

**CONSUMER COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 15, 2018**  
**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**

Auntjuan Wiley, Chair	John Dornheim	Alexander Deets
Helen E. Turner	Karin Petties	Jamie Collins
Robert L. McGee II	Julie Jackson	Julie Wilson Caldwell

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Linda Freeman	Jonathan Thorne	Lionel Hillard
Ricky Tyler	Christopher Grimes	Donna Wilson, Vice Chair

**COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT**

Annie Sawyer-Williams, Coordinator	Justin M. Henry, RWPC Planner
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**GRANTS MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

- I. **Call to Order:** Auntjuan Wiley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.
- II. **Certification of Quorum:** Quorum was established and certified by Annie Sawyer-Williams, RWPC Coordinator, and confirmed by Auntjuan Wiley.
- III. **Introductions/Announcements:**
  - a. Helen E. Turner announced the AIDSWatch scholarship application deadline is November 16<sup>th</sup>. AIDSWatch will be held on April 1 & 2, 2019 in Washington, DC. AIDSWatch is presented by The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation; it is the nation’s largest annual constituent-based national HIV/AIDS advocacy event.
  - b. Ms. Turner announced the Red Project to be presented at the World AIDS Day (WAD) events: Moving Forward: A Couch Talk Series and Ending AIDS Together.
  - c. Ms. Turner announced the 2018 Texas HIV/STD Conference to be held November 27-29, 2018 in Austin, Texas. Scholarships are available for those interested to attend. The End the Epidemic Plan will be launch at the conference “Achieving Together a Community Plan to End AIDS as an Epidemic.”
  - d. Auntjuan Wiley announced on November 30<sup>th</sup> the C.U.R.E Foundation will present their annual World AIDS Day event at the George Bush President Library starting at 7:00 p.m. and valet parking will be available. The theme for this year is “Ending AIDS Together”.
  - e. Mr. Wiley announced Parkland Consumer Advisor Board (CAB) will partner with ViiV Healthcare to host their World AIDS Day event “Moving Forward: A Couch Talk Series”, a free Educational HIV Event on November 30<sup>th</sup> at House of Blues 2200 N. Lamar starting at 11:00 a.m. and free parking will be available. RSVP is requested for a head count.
  - f. Mr. Wiley welcome new CCC members Julie Wilson Caldwell, Jamie E. Collins, and Alexander Deets.
- IV. **Approval of the September 27, 2018 Minutes:** *John Dornheim motioned to accept the minutes as written. Julie Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Achieving Together: A Community Plan for Ending the HIV Epidemic in Texas:** Mr. Henry conducted the Achieving Together Presentation: A Community Plan to End the HIV Epidemic in

Texas. The plan’s vision is that Texas will become a state where HIV is rare and every person will have access to high quality prevention, care, and treatment regardless of their age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and socio-economic circumstances.

**Four goals cited make our vision a reality:**

1. Reduce HIV Transmission & Acquisition
2. Increase Viral Suppression
3. Eliminate Health Disparities
4. Create a Stigma-Free Climate

There are specific and bold actions of advocacy across six areas of focus that will have a high impact on the goals. The focus areas are interconnected and we must address them all to reach our goals. It will take a synergy of people, organizations, and communities identifying where each can contribute and take action.

- Create a stigma-Free Climate of Appreciation & Inclusion
- Address Mental Health, Substance Use, Housing & Criminal Justice
- Connect Clients, Providers, & Community Across Texas
- Provide Culturally-Affirming Prevention, Care & Treatment
- Promote the Continuum of Prevention, Care, & Treatment
- Collaborate, Cooperate, & Coordinate Access Systems

By 2030, the aim to achieve:

- 90% of people living with HIV (PLWH) to know their status
- 90% of PLWH who know their status are on antiretroviral therapy (ART)
- 90% PLWH on ART achieve viral suppress
- 50% decrease in the number of people who acquire HIV
- An increase in the proportion of people at greatest vulnerability of acquiring HIV who receive combination prevention

***Motion:*** *Karin Petties motioned that the Consumer Council Committee endorse the Achieving Together: A Community Plan to End the HIV Epidemic in Texas. Helen E. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**VI. Committee Liaison Reports:**

- a. **Allocations Committee:** Annie Sawyer-Williams announced the committee met on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and quorum was established. They reviewed the Request for Funding Increase (RFI) submissions. After discussion, the committee made a recommendation to fund all the requested Service Categories and give the Administrative Agency discretion to reallocate unspent funds for FY 2018-2019 for Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) and justification of expenditures be reported to the Allocation Committee. The recommendations were approved by the RWPC.
- b. **Planning & Priorities Committee:** Mr. Dornheim reported the committee met on October 17<sup>th</sup> and quorum was established. The committee reviewed the Service Delivery Guidelines document. They discussed the FY 2019 Financial Eligibility Based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

The committee agreed to the percentage increases in financial eligibility in following service categories and to monitor the categories for one year and to adjust as needed:

Service Categories	FY 2019 Percentage Increases in
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	<b>financial eligibility</b>
AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance	500%
Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance	400%
Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care	400%
Medical Case Management	400%

The RWPC voted and approved the service category percentage increase.

- c. **Evaluation Committee:** The committee did not meet.
- d. **Needs Assessment Committee:** Mr. Dornheim reported the committee met on October 16<sup>th</sup> and quorum was established. The committee reviewed and discussed the design for the 2019 Needs Assessment. The timeline included: Epidemiologic report, surveys, focus groups and questionnaire.
- e. **Care Coordination Ad Hoc Committee:** Mr. Wiley reported the committee met on October 11<sup>th</sup> and quorum was established. The committee reviewed the Focus Group Report for: Black Women, MSM, and Hispanic Populations. They discussed the Federal Poverty Level and are waiting for the Planning & Priorities to provide their recommendations. They discussed the recommendation submitted to the AA.

Recommendation by consensus:

- The current 30-day life of case management referral in the Dallas EMA be extended to 60-days go into effect immediately.

**VII. Ryan White Planning Council Retreat Strategic Planning:** Mr. Wiley asked members to review the handouts developed at the RWPC retreat for strategic planning and choose a topic of their passion or specialty for development.

**VIII. CCC Community Events Involvement:** The committee discussed the CCC community tabling the World AIDS Day event Moving Forward: A Couch Talk Series at the House of Blues. The CCC members sign up to table the event.

**IX. CCC Forum Planning:** The committee discussed the upcoming forum “HIV Social Implications: Women-Transgender.” Mrs. Sawyer-Williams provided drafts copies of the flyer to the committee for approval.

The committee scheduled a date for the upcoming forums:

- Social Implications HIV & Women/Transgender- December 20<sup>th</sup>, 12-2p.m.

**X. CCC Recruitment:** Mr. Wiley reminded the committee members of the importance of recruiting for the RWPC and CCC.

**XI. New Business:** N/A.

**XII. Adjournment:** *John Dornheim motioned to adjourn. Helen E. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

*Submitted by:*

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Annie Sawyer-Williams, Coordinator

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*Draft Certified by:*

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Justin M. Henry, RWPC Health Planner

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Date

*Final Approval by:*

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**Auntjuan Wiley, Chair**  
**Donna Wilson, Vice Chair**

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**Date**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday, December 20, 2018 12:00 PM  
Hickman Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Dallas County Health and Human Services Building  
2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX