

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, October 7, 2020

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Start: 12:05 pm

End: 1:03 pm

Facilitating Co-chair: N. O'Neal

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: October 7, 2020

Motion: R. Rolling Seconded: C. Barnett

In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 2, June 3, and March 4, 2020

Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: K. Dennis

In favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 2 – R. Rolling and J. Mazo

New/Old Business

Review Draft & Finalize Housing Survey for outlying counties

The committee reviewed and made final revisions to the housing survey for submission to the housing representative for feedback. The following are the comments, questions, and suggestions discussed.

1. The committee initially approved questions one through five.

2. For Question Number 6: *If you have housing, what was the length of time it took to get your housing?* The committee felt it best to change the timeframe to months rather than days, as it may appear clear to some but not to everybody.

**Comment:* R. Rolling -The clearer we are, the more people are inclined to agree with what you are getting across.

**Comment:* C. Barnett – Also agree, as that was an issue at the September meeting. So, we want to be specific as possible.

**Question:* K. Dennis – In considering days, what if a person was having housing problems for 30 days, or what if they couldn't get housing and it went on for months?

3. The committee was asked if anything more should be added to the form?

**Comment:* K. Dennis –Yes, a comment section can be added.

**Comment/Questions:* R. Watkins – Money is important to housing, but there is nothing pertaining to resources for housing, so some questions could be: What are your resources for

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payment, do you currently have resources available, or are you having difficulties with payments?

**Comment:* R. Rolling -Maybe we could add the question as a yes or no then, please explain.

4. For Question Number 3: Do you need housing assistance?

**Comment:* C. Droster – We should be adding the resource issue to this question.

**Comment:* R. Watkins -The key word is financial assistance.

**Question/Comment:* T. Marbury – Why not just say financial assistance or payment assistance so it encompasses whatever financial is needed? Also, just looking now at how long it will be, maybe some of the questions can go together so we don't end of having 99 questions.

**Comment:* B. Jones – A lot of times people just don't get explained by case managers on these options for financial assistance.

**Question:* C. Barnett - What about have you been referred to a housing case manager?

**Comment:* K. Dennis -Just add financial to Question 3, so it addresses financial and housing.

**Comment:* S. Harris – Won't that make it awkward, though?

**Comment:* B. Gayheart -Maybe we could separate the two, one for financial, then one for access to a case manager, basically asking Question#3, if you have financial assistance needs, then a separate question, do you have a housing case manager, or do you understand what that is, becoming Question #4.

5. For Question Number 10: Do you know your housing rights?

**Comment:* J. Mazo – What does do you have housing mean? We all need assistance sometime down the line, but to be strong and having access to housing, we must have understanding of our rights, or otherwise we run into problems.

**Comment:* B. Jones – So, looking at changing it to your rights as a tenant, few tenants know their rights, whereas most homeowners have a little more understanding of that, in general.

**Comment:* N O'Neal – Housing rights relate to knowing your rights around your property lease or your rights as a tenant in a property?

The committee agreed to change Question Number 10 to tenant's right and tenant's responsibilities.

6. For Question Number 11: Do you have any additional questions? The committee initially thought to remove that, but additional comments suggested otherwise.

**Comment:* C. Droster – Question Number 11 should include space for additional questions and information you would like to add.

**Comment:* N. O'Neal -We also need to create a resource guide to help people, as there are many things people are not aware of that are out there.

**Comment:* B. Jones – There was an electronic and physical guide available in the past. It would help because some people you go to, or are referred to for help, can't help you.

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For now, the committee will go forward with the revisions and send them to LaRaun, the housing representative, so the survey can get pushed out before the end of the year.

Motion: To approve the housing survey with today's amendments and moved on to L. Clayton at CDPH for his input.

VOTE: In Favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1 -J. Mazo

Motion: N. O'Neal - Seconded: R. Rolling

Motion passed.

Agree on Dissemination Plan

The committee discussed how to get the survey out to the community such as:

An e-mail blast?

The committee will contact L. Clayton and ask if he can get the word out from his end.

The grantee will contact case managers in outlying counties and ask for their assistance.

Members were reminded the Grantee agreed to contact Case Managers in the outlying counties to help disseminate the survey to their clients.

B. Jones will contact virtual support groups that are available and engage the LGBT community.

N. O'Neal will contact Joy, at the AIDs Task Force to get the information out to case managers.

C. Barnett will contact Care Alliance and NEON.

It was also suggested to contact hospitals.

R. Watkins noted that due to Covid, many people can't get to physical buildings. He suggested that maybe a call-in line could be created to intake the survey information.

The facilitator will send the survey to L. Clayton for review today and will also look into creating an online version in survey monkey, or e-mail platform to collect the surveys then will update the group. A disclaimer will also be included so participants can know that the information they provide will be kept confidential and used solely for the purpose of creating a better housing plan.

Review & Update Consumer Mini-Outreach Survey - Tabled.

Follow-up discussion on Consumer Social Media Platform - Tabled.

Parking Lot Items

The Lorain County Community Forum will be postponed and rescheduled for spring of 2021.

Motion – Motion to postpone the Lorain Community Forum until next year in 2021.

Motion: R. Rolling Seconded: C. Barnett

VOTE: In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Motion passed.

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Standing Business

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

Announcements

B. Jones – Asked for a discussion of Prep next time regarding if we have data on this, what or how to access that and getting Prep in emergency rooms.

B. Jones – Nominations for the **Marilyn Kuczynski Faith and Strength Award**, are currently underway. Marilyn Kuczynski was chosen for this honor because of her compassion, love and commitment to those living with HIV/ AIDS. She worked tirelessly to make sure they were always treated with dignity and respect. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please contact Naimah O'Neal or Bryan Jones for more details.

Adjournment: Motion: R. Rolling Seconded: C. Barnett

	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	20	
2	Co-chair	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	
3	Tina Marbury	20	20	20			20	20	0	20	
4	Stephanice Washington	20	0	0			0	0	0	0	
5	Faith Ross	20	20	20			20	20	20	20	
6	LeAnder Lovett	0	0	0			0	20	0	0	
7	William Simpson	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	
	Total in Attendance	4	3	3			3	4	2	3	

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

Attendees: B. Jones

Staff: S. Harris, G. Agosto, T. Mallory