

Council Approved October 11, 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, September 13, 2012

Meeting Location: Third Ward Multi-Service Center – Auditorium

3611 Ennis Street, Houston, Texas 77004

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	LEAP STUDENTS PRESENT
Morénike Giwa, Chair,	Bianca Burley, excused	Leslie Raneri
Ben Barnett, Vice-Chair	Jerry Garza	Derek Riley
Venita Ray, Secretary	Gabriel Gonzalez	Christina Rivera
Roland Amboree	Billie Lackins	Terry Ross
Melody Barr	Osaro Mgbere, excused	Andra Tillman
David Benson	Greg Monk, excused	Carmen Wright
Amber David	Dr. Beverlee Solomon	
Chris Escalante	Eric Twombly, excused	OTHERS PRESENT
Tracy Gorden	Lena Williams, excused	Modelle Brudner, Liaison-Judge Emmett
Linda Hollins		Mary James – Greeter
Melvin Johnson	LEAP STUDENTS PRESENT	Cecilia Smith –Ross – Greeter
J. Hoxi Jones	Gene Ethridge	Ramiro Hernandez
Januari Leo	Curtis Bellard	Steven Hayes, Legacy
Nancy Miertschin	Craig Brown	Mikel Marshall
Kevin Moore	Leonard Brown	
Teresa Presley Pruitt	Giovanna Castro	STAFF PRESENT
Terrence Redix	Rene de Buenrostro	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Carl Tennill	Robert de Saglio	Charles Henley
C. Bruce Turner	Dory Edwards	Carin Martin
Nadine Wallace	Evelio Escamilla	<i>The Resource Group</i>
David Watson	Christopher Garrett	Anna Henry
Pat Weatherspoon	Daniel Hughes	Patrick Martin
Larry Woods	Sha ‘Terra Johnson-Fairley	<i>Office of Support</i>
MEMBERS ABSENT	Nelson Lopez	Tori Williams
Claudine Alexandre-McGill	Andrew Motz	Jen Hadayia
Ruth Atkinson, excused	Carlos Omana	Diane Beck
Michael Bass	Yolanda Parker	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 11:40 a.m. and asked for a Moment of Reflection. She thanked everyone for coming and welcomed the Project LEAP students in attendance.

Presentations from Project LEAP Students: Williams, Hadayia and the Project LEAP students presented the results of the two mini needs assessments that were designed by the two classes. See the attached power point presentation for details.

Adoption of the Agenda: ***Motion #1***: *it was moved and seconded (Miertschin, Presley Pruitt) to adopt the agenda with two additional items listed after Public Comment: A. Introductions and B. Consumer Survey. Motion carried.*

Adoption of the Minutes: ***Motion #2***: *it was moved and seconded (Ray, Turner) to adopt the August 9, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Amboree, David, Hollins, Leo, Weatherspoon, Woods.

Introductions: Giwa invited the following groups to introduce themselves: the Project LEAP students, Council members and staff. Williams reminded everyone that the meeting is being taped and if an individual states their name and/or HIV/AIDS status it will be on public record.

Giwa invited consumers to fill out the survey regarding nutritional supplement formulary and give to Hadayia before the end of the meeting, or to the Office of Support by October 1, 2012.

Public Comments and Announcements: Giwa asked members to consider the public comment that she submitted regarding the Ryan White Petty Cash policy later in the meeting, when the Operations Committee gives its report.

Reports from Committees:

Ad Hoc EIIHA Strategy: David Watson gave the following report:

FY 2013 EIIHA Strategy: FY 2013 EIIHA Strategy: See the attached copy of the FY 2013 EIIHA Strategy. In order to give the staff sufficient time to prepare the materials for the HRSA grant deadline, the Council gave the Committee the authority to provide final approval for this work product.

Educational Presentation: Routine HIV Testing & Linkage to Care: See the attached poster presentation describing Houston's three years of routine screening for HIV at Harris County Hospital District (HCHD).

Comprehensive HIV Planning: Nancy Miertschin reported on the following:

Educational Presentation: *Program Collaboration, Service Integration (PCSI)*: See the attached information about the Texas Program Collaboration, Service Integration (PCSI) Plan presented to the committee by Todd Logan, PCSI Coordinator, Texas Department of State Health Services, HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch.

2012 Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Plan: See the attached document listing milestones in the implementation of the Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Plan.

