

## HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL



*We envision an educated community where the needs of all persons living with HIV 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 living with and/or affected by HIV by taking a leadership role in the planning and assessment of HIV resources.*

### MINUTES

12 noon, Thursday, September 10, 2020

Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Tana Pradia, Chair	Imran Shaikh	Lt. Cmd. Rodrigo Chavez, PACE
Kevin Aloysius	Carol Suazo	
Rosalind Belcher	Bruce Turner	
Mauricia E. Chatman	Steven Vargas	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Enrique Chavez	Andrew Wilson	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Tony Crawford		Carin Martin
Bobby Cruz	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Heather Keizman
Ronnie Galley	Veronica Ardoin, excused	Rebecca Edwards
Angela F. Hawkins	Johnny Deal, excused	
Dawn Jenkins	Ahmier Gibson	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Daphne L. Jones	Gregory Hamilton, excused	Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Denis Kelly	Arlene Johnson	Crystal Townsend
Tom Lindstrom	Holly McLean, excused	
Josh Mica	Deondre Moore	<i>Office of Support</i>
Rodney Mills	Allen Murray, excused	Tori Williams
Niquita Moret	Shital Patel, excused	Amber Harbolt
Matilda Padilla	John Poole	Diane Beck
Oscar Perez	Rashel Richardson, excused	
Faye Robinson	Gloria Sierra, excused	
Pete Rodriguez	Crystal Starr, excused	

**Call to Order:** Tana Pradia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Pradia said that she was glad to see everyone looking safe and well. Houston would look very different if Hurricane Laura had made landfall in Galveston. Our hearts and prayers go out to our neighbors in East Texas and Louisiana who have suffered so much from this powerful storm. On a different note, Carin may have to leave the meeting early today. Therefore, it was suggested that the agenda be amended to move Carin's report after Public Comment and just before the committee reports. Pradia then called for a Moment of Reflection.

**Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1:** *it was moved and seconded (Jones, Mica) to adopt the agenda with one change: move the Report from Ryan White Grant Administration to before the Reports from Committees.*  
**Motion carried.**

**Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2:** *it was moved and seconded (Mica, Aloysius) to approve the August 6, 2020 minutes.* **Motion carried.** Abstention: Jones, Shaikh.

**Training: Intimate Partner Violence and HIV:** Heather Keizman, Clinical Quality Improvement at Ryan White Grant Administration, presented the attached PowerPoint.

**Public Comment and Announcements:** None.

**Report from Ryan White Grant Administration:** Carin Martin, Manager, presented the attached report. She added that clients seeking assistance from the COVID-19 funded Emergency Financial Assistance program do not need a referral to access the service, nor do they need a case manager or be a client at the agencies providing the assistance (Avenue 360 and the Montrose Center).

### **Reports from Committees**

**Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee:** No report.

**Operations Committee:** Carol Suazo, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Youth Group: The Committee hosted a Zoom meeting with the Youth Group. The presenter was Andrea Washington, a therapist with The Recovery Center, who provided information on *The Effect of Drugs and Alcohol on Relationships*. Then, Rod provided box lunches, gift cards and cloth masks from Tana Pradia. Kelly asked that the Committee consider reaching out to include other youth groups in the area.

**Priority and Allocations Committee:** No report.

**Affected Community Committee:** Rodney Mills, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Training: Emergency Preparedness Bingo: Committee members participated in an educational Bingo game related to Emergency Preparedness. Williams also provided information about the Houston HIV emergency information network that is maintained by Office of Support staff. The presentation was quite timely in lieu of Hurricane Laura moving into the Gulf of Mexico that evening.

Consumer-Only Standards of Care Workgroup Meeting: On Monday, September 21, 2020, the Affected Community Committee will meet to provide input into the FY 2021 Standards of Care and Performance Measures. All consumers are welcome. All others are encouraged to participate in a second meeting for all Council and community members. The date for the second meeting is to be announced.

