

**CONSUMER COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 21, 2013**

**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**

Anthony Bolden	Jose Raymundo	Gregg Gunter
Auntjuan Wiley	Robert Baxter	Ricky Tyler
Ben Martinez, Chair	Paula Witherspoon	Robert Compton
Helen Goldenberg, Vice Chair		

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Angela Medlin	Judith Dillon	Rosa Carballo
Kendal Richardson	Michelle Anderson	Ethene Jones
Linda Freeman	Lionel Hillard	

**COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT**

Crystal Flores, RWPC Manager

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

- I. **Call to Order:** Ben Martinez, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM.
- II. **Certification of Quorum:** Quorum was established and certified by Crystal Flores, RWPC Manager and confirmed by Ben Martinez, Chair
- III. **Introductions/Announcements:**
  - a. Helen Goldenberg announced that she attended an HIV Syndicate held in Austin on November 13-14, 2013. Out of 26 to 27 priorities they voted on six of them. For the six priorities they formed separate groups. Greg Gunter is the "Don" for the Dallas region. The goal is to do all things HIV related to these priorities. She also announced that her group went to Arkansas on November 4<sup>th</sup> and spoke to the State Board of Education about the three children that were kept out of school because their parents were HIV positive. They will be returning to Arkansas on December 9<sup>th</sup>. She also announced that Marsha Jones Executive Director of The Afiya Center HIV Prevention & Sexual Reproductive Justice organization is in Washington DC at the Stigma Conference. She is with a group of black America youth between the ages of 17 and 22 that are HIV positive.
  - b. Auntjuan Wiley announced that C.U.R.E is having an event on December 1, 2013 in Plano at 3:00 PM called event2013. The location is 1013 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street Plano, TX 75074. He also announced that they will be honoring four community leaders. United Black Ellument is having their World Aids Day event on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 called the Red Tie Gala. The event is from 7:00PM to 10:00PM at Quiznotic in Downtown Dallas. Lisa Sweeny and Marsha Jones are having an event on November 30<sup>th</sup> at Marsha Jones' Church. Auntjuan also reminded everyone that AIN is having virtual World AIDS Event on December 1, 2013.
  - c. Ben Martinez called for a moment of silence for all those we have lost to HIV. He also announced that November 20<sup>th</sup> is National Transgender Remembrance Day.
  - d. Paula Witherspoon announced that the Resource Center of Dallas is no longer producing the HIV handbook. Greg Gunter stated that he is looking for someone to take over the publication of the handbook.
- IV. **Approval of the October 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** *Auntjuan Wiley moved to accept the minutes as written. Helen Goldenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Committee Liaison Reports:**
  - a. **Allocations Committee:** – The Allocations Committee had an emergency meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The committee reviewed the request for funding increases and voted to reallocation the entire \$53,688 to the Food Bank under Part A support services. The recommendation was voted on and approved by the Executive Committee and the Planning Council. There was no meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
  - b. **Planning and Priorities Committee:** The Planning and Priorities Committee meeting was held on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 9:00am. They discussed the Needs Assessment update. Lynn Shultz of New Solutions

gave the committee latest updates. Sabrina Taylor is going to handle the audio portion of the Needs Assessment Survey. The committee passed the 2014 Continuum of Care and sent their recommendation to the Executive committee. The committee also discussed the 2013 Comprehensive Plan update..

- c. **Evaluation Committee:** on the Evaluation Committee meeting was held on November 19, 2013. The committee finished the Administrative Mechanism. The committee also finished Standards of Care. The committee also completed the study of the Comprehensive Plan which included three services, transportation, housing and dental. The committee will vote on this recommendation's next month.

**VI. 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update (Goal5: Objective 1: Action Step 3):**

The Consumer Council committee is tasked with contacting and interviewing various providers and ask them the questions on the provided the questionnaire. The purpose of collecting this information is to find out what STD prevention messages are HIV+ clients being exposed to. Also, how well educated non-HIV related service providers are about HIV and how to link their customers to care if they find out that they are HIV positive. This activity will also give committee members an opportunity to identify and educate providers that need assistance in strengthen their prevention messages and to learn how to test for STDs. Identified providers can be linked to the AETC for training. Copies of the questionnaire template were disseminated to committee members and persons in the audience upon request.

The committee is compiling a list of all providers that are completing the questionnaires to limit providers being approached more than once by different committee members. New members were given additional time to complete their surveys. Additional provider names were also added to the list. The list of providers will be emailed to the Council members. Completed surveys should be submitted to Robert Compton the committee Allocation Liaison by the end of next week. Once the list is completed it will be given to the Planning and Priorities committee. This list will help facilitate dialogue with the AETC so that they can begin contacting the agencies to begin training or provide more information.

- VII. Consumer Council Committee Forum Updates:** Ben Martinez asked everyone to look at their handout with the data from the last Forum on Advocacy and Empowerment. Robert Compton gave a report to the committee. The overall responsive was positive. The negatives and suggestions were; the temperature of the room was too hot, the event was not advertised enough, they would like to see more social media, and provide more information on community services that are available. There was a general discussion on how to utilize social media.

- VIII. Consumer Council Committee Goals:** Ben Martinez started the conversation by reviewing the CCC goals for next year. He also urged the committee members to recruit younger candidates so we can get a better feel for what the community wants to see from the CCC. Auntjuan Wiley suggested that the retention of new members should include more emails or other contact from committee members instead of always from administration. Robert stated that he would come up with a flyer that can be handed out to potential new member's that explains the purpose and activities of the Council. Robert also suggested contacting other EMA's to find out what topics they have had success with. There was continued discussion on how to produce better CCC Forum's for next year. Crystal asked the committee to start thing about how to expand recruitment and retention for next month's meeting.

- IX. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:02PM

*Submitted by:*

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Robert Compton

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Date

*Draft Certified by:*

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Crystal Flores, RWPC Manager

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Date

*Final Approval by:*

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**Ben Martinez, Chairperson**  
**Helen Goldenberg, Vice Chair**

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**Date**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday, December 19, 2013 12:00 p.m.  
Hickman Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Dallas County Health and Human Services Building  
2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX