

RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL OF THE DALLAS AREA

August 14, 2019

Minutes

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Lionel M. Hillard, Chair	Donna Wilson	Leonardo Zea
Karin Petties	Lori Davidson	Darius Ahmadi
Del Wilson	John Dornheim, Vice Chair	Kelly Richter
James Wright	Carmarion D. Anderson	Robert Lynn
Robert L. McGee II	Venton C. Hill-Jones	Pamela J. Green
Laticcia Riggins		

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Auntjuan Wiley, Vice Chair	Alexander Deets	Julie Jackson
Korey Willis	Christopher Webb	Yolanda Jones
Phillip Scheldt	Jonathan Thorne	

RWPC STAFF PRESENT

Justin M. Henry, RWPC Planner	Annie Sawyer-Williams, RWPC Coordinator
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DALLAS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION STAFF PRESENT

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES

Janina Vazques, DSHS	Holly Benarvides, DSHS	Rhonda Stewart, DSHS/German Stacy
Cuzick, DSHS/Germane	Shelly Lucus, DSHS	

GRANTS MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT

Oscar Salinas, Quality Assurance Administrator	Sonya Hughes, Assistant Director
Angi Jones, Quality Assurance Advisor	Wanda Scott, Program Monitor
Carla Jackson, Program Monitor	

OTHERS PRESENT

Helen E. Turner, CCC	Anna Nagasako, AHF	Ted Douglas, PHNTX
Kellie Norcott, PHHS	Joni Wysocki, AIN	Shabaura Perryman, Merck
Melissa Grove, Legacy	John Bingham, Dental Health	Sattie Nyachwaya, CHE Clinic
Grace Balaoing, DCHHS Sexual Health	Fernie Shanchez, PHNTX	Neacy Turner, PHNTX
Linda Freeman, RWPC CCC	Mark Edgell, LHT	Akosu Addo, PHNTX
Louise Weston-Ferrill, HSNT	Sandra Amaya, Bryan's House	Casaundra Bryant, HOPWA
Tracina Porter, AHF	Binish Karimi, Janessen	Kelly Hall, HHS
Ashley Innes, Gilead	Jamie Collins, RWPC CCC	Jonathan Cowens, AHF
Julia Chavarria, HOPWA	Sofia Page, Bryan's House	

- I. **Call to Order:** Ryan White Planning Council Chair, Lionel Hillard, called the meeting to order and established quorum at 9:05 a.m.
- II. **Certification of Quorum:** Quorum was established by Lionel Hillard and certified by Justin M. Henry, Ryan White Planning Council Planner. Members were reminded of the importance of establishing quorum and attending committee meetings.
- III. **Introductions/Announcements:**
 - a. Del Wilson announced the Resource's Center recently opened LGBTQ Outpatient HIV Medical Clinic and services are available all LGBTQ and allies. Health insurance or self-pay is accepted.
 - b. Helen E. Turner announced the Ryan White Planning Council Consumer Council Committee is partnering with the Dallas HIV Taskforce to host "Achieving Together: Community Engagement Strategy for Ending HIV as an Epidemic". She welcomed everyone to join the conversation. The Paris Act is scheduled to be signed on 8.26.19. Event is from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Communities Foundation of Texas, 5500 Caruth Haven Ln, Dallas, TX 75225.
 - c. Venton Hill-Jones with Southern Black Policy and Advocacy Network, Inc. announced the 2019 HIV advocacy assessment is being conducted. The Southern Black Policy and Advocacy Network, Inc. is an

organization that focuses on advancing policy; advocacy initiatives impacting black communities across the South. He asked members and guest for their assistance in distributing and completing the survey.

- d. Joni Wysocki announced Access Information Network (AIN) Daire Center will host a Gen Z and HIV dinner and presentation on August 21st starting at 6:00 p.m. at 2600 Stemmons, Suite 160. Seating is limited to 40 participants please RSVP at www.aindallas.org.
- e. Shabaura Perryman announced Merck has two new products approved through the AIDS Drug Assistant Program (ADAP): Delstrigo, a once-per-day triple combination treatment, and Pifeltro, a new non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor.

