

# Council Approved August 8, 2013

## 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

12 noon, Thursday, July 11, 2013

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Greg Monk, Chair	Nancy Miertschin	Ramiro Hernandez
Ben Barnett	Kevin Moore	Royce Nash
Morénike Giwa	Leslie Raneri	Ryan Frankenbach, Project LEAP
Roland Amboree	Terrence Redix	
Ruth Atkinson	Cecilia Ross	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Michael Bass	C. Bruce Turner	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Curtis Bellard	Larry Woods	Charles Henley
David Benson		Carin Martin
Skeet Boyle	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Heather Keizman
Ella Collins-Nelson	Melody Barr, excused	
Rene de Buenrostro	Bianca Burley, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Chris Escalante	Amber David, excused	Tori Williams
Evelio Escamilla	Jerry Garza	Jen Hadayia
Gene Ethridge	Osaro Mgbere, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan
Herman Finley	Teresa Presley Pruitt	
Gabriel Gonzalez	Eric Twombly, excused	
Tracy Gorden	Steven Vargas, excused	
Paul Grunenwald	Nadine Wallace, excused	
J. Hoxi Jones	David Watson, excused	
Januari Leo	Tamika White, excused	
Nelson Lopez	Lena Williams-Ellis, excused	

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

**Call to Order:** Greg Monk, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and asked for a moment of reflection to honor those that have gone before.

**Welcoming Remarks:** Thank you's go to the Priority and Allocations Committee for their hard work in creating the FY 2014 allocations under very unusual and difficult circumstances. As always, they put a lot of thought and care into creating their recommendations and doing what they could to ease the burden of so many unknowns on consumers.

Thank you's go to the following individuals for their participation in the June Public Hearing: Presenters and Panelists: Wallace, Turner, Gonzalez and Hadayia. Greeter: Gorden. Staff for organizing the materials and helping to prepare the scripts

Thank you's go to Nadine Wallace for finally getting Dena Hughes to take the Open Meetings Act Training! 100% of the members of the Operations and Priority and Allocations Committees have now taken the training, with the Affected Community Committee close behind.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2**: *it was moved and seconded (Atkinson, Wallace) to adopt the June 13, 2013 minutes with the following change: correct the date of the minutes so that they read: June instead of May. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Amboree, Barnett, Jones, Woods.

Training: Allocations Process: Bruce Turner, Co-Chair, Priority & Allocations Committee, provided members with an understanding of how the Priority and Allocations Committee created the proposed FY 2014 allocations.

**Public Comments:** Williams pointed out three written comments in Council meeting packets.

### **Reports from Committees:**

**Affected Community Committee:** Cecilia Ross gave the following reports:

Public Hearing on June 24, 2013: Hosted by The Affected Community and Priority & Allocations Committees, Jen Hadayia from the Office of Support outlined the Houston EIIHA Strategy and the Priority and Allocations Committee presented the proposed FY 2014 service priorities & allocations for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI and State Services funding. See attached public comments.

Training: The Consumer Complaint Process: Committee members heard a presentation by Carin Martin, Ryan White Grant Administration, describing the Part A/MAI consumer complaint process.

Monthly Committee Training: See the attached schedule of 2013 Committee Training Topics.

2013 Community Events: See the attached list of 2013 Community Events at which members of the Affected Community Committee will have a presence.

2013 Greeters: See the attached list of Greeters for the 2013 Council meetings.

**Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee:** Chris Escalante, Co-Chair, stated that at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2013, there will be an Evaluation Workgroup meeting. Otherwise, there was no report.

**Quality Assurance Committee:** Cecilia Ross, Co-Chair, gave the following report.

Ryan White Health Insurance Workgroup: The Health Insurance Workgroup met on June 11, 2013 for the purpose of 1.) staying informed about health insurance options that will impact the Ryan White Health Insurance Service Category and 2.) recommending ways to improve the service and reduce the burden upon clients and agencies. The next meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013; all are welcome to attend. See Williams if you wish to receive meeting reminders.

**Priority and Allocations Committee:** Bruce Turner, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

FY 2014 Ryan White Service Priorities: **Motion #3**: *Keep the Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI\*\* and State Services funded service priorities the same in FY 2014 as they were in FY 2012 and 2013 because there is no new needs assessment data or significant additional data. Motion Carried.* Abstentions: Barnett, Bass, Benson, de Buenrostro, Leo, Miertschin, Woods.

Philosophy Used to Determine the FY 2014 Allocations: See attached.

FY 2014 Allocations – Level Funding Scenario: **Motion #4:** *Approve the attached FY 2014 Level Funding Scenario for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI and State Services funding. **Motion Carried.*** Abstentions: Barnett, Bass, Benson, de Buenrostro, Leo, Miertschin and Woods.

FY 2014 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – MAI: **Motion #5:** *Approve the attached FY 2014 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White MAI funding. **Motion Carried.*** Abstentions: Barnett, Bass, Benson, de Buenrostro, Leo, Miertschin and Woods.

