

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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Combine Executive & Planning Council Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm



Start: 5:33 pm

End: 7:07 pm

Facilitating Co-Chair: K. Dennis

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: January 20, 2021

Motion: R. Rolling Seconded: C. Barnett

VOTE: In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

Approval of Addendum to Agenda - To add the 1). Love Leads Here Presentation, 2). PSRA Overview, and 3). Approval of the 2021-22 Meeting Schedule to the agenda.

Motion: R. Rolling Seconded: C. Barnett

VOTE: In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2020

Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: R. Rolling

VOTE: In Favor: 20 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 2- F. Ross, R. Watkins

Love Leads Here Presentation

CCBH Deputy Director for Prevention & Wellness and Part A Project Officer, Melissa Rodrigo, provided background information on the origins of the social media project and the presenters. The newly appointed Part A Prevention Program Manager and lead person for the Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic (EtHE) social media campaign, Gloria Agosto, introduced the Love Leads Here presenters, Les Pappas and Sheldon DeSouza. They represent the Better World organization, which was highly recommended and chosen to participate in this social media initiative. Les expressed being thrilled and honored to have been chosen to work on the campaigns. He has been doing this for 25 years, working with many states, counties, the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and other areas, has a heavy background in both HIV and AIDS related work, and said it has been a great experience working with Melissa, Gloria and the Board of Health. Sheldon also extended his thanks to everyone and stated this was kind of an emotional day. *(Note: It was the Presidential Inauguration Day.)*

What They Do

We begin by doing our research and analysis of who we are serving. This must be done first before we can begin to see the HIV landscape. We can then define the priority population. There is a respect factor at Better World in that we must have a definite respect for the uniqueness of the population we enter, as one size does not fit all. We also need insights from those in the community and those in the mix to connect with people. Representation is a key

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element that is embraced by the community. People need to see and feel themselves as being a part of or identifying with something and it must be relatable for them to embrace it into their lives.

How It is Done?

- 1). **Advisory groups** that are comprised of people in the community that can share general information, identify motivators and barriers to taking PrEP, and provide support in the implementation. There were eight members chosen from diverse backgrounds, countywide, with special interest in selecting those with great HIV experience.
- Focus groups included representatives that are in the priority population, namely four groups, having two sets with MSM and transwomen HIV positive and two sets with MSM and transwomen HIV negative.
- 2). *The Spokesmodels* – They are some amazing spokesmodels (you might recognize *C. Barnett*)
- 3). *The Logo* – The logo was tested by focus groups – The website, Love Leads Here.org, not stigma, not shame.
- 4). *The Campaign* – It is all staffed with the logo, the campaign message, “I Take PrEP.” The models all take PrEP and are real people in the community.

L. Pappas announced that they have just launched a second campaign for U=U (undetectable equals untransmissible). All the HIV positives in the community all said they would be the face of the campaign and we’ve already had over 16,000 visits to the website. The goal is for everyone to help promote the campaign by using the toolkits and to please take advantage of these resources.

Flu & Covid Update

T. Allan – We are still in the pandemic and there is a new strain coming which is more transmissible. Until at least spring, we need to continue follow rules with masking, and President Biden may have national masking mandate. The CCBH Board President, a Cleveland physician, was recently in intensive care for seven days but is better now. We are working on more equity for vaccinations as we are working through Phase 1A. The campaign now is for seniors over 80 then, seniors over 65 and adults working in schools. About 15,000 doses per week have been made available in Cuyahoga County through hospitals, health centers, and clinics. We are continuing to roll out the vaccine, dispensing it through pods. The goal is to continue messaging around education of the vaccine, as there have only been mild allergic reactions from the vaccines that have been done, so far.

Dr. B. Gripshover, M.D. – We are doing vaccines here at UH and doing a vaccination station in Warrensville. We have vaccinated about 15,000 people at UH. Side effects have been mild, for most people probably a sore arm, and maybe other minor effects. The FDA approved two large studies which showed 95% effectiveness. We still don’t know the duration of protection, but it does show protected from getting the virus. There is data still to come, so it’s recommended to

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keep wearing masks. The numbers in hospitalizations are down slightly and, on a positive note, all the mask wearing and social distancing has made the flu rare this year.

**Question:* R. Watkins – Are the vaccines two shots, and is this info for people who have received two shots?

**Response:* Dr. Gripshover – Yes, two shots. It looks like 12-14 days from the first shot is protection, but we’re not sure of the second yet.

**Question:* R. Watkins – For those that had Covid and the immunity, what information is there on if vaccines helps or not in making the decision to get it?

**Response:* Dr. Gripshover: In looking at antibodies, it’s rare for cases of reinfection. However, if you had it, it’s recommended to get the vaccine.

