

Council Approved March 8, 2012

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, February 9, 2012

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Morénike Giwa, Chair	Claudine Alexandre-McGill, excused	Deon Hunter, Houston Volunteers Lawyers
Ben Barnett, Vice-Chair	Roland Amboree, excused	Susan Rokes, TX CPG & PPG
Venita Ray, Secretary	David Garner, excused	Mikel Miiiv
Ruth Atkinson	Jerry Garza, excused	Jonathan Post (intern)
Melody Barr	Melvin Johnson	Denisha White, Catholic Charities
Michael Bass	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	Ramid Hernandez
David Benson	Billie Lackins, excused	Migvelina Benitez
Bianca Burley	Ernesto Macias	Julia Johnson
Amber David	Osaro Mgbere, excused	David Benson
Chris Escalante	Nancy Miertschin, excused	John Humphries
Gabriel Gonzalez	Lyla Ordonez, excused	
Tracy Gorden	Ruben Rosas, excused	STAFF PRESENT
Linda Hollins	Nadine Wallace, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Januari Leo	Pat Weatherspoon, excused	Charles Henley
Greg Monk	Lena Williams, excused	Carin Martin
Kevin Moore		
Terrence Redix		<i>The Resource Group</i>
Ryan Rushing		Patrick Martin
Dr. Beverlee Solomon		Yolanda Jones
Carl Tennill		
C. Bruce Turner		<i>Office of Support</i>
Eric Twombly		Tori Williams
David Watson		Jen Hadayia
Larry Woods		Georgette L. Monaghan

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

Call to Order: Morénike Giwa, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. She welcomed everyone and introduced the new Council members that were present: Ruth Atkinson, Bianca Burley, Amber David, Tracy Gorden, Kevin Moore, Carl Tennill and Larry Woods. She then introduced staff that were present.

Training: 2011 Texas HIV/STD Prevention Plan: Susan Rokes, Member, Texas HIV/STD Prevention Planning Group presented the attached power point presentation regarding the 2011 Texas HIV/STD Prevention Plan.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2**: *it was moved and seconded (Watson, Solomon) to adopt the December 8, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Benson, Gonzalez, Hollins, Leo, Monk, Atkinson, David, Moore, Tennill, Woods, Gorden, Burley.

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

Julia Johnson, representing Social Security, stated that there is a new program for Disabled Persons for those that wish to return to work, , see three attached brochures. For more information please contact her office at 713-513-4891.

Denisha White, recruiter for Catholic Charities, stated that she represents the refugee population and is interested in recruiting families who are interested in fostering refugee children, see two attached brochures. Please call her office at 281-202-6233 for more information.

Ray read the attached written Public Comment dated January 15, 2012.

Reports from Committees:

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

Reports from the Administrative Agency for Ryan White Part A: See the attached:

- FY 2011 Part A and MAI Procurement Report, 01/04/12
- FY 2011 Part A Service Utilization Report, 3rd Quarter 01/03/12

Comprehensive HIV Planning: Michael Bass, Co-Chair, gave the following report:

2012 Comprehensive Plan: See the attached January 2012 Summary of Activities.

Giwa thanked the Operations Committee and staff for the successful Mentor/Mentee Luncheon and Council Orientation.

Operations Committee: David Watson, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

2012 Mentor/Mentee Luncheon: Watson stated the luncheon went well and the comments he has received have all been positive.

2012 Council Orientation: Watson stated that the feedback he has received from new members is that they liked the training and got a lot from Orientation.

FY 2012 Council Support Budget: **Motion #3**: *To approve the attached amendments to the FY 2012 Council Support Budget to accommodate the increase in employee health insurance. Motion carried.*

Giwa encouraged members to fill out the Orientation Survey forms located at each person's place and hand them in to the Office of Support staff. She then acknowledged the Co-Chairs of the two committees who did

not have reports to present: the Affected Community Committee Co-Chairs are Escalante and Ordonez and the Priority and Allocations Committee Co-Chairs are Hollins and Monk.

