

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council
Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties
Naimah O’Neal, Faith Ross – Co-Chairs



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 – 12-1:30 pm

CLC Committee Members			Planning Council Members	Community Attendees	Presenter(s)
1. Naimah O’Neal, Co-Chair		P	Billy Gayheart	Brooke W.	Lisa Weitzman
2. Faith Ross, Co-Chair		P	Thomas Moyel		
3. LeAnder Lovett		P	Vincent H		CCBH Staff
4. Talib Mahdi*		P			Lisa-Jean Sylvia
5. Kimberlin Dennis		P			Brittanie Evans
6. Sahara Rivera*		A			
Total of 12 in attendance		P=Present A=Absent O (Other) = Phone *Non-member Volunteer or Pending PC Member			
Call to Order		Co-chair,Naimah O’Neal , called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.			
Moment of Silence		In remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV/AIDS.			
Quorum Determination		5 of 6 CLC committee members present - quorum of four (4) needed.			
Welcome, Introductions & Conflicts of Interest		All members, attendees, and guests welcomed.			
Approval of Agenda		CLC Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for April 2, 2025. Motion made by Faith Ross, seconded by Thomas Moyel. In Favor:all ; Opposed:0 ; Abstained:			
Approval of Minutes		CLC Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from March 5, 2025. Motion made by Faith Ross, seconded by Billy Gayheart In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained:			
Presentation: Services for Seniors		Lisa Weitzman from Benjamin Rose presenting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Connecting Services for PLWH and services for agingAging in Place<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aging in Place is the term for choosing to stay in your own home as you grow olderEnables us to stay connected to our own community, allows us to maintain dignity, supports desire to continue own routinesChallenges: HIV-related issues become pronounced as we age; multiple health conditions; age-related challenges impact ability to manage daily living; social isolation and stigma; mental health challenges			

- Caregiving
 - Up to 70% of caregivers have at least one mental health impact; 40% report having 2 or more of their own chronic health conditions; 50% of caregivers do not identify as such
- Access to support services
 - Social determinants of Health – economic stability, neighborhood and environment, health and healthcare, education, social and community context
- Translating education into capability
- Addressing financial challenges
 - Housing – services and supports for people who are renting, buying, or living in their own home. Many of the financial and housing counseling programs are not age-specific and are open to everybody. Some programs are focused in Cuyahoga County.
 - Finances – setting goals, budgeting, rental counseling and assistance, benefits assessment
- Technology – addressing social isolation with tablets, computers and WiFi access; COST training, computer literacy training, how to use things like MyChart and online bill pay, etc.
- Combating social isolation
 - Opportunities for peer engagement: Rose On The Go – programs that we take out into the community
- Caregiver Support
 - Emotional support and decision-making support; available at no cost, no age requirement, offered over the phone
- How WeCare can help
 - Connect with community resources
 - Recommendations on legal documents and decision-making for end-of-life protection
 - Paying for medications
 - Support medication adherence and link to counselors as necessary
 - Resources for your partner or people close to you
 - So much more than 211 – WeCare is not designed as a 1-time conversation, it is ongoing
- Benjamin Rose can help improve access to care and coordination of community services
 - www.benrose.org
 - 216-791-8000
 - intake@benrose.org

Q: How do we address needs in the outlying counties in the TGA?

A: Benjamin Rose can work with people to identify local resources in their community, even if Benjamin Rose can't help directly. They can help navigate the available services regardless of where they live.

Q: How do we get information about senior activities?

A: Senior centers and Rose On The Go – will send resources to Lj to distribute

Q: Is there an age requirement for Meal on Wheels and congregate meals?

	<p>A: Services provided under the Older Americans Act require people to be 60 years old. There may be other ways to be eligible through your insurance.</p> <p>Q: Is funding under threat from DOGE?</p> <p>A: Core business has not been affected yet.</p> <p>Q: Have you ever done this presentation to Ryan White social workers?</p> <p>A: I would be happy to</p> <p>Q: Are you giving intentional education around HIV? If not, how can this subcommittee help with that?</p> <p>A: We do not have anybody that we know of living with HIV on staff currently, so we are always open to further education. We will not discriminate based on HIV status. We are on site at the HIV clinic at Metro weekly</p> <p>Q: What about PLWH and still trying to work? For example, day programs interfere with work schedule.</p> <p>A: WeCare program is offered whenever is convenient for you. We want to work with people when it's most convenient for them. Other programs and services are offered during the day, but care navigation may be able to find you another solution that works with your schedule.</p> <p>Q: Preparing and supporting people who have question about legal documents. This committee wanted presentations around end-of-life preparation, etc. Could I reach out to you for a speaker?</p> <p>A:Yes, absolutely.</p> <p>Q: Does Benjamin Rose have a high stability of keeping funds over time (federal Older Americans grants)</p> <p>A: We will have consistent funding through 2027.</p>
PSRA	<p><i>What CLC Priorities do we want to highlight for PSRA?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey results are being integrated into the conversation for priority setting. • Are there other ways to get data from the community about what their needs are? • Changing the survey may be a way to help get more data.
Planning for Summer Outreach	<p><i>What is our goal for outreach?</i></p> <p><i>What commitments can we make as a committee?</i></p> <p><i>What materials do we need for outreach?</i></p> <p><i>*Will discuss these items at the next meeting*</i></p>
Parking Lot	
Announcements	<p>Brooke W. – Thursday 4/10 at 6pm at LGBT Center - ACT Up event</p> <p>Naimah – June 5th at 3:00 - program at City Hall about HIV Long Term Survivor's Awareness Day. More details coming soon.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned by Naimah O'Neal at 1:31 pm.</p> <p>Motion made by Faith Ross, seconded by Talib Mahdi.</p>