

Council Approved August 13, 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, July 9, 2015

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 532

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Steven Vargas, Chair	Shital Patel	Modelle Brudner, Liaison, Judge Emmett
Tracy Gorden, Vice-Chair	Teresa Pruitt	
Ted Artiaga	Cecilia Ross	STAFF PRESENT
Ruth Atkinson	Carol Suazo	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Melody Barr	C. Bruce Turner	Carin Martin
Curtis Bellard		Tasha Traylor
David Benson		
Skeet Boyle	MEMBERS ABSENT	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Tana Brown	Roland Amboree, excused	Sha-Terra Johnson-Fairley
Bianca Burley	Connie Harris, excused	
Ella Collins-Nelson	Chad Brandt, excused	<i>Office of Support</i>
Gene Ethridge	Amber David	Tori Williams
Steven Harris	Evelio Salinas Escamilla, excused	Amber Alvarez
Angela F. Hawkins	Herman Finley, excused	Diane Beck
Arlene Johnson	Paul Grunenwald, excused	
John Lazo	J. Hoxi Jones, excused	
Peta-gay Ledbetter	Januari Leo, excused	
Nancy Miertschin	Leslie Raneri, excused	
Kevin Moore	David Watson, excused	
Robert Noble	Larry Woods, excused	

See attached chart for individual voting information

Call to Order: Steven Vargas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.; he welcomed everyone and introduced the new Assistant Coordinator in the Office of Support, Eric Moreno. He thanked those who participated at the Public Hearings in June, especially the Project LEAP students who presented the findings from their Long Term HIV Survivor needs assessment. He spoke about the recent NMAC conference where he and others participated on panels. Vargas then asked for a moment of reflection.

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

Adoption of the Minutes: **Motion #2**: *it was moved and seconded (Presley, Ethridge) to adopt the June 11, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.*

HOPWA Programs: Melody Barr, Administration Manager for the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department HOPWA program, presented the attached information about HOPWA funded supportive (non-housing) services.

Training: The Allocations Process: Bruce Turner, Co-Chair, Priority and Allocations Committee, reviewed the overall philosophy, principles and guidelines used in determining the FY 2016 allocations.

Public Comment and Announcements: None.

Reports from Committees:

Quality Improvement Committee: Roland Amboree, Co-Chair, gave the following report:
FY 2016 Service Targeting Chart: See updated document distributed today. **Motion #3**: *Approve the attached Targeting Chart for FY 2016 Service Categories for Ryan White Part A, B, MAI and State Services Funding. Motion carried unanimously.*

Priority and Allocations Committee: Melody Barr, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
FY 2016 Ryan White Service Priorities: **Motion #4**: *Approve the attached FY 2016 Service Priorities for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative) and State Services. Motion carried unanimously.*

FY 2016 Allocations – Level Funding Scenario: **Motion #5**: *Motion 1: Approve the attached FY 2016 Level Funding Scenario for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI and State Services funding. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Artiaga, Barr, Benson, Harris, Miertschin, Noble, Patel.

FY 2016 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – MAI: **Motion #6**: *Motion 2: Approve the attached FY 2016 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White MAI funding. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Artiaga, Barr, Benson, Harris, Miertschin, Noble, Patel.

FY 2016 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – MAI: **Motion #7**: *Motion 3: Approve the attached FY 2016 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White MAI funding. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Artiaga, Barr, Benson, Harris, Miertschin, Noble, Patel.

FY 2016 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenario – Part A: **Motion #8**: *Motion 4: Approve the attached FY 2016 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part A. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Artiaga, Barr, Benson, Harris, Miertschin, Noble, Patel.

FY 2016 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – Part A: **Motion #9**: *Motion 5: Approve the attached FY 2016 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part A. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Artiaga, Barr, Benson, Harris, Miertschin, Noble, Patel.

FY 2016 Allocations – Increase Funding Scenario – Part B & State Services: **Motion #10**: *Motion 6: Approve the attached FY 2016 Increase Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part B and State Services. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Artiaga, Barr, Benson, Harris, Miertschin, Noble, Patel.

FY 2016 Allocations – Decrease Funding Scenarios – Part B & State Services: **Motion #11:** *Motion 7: Approve the attached FY 2016 Decrease Funding Scenario for Ryan White Part B and State Services.* **Motion carried.** Abstentions: Artiaga, Barr, Benson, Harris, Miertschin, Noble, Patel.

