.

FY 2012 Service Priorities: ***Motion #3:*** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Service Priorities for Ryan White Parts A and B and State Services funding. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Rodriguez, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Bass, Mgbere, Rushing, Macias.

FY 2012 Allocations – Philosophy: See the attached philosophy used to determine the FY 2012 allocations for Ryan White Parts A and B and State Services funding.

FY 2012 Allocations – Level Funding Scenario: **Motion# 4:** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Level Funding Scenario for Ryan White Parts A and B and State Services. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Rodriguez, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Bass, Mgbere, Rushing, Macias.

FY 2012 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – Part A: **Motion #5:** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part A. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Rodriguez, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Bass, Mgbere, Rushing, Macias.

FY 2012 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – Part A: **Motion #6:** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part A. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Rodriguez, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Ordonez, Mgbere, Rushing, Macias.

FY 2012 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part B if the Texas Department of State Health Services Decreases the FY 2012 Award Related to an ADAP Shortfall: **Motion #7:** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Decrease Funding Scenario related to the possible ADAP shortfall for Ryan White Part B. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Rodriguez, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Ordonez, Mgbere, Rushing, Macias, Bass.

FY 2012 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – Part B: **Motion #8:** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part B. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Rodriguez, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Ordonez, Mgbere, Rushing, Macias.

FY 2012 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – Part B: **Motion #9:** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part B. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Rodriguez, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Ordonez, Mgbere, Rushing, Macias.

FY 2012 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – State Services: **Motion #10:** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Decrease Funding Scenario for State Services funding. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Rodriguez, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Ordonez, Mgbere, Rushing, Macias, Bass.

FY 2012 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – State Services: **Motion #11:** *To approve the attached FY 2012 Increase Funding Scenario for State Services funding. **Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Rodriguez, Leo, Barr, Barnett, Ordonez, Mgbere, Rushing, Macias, Bass.

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

Report from Ryan White Grants Administration (RWGA): Charles Henley, Manager, Ryan White Grants Administration, HCPHES reviewed his attached report and stated the following:

- For the first time in several years the Houston EMA met the WICY requirements for all populations other than children
- There will be carry over funds to reallocate in the amount of \$535,000. Most of these are MAI funds (\$415,000).
- At this time, there is only one request for the remaining \$120,000.
- RWGA is working with METRO to expand the number of available bus passes. At this time there are three types of passes: 1900 individual passes that are time based, cost \$52/pass and are renewable only to the individuals that have had these passes in the past (grandfathered passes); 100 annual, time based passes that cost \$52/pass and will not be renewed next year; and, if the Council agrees, 1100 time based passes at \$347/pass. When averaging the 1900 “grandfathered” \$52 passes with the 1100 \$347 passes, it averages to \$160 per pass for 3,000 total passes next year. The Council will need to decide if they wish to purchase the \$347 passes.

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Report from The Resource Group: Patrick Martin, Program Development Director, The Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group summarized the attached report. On August 5, 2011, Nikita Lamar will be leaving the agency so her position will need to be filled.

New Business:

HOPWA: Melody Barr stated that RFP's are out on the website at: www.Houston.tx.gov under the Housing Development Department. Call 713-868-8300 to sign up for either of the two free workshops. RFP's are due at the end of August. HOPWA will be awarding approximately \$7.6 million.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Steven Vargas, summarized the attached report.

SIRR: Martin stated that last month the SIRR Coalition had a presentation on "Medicaid: Before and After Health Care Reform". Linda Cantu from Bristol-Myers Squibb will be returning in late July to finish the presentation as there were so many questions she was unable to finish her presentation.

M-PACT: Ruben Rosas stated that: 1) the group worked with Houston Health Department and their mobile unit and were able to test 35 people at the Pride Festival/Parade. One person tested positive. 2) The Task Force will be organizing activities to recognize National GLBT HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on 9/27/11.

Legislative Updates: Januari Leo stated that the 82nd Texas Legislation Session has officially ended. Although the ADAP shortfall of \$19 million was not met, there is a rider within the Budget that suggests that the shortfall be met by asking the Texas Department of State Health Services to reallocate funds assigned to Medicaid.

Announcements: Escalante stated that 157 veterans were tested at the Veterans Hospital on June 27 as a part of National Testing Day activities held throughout the City.

Adjournment: Motion #12: *it was moved and seconded (Vargas, Rosas) to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager

08-02-11
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: 

Date 8/14/2011

Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

Date 8/11/2011

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INDIVIDUAL VOTING RECORDS FOR THE 07-14-11 COUNCIL MEETING

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	Motion #4			ABSTAIN	Motion #5			ABSTAIN	Motion #6			ABSTAIN		Motion #4			ABSTAIN	Motion #5			ABSTAIN	Motion #6			ABSTAIN
	ABSENT	YES	NO		ABSENT	YES	NO		ABSENT	ABSENT	YES			NO	ABSENT	ABSENT		YES	NO	ABSENT		ABSENT	YES	NO	
Sherifat Akorede	X												Januari Leo				X				X			X	
Claudine Alexandre-McGill		X				X				X			Ernesto Macias				X				X			X	
Roland Amboree	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			X				X		Venita Ray		X				X				X		
Michael Bass				X			X		X				Terrence Redix	X											
David Benson		X				X			X				Pete Rodriguez				X				X			X	
Chris Escalante		X				X			X				Ruben Rosas		X				X				X		
David Garner		X				X			X				Ryan Rushing				X				X			X	
Jerry Garza		X				X			X				Cecilia Smith-Ross				C				C			C	
Eddie Givens		X				X			X				Beverlee Solomon		X				X				X		
Morénike Giwa	X												Lisa Tallent		X				X				X		
Gabriel Gonzalez	X												Bruce Turner		X				X				X		
Linda Hollins		X				X			X				Eric Twombly		X				X				X		
Melvin Johnson	X												Steven Vargas		X				X				X		
J. Hoxi Jones	X												Nadine Wallace		X				X				X		
Billie Lackins	X												David Watson	X											

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	ABSENT	YES	NO		ABSENT	YES	NO		ABSENT	YES	NO			ABSENT	YES	NO		ABSENT	YES	NO		ABSENT	YES	NO	
MEMBERS	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												Januari Leo				X				X				X
Claudine Alexandre-McGill		X				X				X			Ernesto Macias				X				X				X
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Jackie Baldwin	X												Greg Monk		X				X				X		
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Michael Bass				X		X				X			Terrence Redix	X											
David Benson		X				X				X			Pete Rodriguez				X				X				X
Chris Escalante		X				X				X			Ruben Rosas		X			X					X		
David Garner		X				X				X			Ryan Rushing				X				X				X
Jerry Garza		X				X				X			Cecilia Smith-Ross				C				C				C
Eddie Givens		X				X				X			Beverlee Solomon		X			X					X		
Morénike Giwa	X												Lisa Tallent		X			X					X		
Gabriel Gonzalez	X												Bruce Turner		X			X					X		
Linda Hollins		X				X				X			Eric Twombly		X			X					X		
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