IV. Office of Support Announcements: Mr. Hillard announced:

- Thanked the DSHS Representatives on behalf of the RWPC for accepting the invitation to meet with the Council for further discussion regarding Part B planning & the Referral for Healthcare Service Category.
- The RWPC membership total is 24 with a new member, State Representatives, Laticcia Riggins.
- The Fast Track Cities Initiative for Dallas is underway and Paris Act projected to be signed on 8/26/19.
- The Part A RWPC grant application is due September 30th.
- The RWPC will send three representatives to the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) Conference in Washington; these members will bring a report the RWPC in October 2019.
- Leadership Recruitment Announcements/Pre-training available upon request.
- RWPC is still seeking women of color/Transgender/Youth/Hispanic/Indian representation for the Planning Council and currently there are 3 mandated seats to be filled: Texas State Agency, Medicaid and representation of recently incarcerated, i.e. Parole Officer.

V. Approval of the July 10, 2019 Minutes: *John Dornheim motioned to accept the Ryan White Planning Council minutes. Venton Hill-Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions.*

VI. Administrative Agency Report: Sonya Hughes reported:

- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has released the FY 2020 HRSA “Ending the HIV Epidemic” A Plan for America – Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A and B Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- The FY 2020 Universal Request for Proposal (RFP) has been brief and approved by Commissioner Court and will be posted at a later date.
- The Ryan White Part A funds will be reallocated by the Allocations Committee at their next committee meeting.

VII. Texas Department of State Health Services Representatives: Janina Vazques introduced: Shelly Lucas, DSHS, Holly Benarvides, DSHS, Rhonda Stewart, DSHS/German Solution and Stacy Cuzick, German Solution.

Janina Vazques, discussed dated 3.19.19, 4.5.19 and 6.26.19 sent to the RWPC regarding funds for the Referral for Healthcare Service Category. She gave an overview of the State Rebate funds released from 2016-current. The State Rebate was used to fund ADAP Eligibility Workers:

First award in late 2016

Second award in 2017

Third award in 2018

February, 2018: Referral for Healthcare Standard revisions sent to AAs for input.

July, 2018: Public Comments received.

September, 2018: Finalized Standard and posted to DSHS website.

Referral for Healthcare Services for Eligibility Workers over the past 3 years was not limited, rather was a floor level of \$100k per year. ‘

Mrs. Vazques responded to question(s) relating to the RWPC and Part B collaboration:

How the RWPC fits into Part B? The PCs are legislatively required to allocate funds for Part A. The PCs work with Part B by recommending Priorities and Allocations to Part B. Part B responsibility is to obtain

community input as a component of planning through collaborations. Part B has other mechanisms for obtaining community input: Monitoring outcomes, other data, and other strategies at the State level.

Rhonda Stewart, German Solution representative, gave an overview of the monitoring results for outcomes with Medical Case Management and Referral for Healthcare Service Categories. She presented on the Treatment Cascade focusing on the number of people living with HIV and those who have received a lab or visit in one year. She discussed Dallas County EMA 2018 Met and Unmet Need.

Ms. Stewart's continued the overview of the Medical Case Management service category: *Medical Case Management has an objective to improve health outcomes for PLWH.* There are specific indicators that are in the service standards that show what medical case management looks like in this area. Service standards are programmatic and quality assurance is the monitoring to see how well the service standards are being followed. When medical case management services are being provided client(s) should have a care plan and it should be updated. German Solutions noticed in the sample sets that case manager's provide documents in the care plan for referral service. The goal was to take the referral process out of case management services so that case managers could focus on client's needs. She noted the Referral for Healthcare Service standard was developed to measure how well eligibility is being done.

Planning Council members and Community Stakeholders shared their concerns and commented on implementing Referral for Healthcare Service Category such as: Who will be responsible for making referrals? Will the service category take the place of medical case management? What will the Referral for Healthcare looks like in the Dallas EMA? And the significant funding cuts in various service categories to put the Referral for Healthcare Service Category in place.

Ms. Stewart responded saying, this will not replace of the medical case management service category, but allow case management services to provide clients with the service they need.

Council members expressed their concerns and sought clarity regarding the letters written requesting the RWPC to fund the Referral for Healthcare Service Category.

The RWPC members thanked DSHS and German Solutions staff for their participation and presentation(s).

VIII. New Business: N/A.

Motion: *Darius Ahmadi motioned to suspend the rest of the agenda. Leonardo Zea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

IX. **Adjournment:** *Robert Lynn motioned to adjourn. Donna Wilson seconded the motion.*

The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Submitted by:

Annie Sawyer-Williams, RWPC Coordinator

Date

Draft Certified by:

Glenda Blackmon-Johnson, RWPC Manager

Date

Final Approval by:

Lionel Hillard, Chairperson
Auntjuan Wiley, Vice Chair
John Dornheim, Vice Chair

Date

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:00 a.m.
Hickman Conference Room, 2nd floor
Dallas County Health and Human Services Building
2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207