

**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 12, 2012

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Morénike Giwa, Chair	Nadine Wallace	Ramiro Hernandez
Ben Barnett, Vice-Chair	Pat Weatherspoon	Cecilia Smith-Ross, Greeter
Venita Ray, Secretary	Lena Williams	
Ruth Atkinson		STAFF PRESENT
Melody Barr	MEMBERS ABSENT	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Michael Bass	Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Charles Henley
David Benson	Roland Amboree	Carin Martin
Bianca Burley	Amber David, excused	Heather Heizman
Chris Escalante	Jerry Garza, excused	
Tracy Gorden	Gabriel Gonzalez, excused	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Linda Hollins	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	Patrick Martin
Melvin Johnson	Osaro Mgbere, excused	
Billie Lackins	Greg Monk, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Januari Leo	Kevin Moore	Tori Williams
Nancy Miertschin	Dr. Beverlee Solomon, excused	Jen Hadayia
Teresa Presley Pruitt	Eric Twombly, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan
Terrence Redix	David Watson, excused	
Carl Tennill	Larry Woods, excused	
C. Bruce Turner		

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 11:40 a.m. and asked for a Moment of Reflection

Training: The Allocations Process: Linda Hollins, Co-Chair, Priority and Allocations Committee walked the members through the attached Priority and Allocations process.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Atkinson, Wallace) to adopt the June 14, 2012 minutes.* **Motion carried.** Abstention: Leo.

Public Comments and Announcements: Ray read the one written public comment for the record.

Reports from Committees:

Quality Assurance Committee: No report. The committee does not meet in June or July.

Ad Hoc EIIHA* Strategy: Bruce Turner, Co-Chair, gave the following report:

FY 2012 EIIHA Strategy: The Ad Hoc EIIHA Strategy Committee has reviewed the attached data and will continue to review data related to the FY 2012 Houston Area EIIHA Strategy.

* EIIHA = Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS.

Educational Presentation: From Testing to Treatment. See the attached information about routine HIV testing which was presented to the committee on June 18, 2012.

UCHAPS Representative. Ms. Dea Varsovczky, a representative of the Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS), was in Houston and observed the June 18, 2012 Committee meeting.

Comprehensive HIV Planning: Michael Bass, Chair, reported on the following:

Launch and Dissemination of the Comprehensive Plan. See the attached information on the launch and dissemination of the Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan for 2012–2014.

Engagement Survey. See the attached, preliminary results of the Engagement Survey for the Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan for 2012–2014.

2012 Special Studies. See the attached information regarding the following data collection projects: Transgender Special Study, Harris County Family Planning Adolescent Focus Group Project, Part B Rural Mini-Needs Assessment and the City of Houston's HIP HOP for HIV Awareness Project. Hadayia stated that the first conference call to discuss the special study on HIV and the Transgender Community was held last week. Participants included: two researchers, one from A&M and the other from UT School of Public Health; two representatives from the transgender community; two agency representatives that serve transgender individuals; multiple staff including several data analysts; Langford from The Resource Group; and Office of Support staff: Williams and Hadayia. The next call will be in July. Recruitment for the study will begin at the end of July/August. Giwa applauded the committee for the ambitious projects they have taken on.

Affected Community: Chris Escalante, Chair, reported on the following:

Educational Presentation. See the attached information about Community Involvement in HIV Clinical Trials/Research presented by Morénike Giwa, HIV Clinical Trials Community Liaison, ACTG/IMPAACT/HPTN.

HIP HOP for HIV Awareness 2012. The Council agreed to secure 20 volunteers for Hip Hop for HIV Awareness 2012. To date, the Council has submitted the names of 65 individuals willing to volunteer, thanks to a number of Council members who signed up and the efforts of several members of the Affected Community Committee who staffed the Ryan White booth at the Pride Festival. Please see Monaghan or Williams to sign up as a volunteer for this important event which tests over 8,000 high risk teenagers and others.

Operations Committee: Carl Tennill, Vice-Chair, gave the following reports:

2012 Council Training Topics. See the attached list of 2012 Council Training Topics.

2012 New Member Survey Results: See the attached results of the 2012 New Member Survey. Survey respondents included new Council and External Committee members.

Child Care will be discussed at the next meeting as well as the Mentor/Mentee Program.

Priority and Allocations: Linda Hollins, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

FY 2013 Ryan White Service Priorities. **Motion #3:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Service Priorities for Ryan White Parts A and B, Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) and State Services funding.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams.

FY 2013 Allocations – Level Funding Scenario. **Motion #4:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Level Funding Scenario for Ryan White Parts A and B, Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) and State Services funding.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams, Bass.

FY 2013 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – MAI. **Motion #5:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams.

FY 2013 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – MAI. **Motion #6:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams.

FY 2013 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – Part A. **Motion #7:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part A.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams.

FY 2013 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – Part A. **Motion #8:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part A.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams.

FY 2013 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – Part B. **Motion #9:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part B.* Discussion: Turner stated that the motion, as it currently reads, may not be clear to the Administrative Agent. He feels that it would be clearer if Step 1 and Step 2 were to be combined. **Motion Failed.** Nays: Ray, Hollins, Turner, Escalante, Presley Pruitt, Barr, Barnett, Weatherspoon, Wallace, Redix, Gorden, Tennill, Atkinson, Lackins. Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams.

FY 2013 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – Part B. **Motion #10:** *it was moved and seconded (Hollins, Turner) to combine Steps 1 and 2 (see attached FY 2013 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan Part B) to read: “All service categories will be decreased by the same percent. This applies to the total amount of service dollars available. Every service category, except Health Insurance which will be held harmless at 95% of the overall expenditures between 09/01/11 and 08/31/12, will be treated equally under this scenario.” Step 3 becomes Step 2.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams, Bass.

FY 2013 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenarios – Part B. **Motion #11:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part B.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams.

FY 2013 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – State Services. **Motion #12:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Decrease Funding Scenario for State Services funding. Discussion: This text of this motion should be changed to match Motion #10 above.* **Motion Failed.** Nays: Ray, Hollins, Turner, Escalante, Presley Pruitt, Barr, Barnett, Weatherspoon, Wallace, Redix, Gorden, Tennill, Atkinson, Lackins. Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams, Bass.

FY 2013 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – State Services. **Motion #13:** *it was moved and seconded (Hollins, Presley Pruitt) to combine Steps 1 and 2 and amend the text to read: “All service categories will be decreased by the same percent. This applies to the total amount of service dollars available. Every service category, except Health Insurance which will be held harmless at 95% of the overall expenditures between 09/01/11 and 08/31/12, will be treated equally under this scenario.” Step 3 becomes Step 2.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams, Bass.

FY 2013 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – State Services. **Motion #14:** *Approve the attached FY 2013 Increase Funding Scenario for State Services funding.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Barnett, Benson, Barr, Leo, Miertschin, Williams.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, summarized the attached report. Williams thanked everyone who attended today, despite the bad weather.

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

Report from The Resource Group: Patrick Martin, Program Development Director, The Resource Group, summarized the attached report.

New Business

HOPWA: Melody Barr: Consumers who wish to voice a concern related to HOPWA housing are welcome to contact her and she will see what she can do to try and help them.

M-PACT: Bruce Turner: M-PACT members have been assisting with HIP HOP for HIV Awareness so there have been no meetings. M-PACT worked collaborative with others to provide HIV testing at the Pride Festival. Turner will share the results of the testing efforts when they are available.

AIDS Trial Network: Morénike Giwa: The next meeting will be in one week, with the last meeting at the end of July. A number of clinical trials networks will be presenting information at IAS. They will also include webinars and other forms of communication. Please see the website for more information.

Legislative Updates: Januari Leo reported on the following:

- 1) Please encouraged members to make comments on Ryan White Reauthorization by looking on the HRSA Website. Please offer solutions if you have any. The Texas HIV Coalition is developing a generic letter for signatures if individuals wish to support this effort.
- 2) The Coalition was pleased overall with the ruling on the Affordable Care Act. Medicaid Expansion was left up to the states and Governor Perry is stating that he is not going to support the expansion in Texas. But, this is not a done deal. Medicaid is important to HIV consumers. Please contact your legislators and join the Coalition at Advocacy Day in Austin on 03/04/13.
- 3) The Coalition is sponsoring a kick off happy hour next Tuesday for the upcoming International AIDS Conference in Washington D.C. Come meet attendees, exchange numbers, ask questions. Follow on twitter if you cannot be present.

Medical updates: Escalante asked Ben Barnett, MD about the possible impact of the AIDS Home Test. Barnett responded that he does not know much about the tests and is hesitant to offer an opinion.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Jo" Williams
Victoria Williams, Manager

07-31-12
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: Moréike [Signature]

Date 08-02-12

Final Approval by
Council Chair: P.A. [Signature]

Date 08-09-12

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