**Quality Improvement Committee:** Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part A/MAI\*: See the attached reports from the Part A/MAI Administrative Agent:

- FY20 Procurement Report – Part A & MAI, dated 08/13/20
- FY20 Service Utilization Report – Part A & MAI, dated 08/11/20
- FY18 Quality Management Program update

Public Comment: Rodriguez said he submitted the attached written comment for committee review and discussion. Based upon the attached public comment, Ryan White Grant Administration staff offered to provide quarterly updates on Performance Measures that are not meeting their benchmarks and what is being done to improve the service.

Reports from the Administrative Agent – Part B/SS\*: See the attached reports from the Part B/ State Services Administrative Agent:

- FY 2020/21 Procurement Report Part B – dated 07/23/20
- FY 2020/21 Service Utilization 1st Qtr. Part B– dated 08/05/20
- FY 2019/20 Procurement Report DSHS SS – dated 07/23/20
- FY 2019/20 Health Insurance Program Report – dated 08/03/20

FY 2019 Assessment of the Part A/MAI Administrative Mechanism: ***Motion #3: Approve the attached FY 2019 Assessment of the Ryan White Part A/MAI Administrative Mechanism. Since the report found no deficiencies, no corrective action is necessary. Motion Carried.***

**Report from Office of Support:** Tori Williams, Director, presented the attached report. Turner said that member check-in calls should continue because a lot of people are struggling with depression right now. Kelly said he would like to have a scheduled fun time where everyone can come together online to play games or do something light hearted that is not related to Council business.

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

#### **New Business**

**Part C Urban and Part D:** Jenkins said that her agency has received CARES Act funding, which is to be used to help clients maintain access to care.

**Community Planning Group (CPG):** Vargas said the meeting was cancelled last month due to Hurricane Laura.

#### **Updates from Task Forces**

**Latino:** Vargas said the meeting was cancelled last month due to Hurricane Laura. They will meet tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. on GoToMeeting.

**Positive Women's Network:** Pradia said that they meet on the second Monday of the month.

**END HIV Houston:** Townsend stated that they held a training last month on Fast Track Cities.

#### **Announcements:**

- Lt. Cmd. Chavez invited everyone to join them tomorrow in a virtual forum that addresses racial and ethnic disparities in HIV, Hep C and STDs. Registration is free. Those interested can register at this link: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=bc7ef946-e02ad06d-bc7ec879-0cc47a6d17cc-b1e46585d83767b5&u=https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=31ba841e-6dee9d62-31bab521-0cc47adc5fa2-933386ead6fd11a0&u=https://region6healthdisparitiesmeeting.com/index.php>
- Kelly said that he met with the Children's Center in Galveston. They have a drop in center in Houston for homeless youth ages 16 to 22.
- Rodriquez said that the Department of State Health Services has announced the date of their HIV conference. It is virtual and free to all. He will send the link to Williams to share with the Council.

**Adjournment: Motion:** *it was moved and seconded (Galley, Crawford) to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 p.m.*  
**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Victoria Williams*  
Victoria Williams, Director

Date 09/23/20

Draft Certified by  
Council Chair: *Jana Pradia*

Date 10/01/20

Final Approval by  
Council Chair: *Jana Pradia*

Date 10/08/20

\* MAI = Minority AIDS Initiative funding

\*\* SS = State Services funding

### Council Voting Record for September 10, 2020

C = Chair of the meeting ja = Just arrived lm = Left the meeting lr = Left the room VP = Via phone	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 August 6, 2020 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 Assessment of the Admin Mech Carried					Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 August 6, 2020 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 Assessment of the Admin Mech Carried			
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Kevin Aloysius		X				X				X			Carol Suazo		X				X				X		
Rosalind Belcher ja 12:11	X				X					X			Bruce Turner		X				X				X		
Mauricia E. Chatman		X				X				X			Steven Vargas ja 12:40	X				X					X		
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