

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

MINUTES

11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 10, 2011

Meeting Location: 2223 W. Loop South, Room 532

Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT
Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair	Melvin Johnson	Claudine Alexandre-McGill
Pete Rodriguez, Vice-Chair	J. Hoxi Jones	Sheron Jackson, excused
Billie Lackins, Secretary	Januari Leo	Lyla Ordonez, excused
Sherifat Akorede	Ernesto Macias	Ryan Rushing, excused
Roland Amboree	Osaro Mgbere	
Jackie Baldwin	Greg Monk	OTHERS PRESENT
Ben Barnett	Venita Ray	David Babbin, The Prison Show
Melody Barr	Terrence Redix	Linda Cantu, Bristol-Myers Squibb
Michael Bass	Ruben Rosas	Reginal Holst
David Benson	Josie Salazar	<i>The Resource Group</i>
Paula Downes	Beverlee Solomon	Anna Langford
Chris Escalante	Lisa Tallent	<i>Ryan White Grant Administration</i>
David Garner	C. Bruce Turner	Charles Henley
Jerry Garza	Eric Twombly	Carin Martin
Eddie Givens	Steven Vargas	<i>Office of Support</i>
Morénike Giwa	Nadine Wallace	Tori Williams
Gabriel Gonzalez	David Watson	Georgette L. Monaghan
Linda Hollins		

See the attached chart at the end of the minutes for individual voting information.

Call to Order: Cecilia Smith-Ross, Chair, Ryan White Planning Council, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

Training: Houston Area HIV Epidemiological Profile: Jen H. Kim, Office of Support, presented the attached Power Point presentation which provided epidemiological information about the Houston area.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion #1: *it was moved and seconded (Johnson, Vargas) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.*

Adoption of the December 9, 2010 Minutes: Motion #2: *it was moved and seconded (Rosas, Amboree) to adopt the December 2, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.* Abstentions: Benson, Downes, Garza, Gonzalez, Barr, Bass, Escalante, Redix, Solomon, Tallent, Turner, Wallace, Watson.

Update on the Town Hall Meetings: Williams thanked Rodriguez with the Harris County Hospital District and Leo with Legacy Community Health Services for hosting the first two Town Hall meetings. Williams reviewed the attached flyer which provides information about future meetings.

Public Comment: None.

Reports from Committees:

Affected Community Committee: Ruben Rosas, Co-Chair, gave the following reports:

Healthy Living with HIV: Because of the ice storm, the Living Healthy with HIV event was canceled the afternoon of Thursday, February 3, 2011. Due to the unavailability of Ripley House, the difficulty of rescheduling so many volunteers, and end of year budget constraints, the event will not be rescheduled. Awardees have received their shirts and certificates are being mailed. The event wrap up meeting will be after the Affected Community Committee meeting on March 15, 2011.

Operations Committee:

2011 Mentor/Mentee Luncheon: Rosas stated that in 2011, there were two Mentor/Mentee Luncheons, one for new Council members and one for new external committee members. Both were well-attended. Splitting the luncheons allowed folks to better understand their roles.

2011 Council Orientation: Amboree asked members to fill out the attached evaluation form and turn it in to Williams.

2011 Council Timeline: Williams presented the following:

Monthly Steering & Council Meeting Dates: The monthly Steering Committee meetings will be on the first Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. Planning Council meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Review the Timeline of Critical 2011 Council Activities: Williams walked the committee through important dates so that members could make notes in their personal calendars.

How To Best Meet the Need Training: In 2011, the How To Best Meet The Need Training will be held immediately following the April 14, 2011 Council meeting. All are encouraged to attend.

Report from Office of Support: Tori Williams, Manager, summarized the attached report. Immediately following the February and March Council meetings, the Office of Support will show the 60 minute Open Meetings Act training video. It is mandatory that all members to participate in the training before March 31, 2011. After viewing the video, members need to print a certificate and turn it in a copy to the Office of Support.

Report from Ryan White Grants Administration: Charles Henley, Manager, Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA), Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services, summarized the attached report. Because Congress still has not agreed upon a budget for 2011, Henley stated that the Priority and Allocations Committee may not know the amount of the FY 2011 Part A grant award until after they have made recommendations for FY 2012 allocations. Henley stated that clients should not feel any interruptions in service. Henley is working with agencies to budget Ryan White funds carefully. The Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding a conference on Post-Incarceration and HIV in Austin on March 25, 2011. Henley, Williams and Langford plan to attend.

Report from the Part B and State Services Administrative Agent: Anna Langford, Health Planner, summarized the attached report. Langford announced that she still needs volunteers to help administer the needs assessment survey outside of the HSDA (see the attached flyer).

New Business:

HOPWA: Melody Barr stated that there will be a competitive process for allocating the \$6.7 million in HOPWA funds recently received to make sure that all funds are utilized.

Report from the CDC Planning and Prevention Group (CPG): David Garner stated that their annual orientation was held in January. Funding requirements have increased the need for collaboration between the City of Houston's prevention efforts and the care side of the epidemic. The next CPG meeting will be on February 28, 2011 to discuss how to identify affected individuals not in care.

Latino Task Force on HIV/AIDS: Steven Vargas stated that Jeff Benavides was elected Chair of the Task Force. The group now has a Facebook page. The next community event will be from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on February 24, 2011 at the Houston Garden Center. All are invited and a light meal will be provided.

SIRR: See the attached Handout.

M-PACT: Ruben Rosas stated that the next meeting will be tonight. For those who are new, M-PACT is a task force targeted to men having sex with men (MSM) under the auspices of the City Prevention Group (CPG).

AIDS Trial Network: Morénike Giwa stated that they are trying to find women who are HIV positive, treatment naïve and pregnant. If anyone would like to apply for membership to the Network, please see Giwa. Duties could include providing input during conference calls. The time commitment is 10 hours each week. Giwa will send Williams a flyer to be distributed. The International Trial Network will hold its summer meeting in June in Washington D.C.

Legislative Updates: Janurai Leo stated that there will be an "Advocacy Day" in support of the Texas HIV Medication Program (see the attached flyer). The Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition is just getting organized to represent all of Texas.

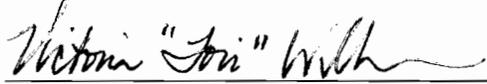
Announcements: Rosas announced that following the March 15, 2011 Affected Community Committee meeting there will be a *Living Healthy with HIV* event wrap up meeting. All are invited to attend.

Giwa stated that there will be a Child AIDS Day this Saturday at Memorial Hermann Wellness Center.

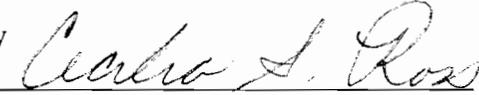
Baldwin announced that Special Treasures and MADD will be sharing a booth at the Prince Complex, 3000 Jensen on March 3, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. They need food donations.

Adjournment: Smith-Ross adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria Williams, Manager

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Date

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