

Who was Ryan White?

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Overview of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2009 called for the development of a healthcare system to pay for medical and supportive services for people living with HIV(PLWH) and their families.

It specifically identifies who can receive this money and describes how the money can be used and is divided into five major parts: A, B, C, D and F*. Houston's Ryan White Planning Council is responsible for activities under Part A and makes recommendations for Part B and State Services funding.

*Funding Subject to Federal Appropriations approval



What kind of HIV medical & support services do Ryan White Program funds provide?

- ☐ Case Management
- ☐ Dental Care
- ☐ Emergency Financial Assistance*
- ☐ Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance
- ☐ Home Delivered Meals
- ☐ Hospice Services
- ☐ Local Medication Program
- ☐ Medical Nutritional Supplements
- ☐ Mental Health Services
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ Primary Medical Care
- ☐ Referral for Healthcare Services
- ☐ Substance Use Treatment and Counseling
- ☐ Temporary Assisted Living
- ☐ Transportation to Medical Appointments
- ☐ Vision

Council Publications

The Blue Book HIV/AIDS Resource Guide
Houston Area HIV/AIDS Integrated Plan
Houston Area HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment
Various Special Studies

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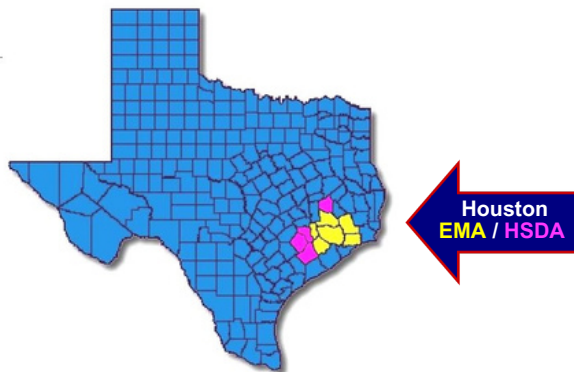
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Council Roles & Responsibilities

Before the area can receive Ryan White money, the Chief Elected Official(CEO) must appoint a planning council. Houston's Council is a 40-member volunteer planning group comprised of community members who have been appointed by the CEO to serve.

The Council is responsible for:

- Setting service priorities
- Allocate funds to ensure PLWH have access to the service they need
- Creates a comprehensive plan and assess the needs of the community

The planning council has the responsibility to recruit, accommodate and support the participation of people living with HIV and people affected by HIV in Houston/Harris County and surrounding areas.

The CEO appoints individuals to the planning council who have a wide range of view- points and expertise including health care providers, public health officials, people of various race, ethnic background and sexual orientation.

At least one-third of the members of the planning council must be people living with HIV. These members bring the consumers' point of view to planning council discussions. The Council elects officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) to serve a one-year term.

Each member of the planning council is assigned to one or more of the following standing committees:

- Affected Community
- Comprehensive HIV Planning
- Operations
- Priority and Allocations
- Quality Improvement

Committee members commit to attend assigned committee meetings and related activities, such as special workgroups and the monthly full council meeting.



☒Attend a Meeting...

All meetings are open to the general public, only Council members are allowed to vote, public comment is always welcome. Call 832-927-7926 to put your name on the list for public comment, to request a calendar or for more information.

☒Apply for Membership...

Applications are available for both Council and Affiliate membership. Call 832-927-7926 to request one or both applications.

☒Be a Participant...

Voice your opinion at meetings, How to Best Meet the Needs, public hearings, focus groups or on surveys. Check the calendar regularly for topics of specific interest to you.

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