Texas HIV Plan (2012 - 2014): See the attached Executive Summary of the draft Texas HIV Plan (2012 – 2014) and a chart comparing the Plan with the Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Plan.

2012 Special Studies: See the attached materials for the Rural Mini-Needs Assessment and Transgender Special Study. Members are asked to share the link to the online survey with friends who might be interested in participating in the study. In addition, an evaluation of the post-release linkage to care system is now underway thanks to SIRR. Hadayia encouraged members and guests to pick up recruitment cards for the Transgender Study from the sign-in table.

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

Reports from the Administrative Agency – Part A: See the attached reports:

- FY 2011 Procurement Summary (revised: 07/23/12)
- FY 2012 Procurement Summary (revised: 08/08/12)
- FY 2012 Service Utilization Report – 1st Quarter (dated 06/28/12)
- CPCDMS Update – August 16, 2012

Reports from the Administrative Agency – Part B/State Services: See the attached reports:

- FY 11/12 State Services Procurement Report (04/01/12 – 06/30/12)
- FY 11/12 RW Part B Procurement Report (04/01/12 -06/30/12)
- FY 2012 RW Part B Utilization Report (04/01/12 – 06/30/12)
- Ryan White Health Insurance Assistance Utilization Report (04/01/12 – 06/30/12)

Assessment of the Ryan White Part A Administrative Mechanism: ***Motion #3:*** *To accept the 2012 report of the Assessment of the Ryan White Part A Administrative Mechanism. No corrective action is required. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Amboree, Weatherspoon.

FY 2013 HIV/AIDS Targeting Chart : Per a request from the Council, the Committee will be reviewing the mental health service definition and exploring a possible recommendation regarding geographic targeting at the October 18, 2012 meeting.

Affected Community: Melvin Johnson, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Educational Presentation: HIV & the Heterosexual Community: In August, the Committee met at Texas Southern University with members of Living Without Limits. Cecilia Smith-Ross, President and Founder of the organization presented the attached information on HIV and the Heterosexual Community.

2012 Committee Meeting Schedule: See the attached meeting schedule.

See the attached flyer describing National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness (NHAAA) Day which is on September 18, 2012 and National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on September 27, 2012.

Operations: David Watson, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

2013 Mentor Program: The Committee is discussing proposed changes to the Mentor/Mentee Program and invites comments before the committee recommendation is finalized. See the attached document outlining the proposed changes.

Childcare Policy and Reimbursement Form: The Committee is discussing proposed changes to the childcare policy and reimbursement form and invites comments before the committee recommendation is finalized. For details, please request a copy of the September meeting packet from the Office of Support.

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

Financial Updates: Although the Committee did not meet in August, please see the enclosed documents regarding the FY 2012 award amounts for Ryan White Part B and DSHS State Services; Part A Carryover Request and Part D grant awards.

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 Resource Group, summarized the attached report.

New Business:

Ryan White Part C Urban: Nancy Miertschin stated there is nothing to report regarding Ryan White Part C. The Harris Health System (HHS) is now a Part D Grantee. There are now two Houston area Part D Grantees: The Resource Group and HHS. HHS was one of nine sites awarded a Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) grant. The purpose of the grant is to establish Medical Homes for Multiply Diagnosed HIV Positive Homeless people. HHS will be working through their Health Care for the Homeless Program which already has clinics in a number of homeless shelters. The goal is for homeless individuals to receive health care at a shelter, as opposed to having to go to a health care clinic.

HOPWA: Melody Barr stated that they are coming to the end of their contract year. They hope to maintain level funding next year. In January 2013, new RFP's will be announced for funding that will begin in December 2013.

HIV Prevention Group (HPG): Bruce Turner stated that the Community Planning Group (CPG) has decided to keep their name as is.

African American Emergency Task Force on HIV/AIDS: David stated the Houston is currently experiencing a syphilis outbreak in key areas of the city, including southwest Houston, Baytown, Channelview, North Houston and the Montrose area. HDHHS has established a SOR Team. As chair of Community Mobilization, he needs volunteers to help promote testing. Please call 832-393-4751.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Steven Vargas stated that annually National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is on October 15th. Through collaborative efforts with AAMA and other organizations, free testing is available as well as a street survey to see if people know about Latino AIDS Awareness Day. Events will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at a location off of the Gulf Freeway.

