

Cuyahoga Regional HIV / AIDS Health Services Planning Council

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

Naimah O'Neal – Co-Chair



Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Start: 12:04 p.m.

End: 1:02 p.m.

Facilitating Co-chair: N. O'Neal

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions *(Brief statement on how you have been doing)*

Naimah – “At work, feeling a little overwhelmed.”

Jeff – “Blessed, still here finding a new normal for myself, retired, but back to work at Amazon.”

Billy – “Doing okay, despite everything, kind of excited, tomorrow going camping.”

Robert – “Bittersweet, was retired, at least tried to, but now a Covid streamer at Metro, at work today, overwhelmed but able to manage.”

Faith – “Doing good, at the vet now, preparing for a trip, so kind of excited.”

Clifford – “Doing well, will start a new job next month, just staying home and out of the way.”

Kimberlin – “Doing good, been a lot of adjustments, good adjustments, so just focusing.”

Sharron – “Doing good, glad to see everybody, ask that you all keep checking on family, friends, and fellow PC members as best you can.”

Clinton – “Everything’s going well.”

Approval of Agenda: September 2, 2020

Motion: C. Droster

Seconded: J. Mazo

In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of Meeting Minutes for (August 5, only) - June 3, and March 4, 2020 (pending 10/7 approval)

Motion: C. Barnett

Seconded: C. Droster

In favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

New/Old Business

Review Draft & Finalize Housing Survey for outlying counties

The committee discussed considering doing an online survey via survey monkey as a way to proceed with distributing the housing survey and/or identify other ways to proceed. The questions raised in the discussion were: Should the committee reach out to social workers in other communities for their input and/or suggestions? How do we deploy the survey, and who will help us improve the questions so that it is ready to deploy? What about other counties in the TGA, who would be the resources for them? The committee reviewed items on the survey and provided the following input.

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Question 1 – What County do you live in?

Response: This is okay, clear?

Question 2: What is your housing status?

Responses:

S. Harris - Maybe we should make unsafe housing a separate question.

B. Jones – When talking about safe housing, look at HRSA definition vs actual safe housing.

N. O'Neal – Do you have keys to your apartment, if not and you can't receive mail there, it's not really your place and you don't have your own housing.

Question 3 – Do you need housing assistance?

Response: S. Harris -This may need to be further explained, what is meant by assistance.

Question 4 - If you said yes to three, what is your most important housing need?

Responses:

S. Harris - This may be an area where someone can come in to present housing assistance options.

C. Barnett – merge 3 and 4

Question 5 – Do you prefer housing with utilities included?

No comments.

Question 6 – Have you encountered barriers seeking housing assistance?

Responses:

S. Harris - Barriers may need more clarity as to what more to include or break it down.

N. O'Neal – Yes, number six should be broken down.

Question 7 – If you encountered barriers, what were the barriers?

Responses:

B. Jones – Have you had any evictions, and has that been a barrier? Also, the survey can be shortened by a couple questions, it is a bit long. Another issue may be pets – some landlords want to charge extra, and also do you have a housing voucher – or do you need a housing voucher. Not everyone has one and many have never been introduced to that either.

C. Barnett- Perhaps we can consider medical barriers, like for people in wheelchairs that need accessibility?

J. Mazo – Credit history may be a barrier.

Question 8 – If you have housing, what was the length of time it took to get your housing?

No comment.

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Question 9 - Are there temporary transitional housing resources in your area?

Response:

B. Jones - A lot of temporary housing has been phased out, so that could be a deletion from the survey.

Question 10 - What housing related services do you feel should be available to PLWH/A?

Response:

B. Jones - Some people don't know the ins and outs of navigating housing assistance – maybe this could be a question, or this could be an add-on to one of the questions. It would also be helpful if we could put together other resources, since we are payer of last resort, of other services or resources that can help assist PLWH/A. This could also be webinar material.

Question 11 - Are you involved in any housing discussions within your local jurisdiction about housing issues?

Response:

N. O'Neal – Another question, do you know your housing rights? In order to get all the questions in that may be important, we may have to keep the survey longer.

