

HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL



STEERING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

12 noon, Thursday, March 5, 2015
2223 W. Loop South, Suite 240
Houston, Texas 77027

- I. Call to Order Tracy Gorden, Vice Chair
 - A. Welcoming Remarks
 - B. Moment of Reflection
 - C. Select the Committee Co-Chair who will be voting today
 - D. Adoption of the Agenda
 - E. Adoption of the Minutes

- II. Public Comment and Announcements
(NOTE: If you wish to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, please sign up on the clipboard at the front of the room. No one is required to give his or her name or HIV/AIDS status. All meetings are audio taped by the Office of Support for use in creating the meeting minutes. The audiotape and the minutes are public record. If you state your name or HIV/AIDS status it will be on public record. If you would like your health status known, but do not wish to state your name, you can simply say: "I am a person with HIV/AIDS", before stating your opinion. If you represent an organization, please state that you are representing an agency and give the name of the organization. If you work for an organization, but are representing yourself, please state that you are attending as an individual and not as an agency representative. Individuals can also submit written comments to a member of the staff who would be happy to read the comments on behalf of the individual at this point in the meeting. All information from the public must be provided in this portion of the meeting.)

- III. Reports from Committees
 - A. Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee David Benson and
Nancy Miertschin, Co-Chairs
 - Item:* Collaboration with Local Business Community
 - Recommended Action:* FYI The Senior Services Alliance requested a speaker on HIV among people aged 55 and up. Dr. Shital Patel agreed to speak at the group's breakfast meeting on March 5th. Due to the success of the project, the speaker information will be extended to the smaller and suburban Chambers of Commerce.
 - Item:* 2015-2017 Committee Activities Timeline
 - Recommended Action:* FYI: The 2015-2017 Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee Activities Timeline was updated to include additional 2017 activities.

Item: Pilot Project Feasibility Special Study

Recommended Action: FYI: The Committee reviewed the study addendum: Impact of Co-Pay Assistance Programs on Pilot Project Cost. The Committee found that, though manufacturers offer substantial support through co-pay assistance programs, most marketplace plans evaluated that cover these medications provide adequate coverage. With co-pay assistance programs included, the cost to support an unsubsidized 2015 marketplace plan for one year ranges between \$5,856 and \$15,134. The Committee also asked Amber Alvarez to investigate the cost of care for consumers with hepatitis C co-infection. The Committee will provide a recommendation of whether to pursue the pilot project following its March meeting.

FYI: See the enclosed editorial published in the New England Journal of Medicine on potential outcomes of Supreme Court Case King v. Burwell.

B. Affected Community Committee

Item: HIV and ACA Educational Workgroups

Action: FYI: The second HIV and ACA Educational Workgroups for consumers regarding enrollment in a Quality Health Plan through the Marketplace, information on how to use a health insurance plan, the tax implications of enrolling in the Marketplace and the law regarding health insurance and the LGBT community. See attached flyer for the second meeting and please note that those who have an income of less than \$58,000 can receive free assistance filing their taxes at that meeting. Please see the back of the flyer for a list of required items.

Gene Ethridge and
Herman Finley, Co-Chairs

Item: Project LEAP 2015

Recommended Action: FYI: Please help recruit applicants for Project LEAP 2015.

C. Quality Assurance Committee

Item: 2015 Idea Form

Recommended Action: Motion: Approve the attached 2015 Idea Form.

Cecilia Ross and
Roland Amboree, Co-Chairs

Item: Ryan White Health Insurance Assistance Program

Recommended Action: FYI: See the attached *Interim Guidance to Texas Administrative Agents on Health Insurance Assistance Services*.

D. Priority and Allocations Committee

Melody Barr and
Bruce Turner, Co-Chairs

Item: Report from the Administrative Agency: Part A

Recommended Action: FYI: See the attached reports:

- FY14 RW Part A & MAI Procurement, dated 02/11/15
- FY14 RW Part A & MAI Service Utilization, dated 02/11/15

Item: Report from the Administrative Agency: Part B

Recommended Action: FYI: See the attached reports:

- 2014/15 RW Part B Procurement, dated 02/19/15
- 2014/15 DSHS State Services Procurement, dated 02/19/15
- 2014/15 RW Part B Service Utilization, dated 12/30/14
- 2014/15 DSHS State Services Service Utilization, dated 12/30/14
- Houston RW Health Insurance Program Service Utilization

Reports for periods:

- 09/01/14 – 09/30/14, dated 11-04-14
- 09/01/14 – 10/31/14, dated 12-08-14
- 09/01/14 – 11/30/14, dated 01-06-15
- 09/01/14 – 12/31/14, dated 02-05-15

Item: FY 2016 Guiding Principles and Criteria

Recommended Action: Motion: Approve the attached FY 2016 Guiding Principles and Decision Making Criteria.

Item: FY 2016 Priority Setting Process

Recommended Action: Motion: Approve the attached FY 2016 Priority Setting Process.

Item: FY 2015 Policy for Addressing Unobligated and Carryover Funds

Recommended Action: Motion: Approve the attached FY 2015 Policy for Addressing Unobligated and Carryover Funds.

E. Operations Committee

Ruth Atkinson and
Curtis Bellard, Co-Chairs

Item: Reports & Announcements at Council Meetings

Recommended Action: Motion: Regarding monthly Council meetings, Medical Updates will be treated as a separate agenda item before New Business. Detailed written Task Force Reports and Announcements must be turned in to the Office of Support before 5 pm on the Tuesday before the Council meets. All Task Force Reports and Announcements from Council members will each be allowed 30 seconds to summarize the information. The Council Secretary is asked to enforce this policy. Flyers brought to meetings are to be placed on the information table.

Item: 2015 Council Attendance

Recommended Action: FYI: See the attendance form form which will be updated and included in monthly Council meeting packets. (To be distributed at the meeting.)

Item: 2015 Evaluation of Council Orientation

Recommended Action: FYI: See the attached 2015 Council Orientation Evaluation Results.

Item: 2015 Council Training Topics

Recommended Action: FYI: Please see the attached Training Topics for 2015 Ryan White Planning Council Meetings.

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| V. | Report from Office of Support | Tori Williams, Manager |
| VI. | Report from Ryan White Grant Administration | Carin Martin, Manager |
| VII. | Report from The Resource Group | Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley,
Health Planner |
| IX. | Announcements | |
| X. | Adjournment | |