**Question:* R. Watkins – If a person had Covid, must they wait 90 days to get the vaccine?

**Response:* Dr. Gripshover: They’re probably protected for 90 days, but you don’t have to wait 90 days. The CDC suggests full recovery from Covid symptoms before getting the vaccine.

**Question:* M. Robinson-Statler – If you’re outside of the 21 or 28 day period for your 2nd dose, is there a window for second doses, or does it matter?

**Response:* Dr. Gripshover – You should try to following the guidelines and get the 2nd dose according to the requirements, but during the trials, they give seven days, but the thought is, if it’s a little later, it should still work.

**Question:* T. Marbury – What was that timeframe?

**Response:* Dr. Gripshover- They try to get you in a five to seven day window, but don’t do it earlier, just do it when you can.

**Comment:* L. Yarbrough Franklin – The Cleveland Board of Health is also reaching out, are there any Cleveland updates?

**Response:* R. Rolling – Cleveland gave a number to call for Covid vaccinations.

**Response:* T. Allan – We will check with the City for information to share.

Grantee Report - January 2021

1. Grantee Report

- a. ODH State Integrated Plan no update. Healthy Equity group met on January 5th.
- b. Clinical Quality Management committee continues to meet with the efforts focusing on disparities in viral suppression. Grantee CQM members met with providers regarding ongoing 2020 projects. The November 16th meeting was conducted. There were a few projects that showed very promising results even with adjustments made due to COVID 19. Please review the presentation on our website.
- c. Grantee team finalized submitted the estimated carryover for the maximum amount was requested as approved at the November 2020 meeting.
- d. S&F is completed reallocations in November 2020. Contracts have been adjusted and budget revisions have been submitted. Due to delayed hiring due to COVID

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throughout the TGA when vacancies occurred, it is anticipated additional funds are going to be remaining at the end of the grant year.

- e. ODH sponsored needs assessment update. The report is being vetted through ODH before it can be shared statewide.
- f. Grantee completed version six of the newsletter and it was sent out on December 1st. Feedback welcome. Next version December 2020.
- g. The AETC presented at Planning Council in October. This met the PC directive of the grantee.
- h. Data to Care - The 3rd cycle has been completed throughout the TGA by the medical providers. CCBH received legal feedback from John Hopkins University. The Not-In-Care (NIC) process uses a combined approach integrating data from CCBH and medical providers. This project is a funded Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative. This project is potentially getting additional TA from a HRSA sponsored agency for best practices pertaining to RX to Care project expansion.
- i. CCBH continues to work with sub-recipients in regards to data completeness and productivity. RSR is coming due target end of February 2021. CCBH recently completed a CAREWare upgrade so the report can be submitted with the most recent software build.
- j. Ryan White Part A received COVID-19 funding. CCBH and CDPH conducted joint listening sessions with providers. CCBH completed a large order of masks for clients as well as distributed funding to all providers based on Part A eligible clients served. Providers working on invoices and monthly reporting requirements.
- k. The Ending the Epidemic award was received in the amount of \$750,000. The following projects have been moving forward social media campaigns for U=U/stigma reduction for HIV positive clients. Community Health Worker Certification program in coordination with Cleveland State University, Data 2 Care program support, Intensive MCM program support, Medical Transportation program support and Rapid Art program support.
- l. Ending the Epidemic Plan update:
Community Solutions completed the plan and it was submitted by ODH to the CDC for review. Thank you for participating in the plan development.
The FY2020 grant. The allocations split is 77.90% core 22.10% Support the expenses are at 57.38% for eight months which is underutilized. Six months should be 66.66% there are a few providers behind schedule.

Administrative Update & Fiscal Report

- The social media campaign, "Love Lead Here" campaign was the big item for this month.

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- We are continuing to work on Data to Care, the cycle of information is upcoming.
- Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic (EtHE) keeps coming through. The award for next year will be partial due to federal appropriations. We will get the partial by early February and rest by the early part of March.

Expenditures:

We were over in a couple categories. Most agencies have their budgets in and approved. We took ten contracts the Board that were approved and revised. As of this report, the allocations split is 77.90% Core and 22.10% Support. There are a few providers behind schedule for submitting their invoices. We're currently at 57.38% of YTD spending; we should be at 66.66%. Hopefully it will adjust, but it has been mostly due to Covid. We are starting closeouts of Year 2020 year and working on startups for 2021.

**Question:* R. Watkins – The Other Professional Services, overutilized, is that legal?

**Response:* M. Rodrigo – Yes, the two overutilized service categories are legal and non-medical case management, which covers housing and benefits coordination.