M-PACT: Bruce Turner presented the attached M-Pact flyer describing a testing event on Sunday, September 30, 2012. Turner needs help distributing this information.

AIDS Trial Network: Giwa stated that two local HIV Research CABs have upcoming meetings: 1) The IMPAACT/ATN/PHACS/Ryan White Part D meeting focuses on HIV research for infants, children, teens, and women and will meet on Tuesday, September 25th from 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. in the medical center at Texas Children's Hospital; for more information or to RSVP, contact Theresa Aldape at tmaldape@txchildrens.org. 2) The ACTG/HVTN/AIDS Malignancy Consortium meeting focuses on HIV clinical trials for men and women ages 14 and up and HIV vaccines. This group will meet on Tuesday, October 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at Legacy Montrose at 1415 California Street. Email Paul Simmons at psimmons@legacycommunityhealth.org for more information or to RSVP.

Legislative Updates: Januari Leo encouraged members to register to vote. October 9, 2012 is the final day to register to vote. Early voting begins on Monday, October 22, 2012 and runs for two weeks. Tuesday, November 6, 2012 is Voting Day. Leo introduced her new intern, Steven Hayes.

Announcements: Escalante from the Center for AIDS Support Group will be hosting a presentation on Advances in HIV Treatment on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.. Dinner will be provided. If anyone is interested in attending, see Escalante after the meeting. Barr stated that the results of the Company Action

Plan Evaluation (CAPER) evaluation will be posted on the HOPWA website in a couple of weeks. The study looked at what HOPWA does with Federal funds. Turner stated that the Texas HIV/AIDS Medication Advisory Committee will be meeting in Austin on September 14, 2012. Wood stated that September 27, 2012 is National Gay Men's HIV Testing Day. Because of this, St. Hope Foundation Program for Life Brothers will hold their grand opening at their new location at 2425 Binz Street. This is a program for black gay men aged 25 and up. All are welcome to attend the opening.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Joni" Wilk
Victoria Williams, Manager

10-4-12
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: Marcia Gura

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Final Approval by
Council Chair: Marcia Gura

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	Motion #1				Motion #2					Motion #1				Motion #2			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MEMBERS									MEMBERS								
Morénike Giwa				C				C	Bruce Turner		X				X		
Ben Barnett		X				X			Nadine Wallace		X				X		
Venita Ray		X				X			David Watson		X				X		
Roland Amboree		X						X	Pat Weatherspoon		X						X
Melody Barr, 11:50		X				X			Larry Woods		X						X
David Benson		X				X											
Amber David		X						X	Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X							
Chris Escalante		X				X			Ruth Atkinson	X							
Tracy Gorden		X				X			Bianca Burley	X							
Linda Hollins		X						X	Michael Bass	X							
Melvin Johnson		X				X			Jerry Garza	X							
J. Hoxi Jones, 11:57		X				X			Gabriel Gonzalez	X							
Januari Leo		X						X	Billie Lackins	X							
Nancy Miertschin, 11:48		X				X			Osaro Mgbere	X							
Kevin Moore		X				X			Greg Monk	X							
Teresa Presley Pruitt		X				X			Dr. Beverlee Solomon	X							
Terrence Redix		X				X			Eric Twombly	X							
Carl Tennill		X				X			Lena Williams	X							

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	Motion #3	Part A Mech	Carried			Motion #3	Part A Mech	Carried	
MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	MEMBERS	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Morénike Giwa				C	Bruce Turner		X		
Ben Barnett		X			Nadine Wallace		X		
Venita Ray		X			David Watson		X		
Roland Amboree				X	Pat Weatherspoon				X
Melody Barr		X			Larry Woods		X		
David Benson		X							
Amber David		X			Claudine Alexandre-McGill	X			
Chris Escalante		X			Ruth Atkinson	X			
Tracy Gorden		X			Bianca Burley	X			
Linda Hollins		X			Michael Bass	X			
Melvin Johnson		X			Jerry Garza	X			
J. Hoxi Jones		X			Gabriel Gonzalez	X			
Januari Leo		X			Billie Lackins	X			
Nancy Miertschin		X			Osaro Mgbere	X			
Kevin Moore		X			Greg Monk	X			
Teresa Presley Pruitt		X			Dr. Beverlee Solomon	X			
Terrence Redix		X			Eric Twombly	X			
Carl Tennill		X			Lena Williams	X			