

Cuyahoga Regional HIV / AIDS Health Services Planning Council

Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties

Naimah O'Neal, James Stevenson – Co-Chairs



Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

St. Augustine Health/Ursuline Piazza Campus

7801 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland OH 44102

Start: 12:15 pm

End: 1:15 pm

Facilitating Co-chair: N. O'Neal

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: November 6, 2019

Motion: R. Rolling Seconded K. Dennis

In Favor: All Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0

Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 2, 2019

Motion R. Rolling Seconded K. Dennis

In favor: All Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0

New/Old Business

Assist in Statewide Needs Assessment – Follow up discussion

No representative currently available to provide an update; updates are planned for the Quality Improvement Committee meeting on November 20; OSU meetings are still in progress. N. O'Neal raised concerns about the outcome of the Consumer Survey and the status of the recommendations as to whether planning council comments were helpful or will be incorporated. The committee was informed that the status of the final survey instruments was unknown at this time.

Peer Model – Summary discussion – B. Jones

Presentation around potential money from government to use for peer led models like the Sankofa (now the Sankofa Initiative) model. The name Sankofa is derived from a Ugandan proverb, "it's not wrong to go back and get that which is left behind." Developed and implemented by PLWHAs. The goals: to Restore, Educate and Affirm.

The process was initially hard to accomplish in Cleveland, so the group went to private agencies for funding assistance. Stanford House was the first location in Peninsula Ohio; where healing weekends took place. Members worked to include all demographics to collect data needed to continue funding. The initial meeting/program was warm and welcoming, house rules established, and a location. The program included a symbolic opening ceremony, keynote

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speakers, and workshops. The program also focused on the Denver Principles which outline the idea that PLWHA need to be at the table for issues relating to PLWHA.

Outcomes: Sankofa addresses many needs along the cascade of helping PLWHA such as understanding current criminalization laws, networking, advocacy, and survival skills.

Key phrases: Aids Coalition to Unleash Power and U=U undetectable = un-transmittable.

Evaluation was favorable; successful in promoting the idea of teaching others so new models can be established.

Conclusion: Peer led models are only peer led if they are developed by PLWHV or implemented by PLWHA. This project is perceived to be unique and effective as it relates to the individual rather than people in general as in more traditional or clinical models.

Question - How will Sankofa pursue federal funding since it cannot be done through RW grantee?

Response: It has proven best not to partner with agencies, but rather through community-based venues that are working on HIV initiatives, and who would allowing more freedom to implement, get data, and do the real work needed for funding.

S. Harris advised the group that the objective of the presentation is to provide members an example of a peer model. She indicated that the Sankofa model is not a traditional Peer Model, where peer support is linked directly to assisting PLWHs with access to HIV-related care. Sankofa model appears to be a unique Peer education type model, that promotes peer education and self-esteem. She advised that traditional peer models are usually linked to clinical coordination to provide direct evidence of improvements in health outcomes for PLWHs supported by the model. Evidence of improved outcomes are important for sustaining federal funding.

S. Harris advised members that beyond education about Peer Models, the CLC has no role in directing the award of funding to specific peer models. She stressed that procurement or contracting (awarding of funding) is solely a Grantee function. The Grantee will administer a competitive process through a request for proposal (RFP) to identify and implement a Peer Model in the Cleveland TGA. CLC has no role in determining who will be awarded funding for administer a peer model. To make sure CLC members don't expect the Grantee to provide funding for peer models presented at CLC, it is illegal under HRSA rules for Planning Council to be involved in procurement.

Further discussion on peer led models tabled for a later time.

Monitor Committee Work Plan for Compliance - Tabled

Create 2020 Committee Work Plan – It was agreed that the CLC co-chairs will review the current workplan and provided feedback for discussion at the Jan. 2020 meeting.

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Standing Business

1. **Agree on CLC Committee work activity (if any) to be reported at Executive & Planning Council meetings** - None

Next Steps - Tabled

Announcements

B. Jones recently received the Stigma Award and will also be a keynote speaker at the Philadelphia Reunion Project in Philadelphia, PA on November 23, 2019. See flyer for further details.

R. Watkins announced that Alterhouse Inc. will be opening their transitional housing soon and that over \$30,000 has been raised towards the project. The organization is also seeking more board members. Next meeting is Nov 16, 2019 at 4042 Bluestone Rd, Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44121 from 12-2:00 p.m.

S. Washington is currently recruiting (WLHA) women living with HIV/AIDS for participation in meetings and networking groups. More details to follow.

Adjournment: Motion: R. Rolling

Seconded: C. Barnett

	CLC Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Naimah O'Neal Co-chair	20	20	20	20	20	0	20	20	20	20
2	James Stevenson Co-chair	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	20	0
3	Bryan Jones	20	20	0	0	0	20	20	0	20	20
4	Tina Marbury	0	0	20	20	20	20	0	20	20	20
	Total in Attendance	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3

PC Members: K. Dennis, R. Rolling, R. Watkins, C. Barnett

Staff: T. Mallory, S. Harris

Guests: F. Ross, H. Carbelo, B. Gayheart, S. Washington