Affected Community Committee: Gene Ethridge, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Training on Ryan White Primary Care Services: The Committee met at Legacy Community Health in June for a presentation on Ryan White funded primary care services. See attached presentation.

2015 Client Survey Satisfaction Survey Update: See attached.

Committee Training Schedule: See the attached Schedule of Topics For the 2015 Affected Community Committee meetings.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: No report.

Operations Committee: No report. The Committee meeting was cancelled due to flooding throughout Houston.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, gave the attached report. She said that Vargas won the Project LEAP recruitment contest this year. The Project LEAP Advisory committee will meet soon to discuss graduation. Everyone is welcome to volunteer. Council Members who volunteered to help with LEAP graduation were Barr, Brown, Ethridge, Gorden, Johnson, Moore, and Suazo.

Report from Ryan White Grant Administration: Carin Martin, Manager, summarized the attached report.

Report from The Resource Group: No report.

Medical Updates: Shital Patel, MD, Baylor College of Medicine, stated that she presented some preliminary findings from the SMART Study last month and they are now taking a closer look at the data for individuals 45-64 years old. Nineteen to twenty-eight percent within this group died within 10 years but there wasn't much difference between the 45 year olds and 64 year olds which shows that we need to get people diagnosed and on treatment

New Business:

Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D: Miertschin said that they are reducing the staff at the Northwest Clinic. It should not affect patient care but contact her if there are any concerns.

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC): No report.

HOPWA: Barr stated that they would be releasing an RFP at the end of the month.

Community Prevention Group (CPG): Vargas said that the Houston Hits Home testing event began on Monday. They are giving away 240 tickets each day to the Nicki Minaj concert. Many STIs are treated on site. Noble said they are also doing vaccinations for HPB and Meningitis.

Update from Task Forces:

- **African American:** Johnson-Fairley said that the next meeting will be Friday, July 17th at the Fifth Ward Multiservice Center. The Texas Black Women's Initiative meets at The Resource Group on the 4th Thursday of each month.
- **Latino:** See Vargas's attached report.

- **MSM:** Artiaga stated that the June meeting had been cancelled.
- **Youth:** Lazo stated that the next meeting was Tuesday, July 14th 2005 at the Leonel Castillo Neighborhood Center to plan for the upcoming school year.
- **Hepatitis C:** See Vargas's attached report.

HIV and Aging: Turner stated that Dr. Patel was the speaker at the meeting last month and this month the Project LEAP class will present their findings from the Long Term HIV Survivor needs assessment. The HIV and Aging Coalition meets on the fourth Friday of the month at the Montrose Center.

Texas HIV Medication Program: Miertschin stated that they have a meeting in Austin on July 17th; there is one new drug to be approved.

Legislative Updates: See Leo's attached report.

SPNS Grant: HIV and the Homeless Program: Miertschin stated that the project has exceeded the enrollment goal of 120 patients and Houston is ahead of all other grant participants. There will be a site visit July 30-31, 2015.

Announcements:

- Gorden has applications for this year's Oasis Positive Living Conference in Florida this September. He recently got a call from a friend who is on a Planning Council in Florida – they spoke to Frances Hodge at HRSA about asking for information from a Houston Council Member and she said Houston is one of the best run programs in the country.
- Lazo said that the Supreme Court legalized gay marriage in June. There are still some county clerks who are refusing to grant marriage licenses to gay couples. He is a member of a group for county clerk's office compliance. There is a process if a same sex couple is denied a license so if you know of anyone who was denied, please refer them to him.
- Barr said that she was contacted by the Houston Press about a story they are doing on housing discrimination based on sexual orientation. If you know of anyone who has experience with this please refer them to her.
- Benson said that the Supreme Court has taken away the need to prove intent in housing discrimination cases.
- Brown said that she and Bellard had completed a voter registration class.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria "Joni" Williams

Victoria Williams, Manager

08/01/15
Date

Draft Certified by
Council Chair:

J. Wagon

Date *08/06/15*

Final Approval by
Council Chair:

J. Wagon

Date *08/13/15*

Council Voting Records for July 9, 2015

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