

HOUSTON AREA HIV SERVICES
RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL



We envision an educated community where the needs of all HIV/AIDS infected 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 infected and/or affected with HIV/AIDS by taking a leadership role in the planning and assessment of HIV resources

AGENDA

12 noon, Thursday, February 12, 2015

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 416
Houston, Texas 77027

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Welcoming Remarks and Moment of Reflection
 - B. Adoption of the Agenda
 - C. Adoption of the Minutes
 - D. Results of the Mentor Program Study at Thomas Street
 - E. Open Meetings Act Training

- II. Public Comments 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 the Council Secretary who would be happy to read the comments on behalf of the individual at this point in the meeting. The Chair of the Council has the authority to limit public comment to 1 minute per person. All information from the public must be provided in this portion of the meeting. Council members please remember that this is a time to hear from the community. It is not a time for dialogue. Council members and staff are asked to refrain from asking questions of the person giving public comment.)

- III. Reports from Committees
 - A. Comprehensive HIV Planning Committee
 - Item:* Collaboration with Local Business Community
 - Recommended Action:* FYI: As a result of the speaker letter and communication with the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Nancy Miertschin was invited to present on HIV and homelessness to the case management staff at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital. Staff was instructed to create a brief feedback questionnaire to follow presentations, and an email sign-up list to maintain communication with business community representatives.

Steven Vargas, Chair
Ryan White Planning Council

Thomas Giordano, MD
Baylor College of Medicine
TBA

Connie Harris, Secretary

David Benson and
Nancy Miertschin, Co-Chairs

Item: Feasibility Special Study Report

Recommended Action: Motion: Approve the attached Feasibility Special Study Report.

Recommended Action: FYI: Staff was instructed to assess whether any additional cost savings could be achieved through pharmacy assistance programs.

Item: Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Study Products

Recommended Action: FYI: The Committee reviewed two informational products developed as a result of the first phase of the Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Study. The informational products were distributed online and to case management supervisors. Follow up surveys were planned to be conducted with study participants at the close of the current open enrollment period. Please see *10 Things PLWHA Need to Know about the Health Insurance Marketplace and Open Enrollment* (consumer document) and *Helping Consumers Navigate the ACA Marketplace* (case manager document).

Item: HRSA Correspondence

Recommended Action: FYI: Please see the attached letter from HRSA dated 01/07/15 regarding an evaluation of the early impact of the Affordable Care Act on the Ryan White Program.

Item: National HIV Care and Treatment Access Issues

Recommended Action: FYI: The Committee reviewed national trends in Health Insurance Marketplace plan HIV care and treatment access issues, particularly plan formulary issues. Please see *Qualified Health Plan (QHP) HIV Care and Treatment Access Issues*.

Item: Committee Goals

Recommended Action: FYI: Please see the final 2014 Comprehensive HIV Planning Quarterly Report.

B. Affected Community Committee

Item: Town Hall Meetings

Action: FYI: There will be two Town Hall meetings 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 description of the first meeting.

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
No report.

Cecilia Ross and
Roland Amboree, Co-Chairs

D. Priority and Allocations Committee
Item: Report from the Administrative Agency: Part B
Recommended Action: FYI: See the attached reports:

- 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, 12/08/14
- Houston RW Health Insurance Program Service Utilization, 01/06/15

Melody Barr and
Bruce Turner, Co-Chairs

E. Operations Committee
Item: Reports & Announcements at Council Meetings
Recommended Action: Motion: Regarding monthly Council meetings, 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. Verbal Task Force Reports will not be entertained at meetings and announcements from Council members will be limited to 30 seconds. Flyers brought to meetings are to be placed on the information table.

Ruth Atkinson and
Curtis Bellard, Co-Chairs

Minority Opinion: Have the Secretary enforce strict time limits for Task Force Reports as opposed to prohibiting a verbal report.

Item: Survey Regarding Council Quorum
Recommended Action: FYI: Please fill out the enclosed survey and turn it in to Amber Alvarez, or leave it at your place when you leave the meeting. As you know, the Operations Committee is exploring a number of ways to make sure that the Council can make quorum at every meeting this year. The survey will give some very valuable information.

IV. Timeline of Critical 2015 Council Activities

Tori Williams

V. Report from the Office of Support

Tori Williams, Manager
Office of Support

VI. Report from Ryan White Grant Administration

Carin Martin, Manager
Ryan White Grant Admin.

VII. Report from The Resource Group

Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Health Planner,
The Resource Group

VIII. New Business

- A. Ryan White Part C Urban and Part D
- B. Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC)
- C. HOPWA
- D. Community Prevention Group (CPG)
- E. Update from Task Forces:
 - African American
 - Latino
 - MSM
 - Transgender
 - Youth
 - Hepatitis C
 - Syphilis
 - Urban AIDS Ministry
- F. HIV and Aging
- G. Texas HIV Medication Program
- H. Legislative Updates
- I. Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition
- J. SPNS Grant: HIV and the Homeless Program
- K. Medical Updates

Nancy Miertschin
Tracy Gorden
Melody Barr
Herman Finley

Amber David
Jerry Garza
Steven Vargas

Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley
Steven Vargas
Herman Finley
Amber David
Bruce Turner
Bruce Turner or Nancy M.
Januari Leo
Januari Leo or Bruce Turner
Nancy Miertschin
Shital Patel, MD

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment