

Council Approved Pqexember 14, 2042

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, October 8, 2020
Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

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

Call to Order: Tana Pradia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Pradia stated that at the last Council meeting, we learned that people who are inmates at the Harris County Jail and on HIV medication are not receiving their medication due to cost saving measures. People living with HIV previously received a 10-day supply of medication that they were allowed to carry with them and when discharged they could take the medication they had with them when they were released. Recently, the procedure changed so that they must now report to the medication cart for each dose. As we all know, this can be a barrier to

receiving medication and, when discharged from the jail, inmates have no medication to take with them. The staff at the Resource Group is working on a letter to Sherriff Ed Gonzales asking him to reverse the current procedure. Local HIV organizations are being invited to co-sign the letter.

Townsend was invited to speak and stated that all medication in the county jail, not just HIV medication, was previously “keep on person” (KOP). Whether due to budget concerns or whatever happened in the system, the medical administration team has decided to stop KOP which means those who need medication have to go to the medication cart. If an inmate needs medication daily then they have to go to the medication cart daily. This is a big issue in the jail because things happen and inmates might not be able to access the medication cart daily. Representatives of The Resource Group (TRG) have shared their concerns with County Jail staff and begun drafting a sign-on letter from the community. The letter has not been sent because TRG has recently met with the new medical administration and they feel that their concerns were heard. Townsend will meet with county jail employees again tomorrow to get an update and to see how to move forward from here. Rodriguez asked Martin if this info could be shared with the Clinical Quality Improvement Committee. She said yes, they would be happy to meet with the Committee in December.

On another note, the Houston Planning Council, like many Council’s in the United States, does not have enough members between the ages of 18 and 24. In an effort to see what some Councils are doing to successfully engage younger members, Tori is working with staff from several Texas Planning Councils and Transitional Grant Areas (TGAs) to organize a Zoom meeting with individuals who presented on this topic at the National Ryan White Conference. All members of the Council are welcome to participate. Williams will notify the Planning Council when meeting details are confirmed. Pradia then called for a Moment of Reflection.

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

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion #2:* *it was moved and seconded (Hawkins, Mills) to approve the September 10, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Aloysius, Ardoin, Murray.

Training: EIIHA Update: Amber Harbolt, Health Planner, said that no new data was received so the EIIHA Committee recommended keeping the same populations for the EIIHA strategy as last year and that the language in the strategy be updated to be more inclusive. The EIIHA plan is not tied to funding but the community checks in with HRSA regularly to report on what has been done to address the needs of the populations that were selected.

Training: Trauma Informed Care: Rebecca Edwards, Project Coordinator of Quality Management Development at Ryan White Grant Administration, presented the attached PowerPoint. She also said that The Resource Group is currently holding trainings on trauma informed care.

Public Comment and Announcements: Pradia introduced new Council Member, Roxane May who will be the Medicaid representative on the Council and is the Community Support Specialist Supervisor for the Community Partner Program, which is part of Access and Eligibility Services. She then invited Council members and staff to introduce themselves to Roxane. Pradia then invited Lt. Cdr. Rodrigo Chavez and Commander Rivera to say a few words. They provided information in the chat box about a national meeting that will be held via Zoom.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Harbolt said that the committee will not meet in October but members are encouraged to attend the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation workgroup meetings scheduled for Monday, October 12th at noon, Wednesday, October 14th at 3pm and Monday, October 19th at 2:30 pm.

Affected Community Committee: Rodney Mills, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
Consumer Only Standards of Care Workgroup Meeting: On Monday, September 21, 2020, the Affected Community Committee met to provide input into the FY 2021 Standards of Care and Performance Measures.

Quality Improvement Committee: No report.

Operations Committee: Carol Suazo, Co-Chair, reported on the following:
Youth Group: The Youth Group met with Tony Williams, an Employment Specialist for the HOPWA Good Hope Employment Program. Then, Rod provided box lunches, gift cards and cloth masks from Tana Pradia.

Election of 2021 Ryan White Officers: Nominations for the 2021 Ryan White Council officers must be submitted before the end of the November 2020 Steering Committee meeting. See the attached list of members who are eligible to run for Chair of the Council. Please submit nominations to the Director of the Office of Support and she will contact the nominee to confirm that they would like to run for the position. Kelly asked how voting will be conducted since the meeting will be virtual. Williams said that Operations will discuss this. Hawkins said that in another group that she belongs to, voting is done in private chat.

Ryan White Team Building Opportunities: Per a suggestion from a Council member, the Operations Committee recommends that Ryan White standing committees take turns hosting monthly team building exercises. These will be optional activities and those invited to participate will be Council and Affiliate members, as well as Project LEAP students. Team building exercises can include Emergency Preparedness Bingo, Ryan White Jeopardy and other interactive, educational activities that can be hosted using Zoom. There will be prizes for the winners and fun for all.

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Director, summarized the attached report. Turner suggested inviting the Youth Group to the December Council Meeting.

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

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

New Business

Medical Updates: Kelly asked if the Office of Support would ask Dr. Patel to provide an update on the Covid-19 vaccine that they can email to the Council. Jones asked to include educational information on the flu shot and people living with HIV.

Community Planning Group (CPG): Vargas submitted the attached report. He added that Project LEAP will be in attendance at this month's CPG meeting, where members will be working on the City's Ending the HIV Epidemic plan.

Updates from Task Forces

Latino: Vargas said they will be having a car parade in the East End where they will be handing out information on local medical providers and other resources.

HIV and Aging: Vargas said there is a national group of HIV advocates over age 50 who are in the process of forming an organization.

Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee: Turner said they recently lost a member. He isn't sure how the Committee will fill the position. Contact Shelley Lucas or Rachel Sanor at the Texas Department of State Health Services if interested.

Positive Women's Network: Pradia was sad to say that they too recently lost a member, Million Collins. They meet on the second Monday of the month.

Texas Black Women's Initiative: Johnson-Fairley said they will be hosting a virtual brunch on October 16, 2020 for Texas State University and PVSU.

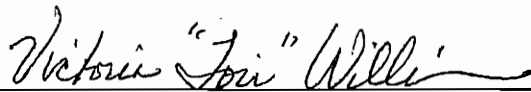
Texas HIV Syndicate: Harbolt said that Vargas is their new regional co-chair.

Announcements:

- Lt. Cmd. Chavez shared the link to the AHEAD dashboard <https://ahead.hiv.gov/>
- Pradia said that H-Town Power is hosting a virtual event, she will post details on Facebook.
- Vargas said that Timothy Ray Brown, the only person to be cured of HIV, passed away last Tuesday.
- Belcher said that October is Mental Health Month and Saturday is Mental Health Day.

Adjournment: Motion: *it was moved and seconded (Galley, Ardoin) to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Williams, Director

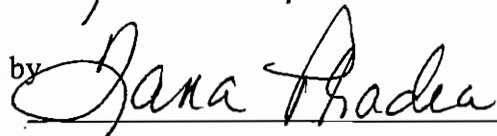
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Council Chair:



Date 11/05/20

Final Approval by
Council Chair:



Date 11/12/20

Council Voting Record for October 8, 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 09/10/20 Minutes Carried					Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 09/10/20 Minutes Carried			
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