2012 Council Timeline: Williams, Manager, Office of Support, walked the members through the attached document entitled *Timeline of Critical 2012 Council Activities*, including significant Council meeting dates.

Motion #4: *it was moved and seconded (Escalante, Hollins) to add under “New Business” on the Council agenda a report from the Project LEAP Advisory Committee. Motion carried.*

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, summarized the attached report. She stated “The Open Meetings Act” video will be available for viewing in the Office of Support directly after the Council meeting, complete with pop corn.

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. He is hoping to announce information on the Part A grant award at the March Council meeting.

Report from the Part B and State Services Administrative Agent: Patrick Martin, Program Development Director, Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, summarized the attached report.

New Business:

HOPWA: Barr stated that they are currently in their funding cycle and as a result there a lot of the agency’s working without contracts. They are looking to be funded level or a light decrease.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Escalante stated that there is a Health Fair Testing Event coming up to spotlight National Women/Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and will pass this information on when they find a location.

M-PACT: Turner stated that at their last meeting they had a Hep C Training presentation.

AIDS Trial Network: Giwa will email the Office of Support this report.

Legislative Updates: Leo distributed the attached State Healthcare Access Research Project (SHARP) Texas State Report. In 2014 there will be dramatic changes to the healthcare system. The report outlines some of those changes. The Council needs to prepare itself and the Ryan White clients for the transition. Leo is prepared to speak about the findings to any and all groups.

Announcements:

David stated that for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day the African-American Task Force went to a housing complex in Aldine-Bender and tested 75 persons; down the block in Haverstock, Conoco allowed them to test on their property. They were invited to do testing in another complex on the strip at a later date. Radio station MAGIC 102 partnered with the project along with six other agencies.

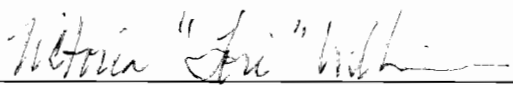
Per a request from the Council, Barnett commented on the attached article entitled “Human papillomavirus (HPV)-related disease in people with HIV”. Since HPV is not declining among those that have HIV/AIDS, it is still extremely important to do yearly screenings to prevent HPV. Encouragement is really needed among the young people.

David stated that the SPLASH event will attempt to test 1000 people on May 2nd. See John Humphries, SPLASH coordinator, for more information.

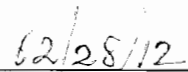
Giwa stated that there is information at everyone's place re: National African American HIV Awareness Day. She is hoping that the Affected Community Committee will provide the Council with similar information throughout the year.

Adjournment: Motion #5: it was moved and seconded (Monk, Gonzalez) to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

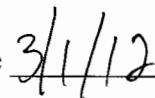


Victoria Williams, Manager

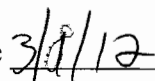


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Council Chair: _____

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Final Approval by 
Council Chair: _____

Date 

JA = Just arrived at meeting, LR = Left room temporarily, LM = Left the meeting, C = Chair of the meeting

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MEMBERS																	
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X								Ernesto Macias	X							
Roland Amboree	X								Osaro Mgbere	X							
Ruth Atkinson		X				X			Nancy Mietschin	X							
Ben Barnett		X				X			Greg Monk		X				X		
Melody Barr, 11:58		X				X			Kevin Moore		X				X		
Michael Bass		X				X			Lyla Ordonez	X							
David Benson		X				X			Venita Ray		X				X		
Bianca Burley		X				X			Terrence Redix		X				X		
Amber David		X				X			Ruben Rosas	X							
Chris Escalante		X				X			Ryan Rushing, 11:44		X			lm			
David Garner	X								Dr. Beverlee Solomon		X				X		
Jerry Garza	X								Carl Tennill		X				X		
Morénike Giwa									Bruce Turner		X				X		
Gabriel Gonzalez		X				X			Eric Twombly		X				X		
Tracy Gorden		X				X			Nadine Wallace	X							
Linda Hollins, 11:41		X				X			David Watson		X				X		
Melvin Johnson	X								Pat Weatherspoon	X							
J. Hoxi Jones	X								Lena Williams	X							
Billie Lackins	X								Larry Woods		X				X		
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