FY 2014 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – MAI: **Motion #6:** *Approve the attached FY 2014 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White MAI funding. **Motion Carried.*** Abstentions: Barnett, Bass, Benson, de Buenrostro, Leo, Miertschin and Woods.

FY 2014 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – Part A: **Motion #7:** *Approve the attached FY 2014 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part A. **Motion Carried.*** Abstentions: Barnett, Bass, Benson, de Buenrostro, Leo, Miertschin and Woods.

FY 2014 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – Part A: **Motion #8:** *Approve the attached FY 2014 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part A. **Motion Carried.*** Abstentions: Barnett, Bass, Benson, de Buenrostro, Leo, Miertschin and Woods.

FY 2014 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – Part B & State Services: **Motion #9:** *Approve the attached FY 2014 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part B and State Services. **Motion Carried.*** Abstentions: Barnett, Bass, Benson, de Buenrostro, Leo, Miertschin and Woods.

FY 2014 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenarios – Part B & State Services: **Motion #10:** *Approve the attached FY 2014 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part B and State Services. **Motion Carried.*** Abstentions: Barnett, Bass, Benson, de Buenrostro, Leo, Miertschin and Woods.

Actual FY 2013 Allocations – Ryan White Part A and MAI: See attached.

**Operations Committee:** Kevin Moore, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

**Statement of Confidentiality:** See attached, recommended *Statement of Confidentiality* form for members of the Operations Committee. Council members are asked to review the statement and submit any comments, questions or suggestions to the Operations Committee before their meeting on July 16, 2013. After reviewing comments, the Committee will present the document to the Council for final approval in August 2013

**Public Comment at Council Meetings:** **Motion #11:** *Amend attached Public Comment Policy No. 100.01 as indicated by the underlined text. **Motion carried.*** Nays: Turner, Benson. Abstention: Boyle.

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

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

**Report from The Resource Group:** See attached written report.

**New Business:**

Community Prevention Group (CPG): See attached report from Vargas.

Update from Task Forces:

Latino: See attached report from Vargas.

MSM: See attached report from Turner.

Hepatitis C: See attached report from Vargas.

Syphilis: Finley stated that lots of people are currently involved in the HIP HOP for HIV Awareness testing event. The Syphilis Task Force is spreading the word as evidenced by 6000 hits on their web page and 5000 friends on their Facebook page.

AIDS Trial Network: Giwa stated that the next meeting will take place in late July/early August. Enrollment of Domestic US Women in clinical trials is currently taking place. The local CABs are meeting at the same times and places each month.

SPNS Grant: HIV and the Homeless Program: Miertschin stated that the posting for a Service Linkage Worker position will close next Friday. Enrollment for that program will begin in September.

Medical Updates: Barnett, MD, stated that the medical community is looking at the possibility of two more people having been "cured" of AIDS in Indonesia. Unlike the first two cases, these two people did not have "long living reservoirs". More study needs to be done on the bone marrow transplant connection to early identification and cure. In the news is information about the new antiviral medication that was originally developed for prevention and lasts for 30 days. Indications are that it might work for treatment as well. The sad news is that the HIV vaccine is not going anywhere.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Gori" Williams  
Victoria Williams, Manager

7/30/13  
Date

Draft Certified by  
Council Chair: Greg Monk

Date 8/1/13

Final Approval by  
Council Chair: Greg Monk

Date 8/8/13

## Council Meeting Voting Records for July 11, 2013

	Motion #1				Motion #2					Motion #1				Motion #2			
	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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Greg Monk, Chair				C				C	Nancy Miertschin		X				X		
Ben Barnett		X						X	Kevin Moore		X				X		
Morénike Giwa, 12:12	X					X			Leslie Raneri, 12:14	X				X			
Roland Amboree		X						X	Terrence Redix		X				X		
Ruth Atkinson		X				X			Cecilia Ross		X				X		
Michael Bass		X				X			C. Bruce Turner		X				X		
Curtis Bellard		X				X			Larry Woods		X						X
David Benson		X				X											
Skeet Boyle		X				X			ABSENT								
Ella Collins-Nelson		X				X			Melody Barr	X							
Rene de Buenostro		X				X			Bianca Burley	X							
Chris Escalante		X				X			Amber David	X							
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Gene Ethridge		X				X			Osaro Mgbere	X							
Herman Finley	X				X	X			Teresa Presley Pruitt	X							
Gabriel Gonzalez		X				X			Eric Twombly	X							
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Paul Grunenwald		X				X			Nadine Wallace	X							
J. Hoxi Jones		X						X	David Watson	X							
Januari Leo		X				X			Tamika White	X							
Nelson Lopez		X				X			Lena Williams-Ellis	X							

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Morénike Giwa		X				X			Leslie Raneri		X				X		
Roland Amboree		X				X			Terrence Redix		X				X		
Ruth Atkinson		X				X			Cecilia Ross		X				X		
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