

Council Approved September 9, 2021

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, July 8, 2021

Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Allen Murray, Chair	Faye Robinson	Kevin Chadwin Davis
Denis Kelly, Vice Chair	Pete Rodriguez	Byancha Lawson
Crystal Starr, Secretary	Gloria Sierra	Charles Henley
Kevin Aloysius	Robert Sliepka	Shabaura Perryman, Merck
Rosalind Belcher	C. Bruce Turner	Lt. Cmd. Rodrigo Chavez, PACE
Johanna Castillo	Steven Vargas	Lt. Erica Bussey-Jones, PACE
Kimberley Collins		
Tony Crawford		
Robert "Bobby" Cruz	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Johnny Deal	Veronica Ardoin, excused	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
Ronnie Galley	Ardry "Skeet" Boyle	Carin Martin
Dawn Jenkins	Enrique Chavez	Heather Keizman
Daphne L. Jones	Mauricia E. Chatman, excused	
Peta-gay Ledbetter	Ahmier Gibson	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Tom Lindstrom	Holly Renee McLean, excused	Sha'Terra Johnson
Roxane May	Deondre Moore	Crystal Townsend
Josh Mica	Imran Shaikh, excused	
Rodney Mills	Andrew Wilson	<i>Office of Support</i>
Diana Morgan		Tori Williams
Nkechi Onyewuenyi		Ricardo Mora
Matilda Padilla		Diane Beck
Shital Patel		
Oscar Perez		

Call to Order: Allen Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Murray said thanks to the Priority and Allocations Committee for their hard work making recommendations for the FY 2022 service priorities and allocations. The recommendations

were presented during the Ryan White Public Hearing, which was recorded several weeks ago and aired on Houston's local access channel on June 28th. The recording was aired several times in June and July and told viewers how to submit public comments to the Office of Support. The recording is also available on the Council website. There was a Town Hall meeting yesterday to provide updates on the Texas HIV Medication Program. At this time, there will be no eligibility changes to the program and no waiting list. The State program still cannot use its funds to pay for insurance premiums but the local Part B administrative agency is allowed to continue paying for insurance premiums so that service can continue in the Houston HSDA.

Lastly, Murray thanked everyone who attended the special Council meeting on Friday, June 25, 2021. The fact that we were able to make quorum at 5 pm on a Friday is a testament to members' dedication to the Council. Murray then called for a Moment of Reflection.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #2: it was moved and seconded (Starr, Galley) to approve the June 10, 2021 minutes. Motion carried. Abstentions: Ledbetter, Padilla, Patel, Perez, Rodriguez.

Training: In-Home HIV Testing: See the attached presentation by Nkechi Onyewuenyi, Patient Educator at Legacy Community Health.

Training: FY22 Priority Setting and Allocations Processes: Ledbetter and Cruz walked Council members and guests through the processes used to determine recommendations for the FY 2022 service priorities and allocations.

Public Comment and Announcements: Vargas said he would like to add to what Murray said earlier about the Texas HIV Medication Program. Another great outcome from the advocacy this year to offset the changes made by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) ensures that those on the program are good for the next couple of years and those who were removed in December will also be able to return to the program. Now if there is any change to eligibility or the development of a waiting list TDSHS is required to give the public 60 days' notice to make public comment before changes can be made. Also, decisions about State health insurance assistance funding do not affect funding decisions locally.

Byanacha Lawson, PrEP and gender affirming services at UT Health, presented information on the "I Am" study.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Rodney Mills, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Joint Trainings with CPG: The joint training was well attended. The discussion moved quickly and there were a lot of questions. The trainings have been very informative and successful.

Affected Community Committee: Rosalind Belcher, Co-Chair, reported on the following: Public Hearing: On Monday, June 21, 2021 the Affected Community Committee recorded the public hearing to announce proposed changes to the FY 2022 Ryan White Part A and B, Minority AIDS Initiative and State Services allocations. The video will be played repeatedly on the Houston Access channel and is available to watch on YouTube, see the Council website at <http://rwpchouston.org> for the link.

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: No report.

Operations Committee: Ronnie Galley, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

FY 2021 Revised Council Support Budget: **Motion #3:** *Depending upon the availability of funds, give the Director of the Ryan White Office of Support permission to implement parts or all of the reallocations listed on the attached chart.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Aloysius, Castillo, Padilla and Sliepka.

People First Language: **Motion #4:** *Ask Office of Support staff to update Council documents to include the term “coercive control” when using the term “intimate partner violence” and explain the difference in a footnote. (Example: Coercive control/intimate partner violence*. A footnote will explain the difference between the two terms.)* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Aloysius, Castillo, Sliepka.

2021 Ryan White Member Attendance Records: See the attached.

Priority and Allocations Committee: Bobby Cruz, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

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

- FY20 Part A & MAI Procurement, dated 06/16/21
- FY21 Part A & MAI Procurement, dated 05/26/21

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

- FY 2021 Part B Procurement, dated 06/15/21
- FY 19/20 Part B Procurement, dated 05/21/20
- FY 19/20 DSHS* Procurement, dated 06/15/21

FY 2022 Ryan White Service Priorities: **Motion #5:** *Approve the attached FY 2022 Service Priorities for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI* and State Services.* **Motion Carried.** Abstention: Aloysius.

FY 2022 Allocations: Level Funding Scenario – All Funding Streams: **Motion #6:** *Approve the attached FY 2022 Level Funding Scenario for Ryan White Parts A and B, MAI and State Services funds. See attached chart for details.* **Motion Carried.** Abstention: Aloysius.

FY 2022 Allocations: MAI* Increase/Decrease Funding Scenarios: **Motion #7:** *Approve the attached FY 2022 Increase & Decrease Funding Scenarios for Ryan White MAI* funds.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Aloysius, Castillo, Crawford, Jenkins, Kelly, Lindstrom, Onyewuenyi, Padilla, Perez.

FY 2022 Allocations: Part A Increase/Decrease Funding Scenarios: **Motion #8:** *Approve the attached FY 2022 Increase & Decrease Funding Scenarios for Ryan White Part A funds.* **Motion Carried.** Abstentions: Aloysius, Castillo, Jenkins, Kelly, Lindstrom, Onyewuenyi, Padilla, Perez, Robinson.

FY 2022 Allocations: Part B & SS** Increase/Decrease Funding Scenarios: **Motion #9:** *Approve the attached FY 2022 Increase & Decrease Funding Scenarios for Ryan White Part B and State Services funding.* **Motion Carried.** Abstention: Aloysius, Kelly, Padilla, Perez.

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

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

Report from The Resource Group: Sha’Terra Johnson, Health Planner, submitted the attached report.

Task Force Reports: The Council agreed in March 2020 to skip verbal Task Force Reports while meeting on Zoom. See the Council Handouts packet for Task Force reports that were submitted in

writing.

Announcements: Vargas said that he contacted TDSHS to ask about the current number of long term survivors (diagnosed before 1996) and learned that 10% of the current PLWH are long term survivors. This does not compare favorably with data from other states.

Adjournment: Motion: *it was moved and seconded (Kelly, Sliepka) to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m.*
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Williams, Director

Date _____

Draft Certified by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

Final Approval by
Council Chair: _____

Date _____

Council Voting Records for July 8, 2021

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