

Council Approved November 11, 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, October 14, 2021
Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

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

Call to Order: Allen Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

During the opening remarks, Murray said it was good to see everyone on Zoom. He reminded members that he will be retiring from the Council at the end of the year so it is time to think about candidates for his position. He noted that the meeting packet was unusually thin this month, which means a very light agenda today. When this happens, the staff makes good use of our time by scheduling more than one training. Since the meeting agendas were mailed out, there have been

two changes: the City of Houston will not be providing information on the Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan and we will not be hearing about Trauma Informed Care today. Murray then called for a Moment of Reflection.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1: *it was moved and seconded (Starr, Boyle) to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Delete the training on The Houston Plan for Ending the Epidemic and Trauma Informed Care and add a training on the National HIV & Aging Advocacy Network (NHAAN) by Steven Vargas. Motion carried.*

Approval of the Minutes: Motion #3: *it was moved and seconded (Kelly, Galley) to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes with the following changes: Boyle and Shaikh should be marked as present and Turner was excused. Motion carried. Abstentions: Ardoin, Collins, Crawford, Deal, Lindstrom, Robinson, Turner.*

Training: Houston Area Resources for the Opioid Epidemic : See the attached presentation by Kelly Truong, M.D., Psychiatrist at The Menninger Clinic.

Training: National HIV & Aging Advocacy Network (NHAAN): See the attached presentation by Steven Vargas, National HIV & Aging Advocacy Network.

Public Comment and Announcements: Shabaura Perryman, Community Liaison from Merck, said that Ryan White would have turned 50 on December 7th of this year. She wanted to make sure that the Council was aware so they can recognize him for his contribution.

Reports from Committees

Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee: Daphne L. Jones, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

No meeting this month since the Office of Support staff is completing the 2022 Epidemiological Profile in collaboration with Imran Shaikh and others at the Houston Health Department and Carin Martin and her staff at the Harris County Health Department.

Affected Community Committee: Tony Crawford, Co-Chair, reported on the following:

Training: Standards of Care and Performance Measures: Mauricia Chatman gave an excellent training on standards of care and performance measures in advance of the consumer only workgroup meeting, which will be held at 12 noon on October 18, 2021 on Zoom.

Quality Improvement Committee: No report.

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

Quorum: The Committee recommends extending and making the following change to the Council bylaws, which was approved in June 2021. Because this is a change to the bylaws, it cannot be voted on until October 2021. Williams said that we no longer have access to a meeting room in our building that will accommodate social distancing and the number required to meet quorum (19 individuals). Staff is working to set up a purchase order to rent meeting space at a nearby church.

Motion #3: *Pending the Governor rescinding current waivers related to the definition of quorum in the Texas Open Meetings Act, amend the Houston Ryan White Planning Council bylaws so that 30% of the members satisfy in-person requirements at Council meetings. ~~until the end of August 2021. After that, the bylaws will revert back to “a majority of the members of the Council are required to constitute a quorum at Council meetings”.~~ Everyone’s vote will count during the*

meeting but to hold a meeting, the Council must meet quorum as defined in its bylaws. **Motion carried.** Abstention: Crawford.

Nominees for election of the 2022 Ryan White Officers: See the attached list of individuals eligible to run for Chair of the 2022 Ryan White Planning Council. Please submit nominations for the 2022 Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to the Director of the Office of Support as the Operations Committee will be developing the slate of nominees at their October 19th meeting. According to Williams, the following individuals have so far been nominated and accepted the nomination: Starr for Chair and Boyle for Vice Chair.

Priority and Allocations Committee: No report.

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, summarized 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: Starr said that her birthday is in November and she will be performing on November 11th. Everyone is invited to come celebrate with her.

Adjournment: *Motion:* *it was moved and seconded (Belcher/Sliepka) to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m. Motion Carried.*

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tori Williams, Director

Date

Committee Chair

Date

Council Voting Records for October 14, 2021

MEMBERS	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 Change Bylaws re Quorum Carried				MEMBERS	Motion #1 Agenda Carried				Motion #2 Minutes Carried				Motion #3 Change Bylaws re Quorum Carried				
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Denis Kelly, Vice Chair		X				X				X			Faye Robinson		X				X				X			
Crystal Starr, Secretary		X				X				X			Pete Rodriguez lm 1:15pm		X				X				X			
Kevin Aloysius		X				X				X			Imran Shaikh		X				X				X			
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