

CONSUMER COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 30, 2014

MINUTES

Charge: Empowering consumers through education by providing the tools and knowledge to interact with those individuals and committees that affect categorical service delivery of the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act, including the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judith Dillon	Linda Freeman	Robert Compton
Ben Martinez	Paula Witherspoon	Lionel Hillard
Helen Goldenberg, Chair	Kendal Richardson	
Rosa Carballo	Auntjuan Wiley	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Angela Medlin	Robert Baxter	Jose Raymundo, Vice Chair
Michelle Anderson	Ethene Jones	Gregg Gunter
Ricky Tyler		

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT

Crystal Flores, RWPC Manager	Alexis Hunter, Coordinator
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GRANTS MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Benecke, RC

- I. **Call to Order:** Helen Goldenberg, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.
- II. **Certification of Quorum:** Quorum was established and certified by Crystal Flores, RWPC Manager and confirmed by Helen Goldenberg, Chair
- III. **Introductions/Announcements:**
 - a. Ben Martinez introduced the 2014 Leadership for the Consumer Council Committee as Helen Goldenberg, Chair and Jose Raymundo, Vice Chair.
 - b. Crystal Flores introduced Alexis Hunter as the new RWPC Coordinator and will welcome the new RWPC Planner on Monday, February 3, 2014.
 - c. Paula Witherspoon announced her findings from an interview that she conducted with the VA Hospital Administrators regarding information on how the VA Hospital in Dallas provides care and services to their HIV/AIDS Veterans. Diana Turner, VA Administrator can be reached at (214)-857-1522 if there are any questions or feedback on how the VA can assist their HIV/AIDS veterans better. Paula will continue her research and continue to share the findings.
 - d. Ben Martinez reminded everyone that Parkland will be having an open house on February 13, 2014 from 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. entitled "Love Yourself, Love your Family". The event will feature the various services that Parkland's HIV department provides such as HIV testing. Ben will work with Helen Goldenberg, Chair to see about getting a table at the event.
 - e. Linda Freeman announced that the Afiya Center is hosting an event entitled, "Get Tested. Get a Plate" at 501 Westwood Shopping Center in Dallas, Texas from 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
 - f. Helen Goldenberg announced that the Afiya Center will also be sponsoring an event entitled, "End with Red" on March 8, 2014 at a park at the corner of Monticello St. and Colorado Rd. in Dallas.
 - g. Helen Goldenberg reminded everyone that February 7, 2014 is Black AIDS Day. She encouraged everyone to get involved and participate. She also announced that February 7, 2014-February 14, 2014 is the Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS.
 - h. Kendall Richardson announced that the Legacy Counseling is registering for the Grace Project Conference and is seeking 15 to 20 speakers for the event. He can provide information if anyone is interested.
 - i. Auntjuan Wiley announced the South Dallas AIDS Walk that will be held on March 22, 2014 at St. Philips School and Community Center located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Dallas, TX. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. and the walk will start at 10:00 A.M. He also reminded everyone

of the Walgreens campaign to fundraise for the walk ends on January 31, 2014. He welcomed the Consumer Council Committee to participate with a display table at the walk.

- IV. **Approval of the December 19, 2013 Minutes:** *Lionel Hillard moved to accept the minutes as amended. Ben Martinez seconded the motion. Linda Freeman discussed that Part III C. of the December 19, 2013 minutes may have given the impression that the Resource Center Dallas , “At the Kitchen Table” is no longer in existence. Crystal Flores, RWPC ensured to make the amendment that states that the “At the Kitchen Table” is still in operation. The motion passed unanimously.*

V. **Committee Liaison Reports:**

- a. **Allocations Committee:** – The Allocations Committee met on January 27, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. and discussed and voted on giving the AA the authority to have the discretion to utilize unexpended FY 2013 Part A funds up to the amount of \$1,000,000 and FY 2013 MAI funds to the amount of \$500,000 among any of the medical core services and under non-core services, case management only. On January 2, 2014, the AA reallocated \$393,000, per the Allocations Committee’s recommendation, to place back into services, and the contracts should be finalized on February 11, 2014 to bill, and providers may back bill.
- b. **Planning and Priorities Committee:** The Planning and Priorities Committee meeting was held on Wednesday January 22, 2014 at 9:00am. They discussed the Needs Assessment update and the 2013 Comprehensive Plan with the goal and objective of linkage to care: best practices of training. Additionally, they discussed the 2015 Priority Process Setting. The AA is accumulating information for the Committee for the priority setting process. The consultant will present a final report of the Needs Assessment after the March Planning Council meeting based on a tabulation of survey results.
- c. **Evaluation Committee:** The Evaluation Committee meeting was held on January 28, 2014 at 3:00P.M. The Committee was updated by the QM staff about where the process stands regarding an action plan collaborative with the providers, who are receiving funding, to ensure that the quality indicators are being met. The committee discussed the Comprehensive Plan Goal 1 Objective III: the transportation, housing, and dental collaboration with non-Ryan White providers. They also reviewed Goal 6 Objective III: the current programs and best practices that are in place from providers that are currently addressing cultural competency training within their agency.

- VI. **CCC Goals:** The Committee discussed and continued to fill out the 2014 Goals and Objectives on the projector screen and highlighted that a social media presence should be a priority to recruit and retain members. There was a discussion to make a better effort to target and engage various large population groups such as the youth. The Committee focused on all goals, action steps, and timelines associated. The Committee brainstormed different locations to recruit more youth to become a part of RWPC via a recruitment tour such as:

1. United Black Element
2. The HIVE
3. Youth First Texas
4. LULAC

- VII. **Consumer Council Committee Forum Ideas for 2014:** *The Chair recommended a point order of extension for 15 minutes at 1:15 P.M. Paula Witherspoon moved to extend the meeting. Ben seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously* Crystal Flores asked the Committee to create forums to meet the 2014 Goals and Objectives. She also encouraged the Committee to visit the AETC website to get more ideas for forums. A Ryan White Open House was suggested to be a part of the Calendar of Events. *The Chair recommended a point order of extension for 15 minutes at 1:30 P.M. Paula Witherspoon moved to extend the meeting. Ben seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

The Committee drafted 8 Potential Topics for 2014 Forums as follows from consumers, providers, and past successful forum recommendations:

1. ACA and Medicare/ Medicaid Expansion
2. HIV & STD Co-infections (Youth) and (Transgendered)
3. Which Services are Covered by Ryan White? (VA) and (Youth)
4. Accessing Community Resources
5. Cultural Sensitivity/Competency (Transgendered)
6. Conflict Resolution: Navigating the System
7. Housing Resources and Transportation Services

8. Neurocognitive Function

(_) = The potential targeted population or group.

The Committee suggested that the first forum should be hosted in April. The Committee will vote the Top 4 Forums during the next scheduled meeting.

VIII. 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update (Goal5: Objective 1: Action Item 3):

The Chair tabled the agenda topic until the next meeting due to time. Paula Witherspoon made the motion to table the items and Ben Martinez seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 P.M.

Submitted by:

Alexis D. Hunter, Coordinator

Date

Draft Certified by:

Crystal Flores, RWPC Manager

Date

Final Approval by:

Ben Martinez, Chairperson
Helen Goldenberg, Vice Chair

Date

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday, February 27, 2014 12:00 p.m.

Hickman Conference Room, 2nd floor

Dallas County Health and Human Services Building

2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX