

Council Approved June 11, 2015

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, May 14, 2015

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Steven Vargas, Chair	Angela Hawkins	Gloria Sierra, TX Children's Hospital
Tracy Gorden, Vice-Chair	Arlene Johnson	Trinidad Hernandez, Legacy
Connie Harris, Secretary	J. Hoxi Jones	Mikel Marshall, ViiV
Roland Amboree	John Lazo	Michael Kennedy
Ted Artiaga	Januari Leo	Kevin Jackson
Ruth Atkinson	Nancy Miertschin	Mike Wilkerson, TMC
Melody Barr	Kevin Moore	Rhea Jared
Curtis Bellard	Robert Noble	
David Benson	Shital Patel	STAFF PRESENT
Skeet Boyle	Teresa Pruitt	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Chad Brandt	Leslie Raneri	Carin Martin
Tana Brown	Cecilia Ross	Tasha Traylor
Bianca Burley	Carol Suazo	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Ella Collins-Nelson	David Watson	Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Amber David	Larry Woods	<i>Office Of Support</i>
Evelio Salinas Escamilla	MEMBERS ABSENT	Tori Williams
Gene Ethridge	Paul Grunenwald, excused	Amber Alvarez
Herman Finley	Peta-gay Ledbetter, excused	Georgette L. Monaghan
Steven Harris	C. Bruce Turner, excused	Diane Beck

See attached chart for individual voting information

Call to Order: Steven Vargas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and asked for a Moment of Reflection.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Pruitt, Johnson) to adopt the April 9, 2015 minutes with the following correction: Page 5, strike the sentence after **Announcements**. Motion carried.*

Abstentions: Brandt, Collins-Nelson, Escamilla, Leo.

Ryan White Priority Setting: Melody Barr, Co-Chair, Priority and Allocations Committee, walked the Council through the attached Priority and Allocations Priority setting methodology.

Public Comment and Announcements: C. Harris read the Planning Council guidelines regarding public comment. Evelio Escamilla presented information on the needs of youth, see attached flyer.

Reports from Committees:

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: David Benson, Co-Chair, gave the following report:

Upcoming Meetings: The Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA) Workgroup will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2015. Workgroup attendance is open to all.

Affected Community Committee: Herman Finley, Co-Chair, gave the following report:

FY 2016 How To Best Meet the Need Process: The Affected Community Committee did not meet in April so that members could participate in the FY 2016 How To Best Meet the Need workgroup meetings.

May Committee Training: On Tuesday, May 26, 2015, the Committee will meet at St. Hope Foundation in Sugar Land for training on *HIV and Hepatitis C* from Dr. Stanley Lewis.

Quality Assurance Committee: Cecilia Ross, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

FY 2016 How To Best Meet the Need Process: The Committee hosted three How to Best Meet the Need Workgroup meetings in April. Participation was robust. Workgroup recommendations will be reviewed at the May Quality Assurance Committee meeting.

Ryan White Health Insurance Assistance Program: The Health Insurance Workgroup Committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 for technical assistance training from Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) representatives regarding the *Interim Guidance to Texas Administrative Agents on Health Insurance Assistance Services*. The How To Best Meet the Need process for the Health Insurance Assistance Program FY 2016 service definition took place immediately after the training.

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report.

Operations Committee: No report.

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

Report from Ryan White Grant Administration : Carin Martin, Manager, summarized the attached report. Yesterday she received an email from DSHS stating that ADAP clients who have health insurance will soon be receiving a letter stating that their medication will be put on hold until the client confirms their need for ADAP services.

Report from The Resource Group : Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley, Health Planner, summarized the attached report.

Medical Updates: Shital Patel, MD, Baylor College of Medicine, stated that at the end of April there was a symposium on reproductive systems which was attended by over 70 interested HIV individuals. A number of Council members asked specific questions about some of the newer HIV medications.

New Business:

Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D: No report.

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC): No report.

HOPWA: No report.

Community Prevention Group (CPG): Finley stated that CPG is reviewing logistics on a prevention plan for the summer and deciding if they will host a big testing event in 2015.

Update from Task Forces:

- **African American:** Finley stated the next meeting will be on June 12th in the Fifth Ward. Task Force members were out in full force at SPLASH.
- **Latino:** See Vargas's attached report.
- **MSM:** See Artiaga's attached report.
- **Youth:** See Lazo's attached report.
- **Hepatitis C:** See Vargas's attached report.
- **Urban AIDS Ministry:** David stated that the Task Force partnered with other groups and were able to distribute over 30,000 condoms and provide education on prevention at SPLASH. 200 people were tested on the beach.

Legislative Updates: See Leo's attached report. Not on the report is that the House has approved a Needle Exchange program.

SPNS Grant: HIV and the Homeless Program: Miertschin stated that she attended the SPNS meeting last week and the big message was that there will be a Ryan White Grantee meeting next year.

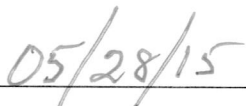
Announcements: Raneri stated that there is a proposed Super CAB Meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Monday June 8, 2015. The agenda and meeting location are to be announced.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

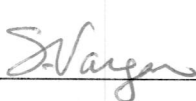
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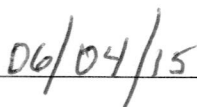


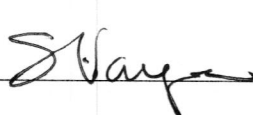
Victoria Williams, Manager

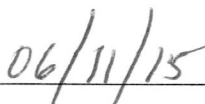


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Council Chair: 

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Final Approval by
Council Chair: 

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Council Voting Records for May 14, 2015

C = Chair of the meeting lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room VP = Via phone	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																	
Steven Vargas, Chair				C				C	Angela Hawkins		X					X	
Tracy Gorden, Vice-Chair		X				X			Arlene Johnson		X					X	
Connie Harris, Secretary		X				X			J. Hoxi Jones		X						X
Roland Amboree		X				X			John Lazo		X					X	
Ted Artiaga		X				X			Januari Leo		X						X
Ruth Atkinson		X				X			Nancy Miertschin, 12:12	X					X		
Melody Barr		X				X			Kevin Moore		X					X	
Curtis Bellard		X				X			Robert Noble		X					X	
David Benson		X				X			Shital Patel		X					X	
Skeet Boyle		X				X			Teresa Pruitt		X					X	
Chad Brandt		X					X	Leslie Raneri, 12:20	X					X			
Tana Brown		X				X			Cecilia Ross		X					X	
Bianca Burley		X					X	Carol Suazo		X					X		
Ella Collins-Nelson		X					X	David Watson		X					X		
Amber David		X				X			Larry Woods, 12:30	X					X		
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