Additional questions and comments:

**Comments:*

K. Dennis - We can also put a separate “other” line on the survey, if needed.

S. Harris - If we choose all the counties, we're collecting data on of where the people live, if we choose 3 or 4, the rest can be taken off the survey.

**Question:* R. Watkins – Where would we distribute paper surveys?

**Response:* S. Harris - If going through survey monkey, we can get quick answers and compile answers, but for a hand survey, we'd have to wait for them to return then compile them. We would have to see how the committee wanted to deploy the survey. For electronic deploy, we would need e-mail addresses, for mailers we would need permitted addresses.

**Question:* F. Ross – Could we maybe provide help for people who are limited in English language?

**Response:* S. Harris - That should be how to look in the deploy process, can the information be converted for everyone to have access to the information.

N. O'Neal – For now the plan should be for all six counties to be included, see what the survey looks like, and figure how we will disseminate it. Also, maybe we should do a webinar around the housing resources available to help those who don't know how to go about getting housing services.

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The feedback gathered from the discussion will be gathered and revised for review then brought back for committee discussion. These were sample questions and issues discussed so that the committee can start thinking about how to construct the survey and confirm which or if all six counties will be included. The facilitator will update and make changes and circulate them after, Monday, September 14th for committee review.

Agree on Dissemination Plan

CLC Chair, N. O'Neal suggested if committee members know people in outlying communities that may want to help with the process to ask for contact information, so the committee can discuss ways with them on how they can help, maybe being gatekeepers in those areas.

B. Jones – We can also look at wraparound agencies and services that have more boots on the ground capability to assist, as well.

Review & Update Consumer Mini-Outreach Survey

Tabled.

Follow-up discussion on Consumer Social Media Platform

Tabled.

Parking Lot Items

Discuss Rescheduling Lorain County Community Forum

B. Gayheart - The Lorain outdoor event was held this summer. It was outside with weather, heat. The turnout was not so good, it's unknown why, but about 10 people were in attendance. All the feedback and conversation was good and everyone was able to social distance.

F. Ross – In reaching out to a couple people, one said they were fearful of Covid and large gatherings, another person said that transportation was an issue. The facilitator will ask the grantee about possible EtHE funding to help with transportation issues and/or use of gas cards.

S. Harris – With flu season and Covid, some people are still fearful of in-person gatherings. People must make their own personal decision on how to proceed.

N. O'Neal - This plan would be for next year.

B. Gayheart - Living in Lorain County, it is advised best to wait, as some people are fearful and don't want to be in a crowd.

The committee will get in touch with Summer at Mercy Hospital as the main contact for Lorain County, as well as Teresa, the social worker there. Both are the two main people suggested by PC Lorain County residents to discuss the outdoor forum and get their feedback. They can also be included in the survey discussion. The facilitator will work with N. O'Neal, CLC chair, to set up a meeting. PC members and Lorain residents, F. Ross and B. Gayheart, will also be included in that initial meeting.

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Standing Business

Agree on CLC Committee work activity (if any) to be reported at Executive & Planning Council meetings.

The CLC chair will report the items discussed today at the full PC meeting on Sept. 16th.

Announcements

N. O'Neal - Charmaine Curry, former PC member, was recently hit by a car and suffered two broken legs. She was released from the hospital and is now in rehab. Best wishes for her recovery were extended.

B. Jones – An EtHE phone conversation on what's happening in Cuyahoga County, featuring Harold Phillips, Ace Robinson, Terrell Parker, and Bryan Jones will be conducted this evening, followed by a larger call, TBD. For more details, contact Bryan Jones at: (216) 640-3404.

Adjournment: Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: F. Ross

	CLC Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Naimah O'Neal Co-chair	20	20	20			20	20	20		
2	Co-chair	0	0	0			0	0	0		
3	Tina Marbury	20	20	20			20	20	0		
4	Stephanice Washington	20	0	0			0	0	0		
5	Faith Ross	20	20	20			20	20	20		
6	LeAnder Lovett	0	0	0			0	20	0		
7	William Simpson	0	0	0			0	0	0		
	Total in Attendance	4	3	3			3	4	2		

PC Members: K. Dennis, C. Barnett, C. Droster, R. Watkins, B. Gayheart, J. Mazo,

Attendees: B. Jones

Staff: S. Harris, T. Mallory