Medicaid Update – C. Nicholls

There have been a couple changes since the pandemic. There are currently more than 40,000 new recipients added to the Medicaid rolls in Cuyahoga County than prior to the pandemic, 419,000 people are now receiving Medicaid. As of Nov 20th the County lobbies have had limited service and face to face service is not possible at this time. Also, as of January 11th a health emergency was extended through April. We will not be closing cases unless we are asked, (*e.g. someone moves out of state, or they are deceased*). Beginning in December, if someone has to do a Medicaid renewal, they must sign the required documents. If the process is done over the phone or internet, we can take an audio or online signature. However, the renewal package has to be signed.

Part B Update- S. DiCocco

Nicole Pichardo will be leaving the ODHAP team on Jan. 29, 2021 moving into the role of Community Linkage Coordinator, starting February 1st. ODHAP will then be down three coordinators. Feedback on the draft Ohio HIV Integrated Needs Assessment regional reports was sent to the Ohio University, including the regional reports for both Part A TGAs. OU will provide updated reports to ODH by the end of January, and ODH Public Affairs will review them in February. Reports will be made available for distribution once any final edits from Public Affairs are complete.

HOPWA Update - J. Citerman-Kraeger

As of December 30, 2020, LaRaun Clayton is no longer with the Health Department, and we also have a new Interim Director, Brian Kimball. We are currently getting ready for our annual visit and hoping this spring we will be able to have a regular RFP roll out.

Planning Council Operations- M. Rodrigo

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On the monthly call with the project officer, we were given new timeframes on the awards. For Part A, it is partial in February then full in March. There will also be another call related to Covid dollars.

Update – Integration of HIV Care & Prevention- S. Harris

The Prevention work group voted and made three recommendations as options for the official new name of the Integrated Council group. The third option: “*Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council*,” was the recommendation selected and will be the official name of the Integrated Planning Council.

R. Rolling – Motion: To adopt the third option, Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council, as the name of the Integrated Council going forward.

Approval of Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: J. Patterson

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

Motion carried.

PSRA Activities – S. Harris

The Major PSRA Activity Schedule was presented.

Data Presentations:

1. Non-Part A, HIV-related Funding – Feb. 3rd J. Patterson, location S&F Committee;
2. Consumer Data Presentation – Feb. 3rd V. Panakkal, location S&F Committee;
3. Epidemiology Presentation – Feb. 17th V. Panakkal, location Full PC committee;
4. Housing Data Presentation – Mar. 3rd J. Citerman-Kraeger, location S&F Committee;
5. Part A Data Presentation – March 3rd S. Harris, location S&F Committee;

Service Priority Rankings:

6. Non-Funded Services Priority Ranking – beginning Mar. 17th – location Full PC (*S&F committee recommended we do some prioritizing of non-funded services at Full PC, to provide opportunity for full PC to understand the Service Priority Ranking process*); March the earliest date available.
7. Non-Funded Part A Services remaining & Part A Support Services – Apr. 7th - at S&F
8. Part A Core Services - May 5th, location at S&F
9. QI Committee Present Directive Recommendations to the S&F committee - May 5th
10. S&F present final Directive recommendation to full PC - June 5th – location PC meeting
11. Determine EIIHA/Return to Care Estimate – June 5th – location S&F
12. Review Scenario Worksheets & Discuss Part A Allocation Scenarios
13. Determine final Part A Funding Allocation Amounts/percentages for GY2022-2023

Vote and Approval of Planning Council 2021-22 Meetings Schedule - Tabled

Committee Reports - ***Community Liaison Committee*** (CLC) – R. Rolling

Bob Bucklew, from UH, was recently contacted to see if he could help the committee in utilizing Case Western’s Zoom educational sessions. He agreed to do so and will join us on the next call.

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Strategy & Finance (S&F) - C. Droster - The S&F committee did the 2021 work plan and PSRA work plan. In February and March we will do data presentations. We have almost finalized our new system for priority settings and we will be prioritizing our main categories April or May. All are invited to join the meetings to collect data and see how the committee does the priority setting process.

Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) - B. Glass - We discussed and approved the committee's work plan, updated the training plan, and training was done tonight. We also reviewed the open nomination process, and the Bylaws updates and integration plan. We also plan to start interviewing candidates that have applications on file and will be reaching out to PC members who want to join in the interview process.

Quality Improvement (QI) - J. McMinn - We met today, approved the 2020-21 work plans, dived into Oral Health, reviewing Part B oral health data. I will compile and send QI member the feedback present in the meeting for discussion at next month's QI meeting.

Public Comments - None.

Announcements - *K. Dennis* – Welcome to the committee, new Exec Co-Chair, B. Kimball, Interim Director of the Cleveland Department of Health (CDPH).

B. Kimball - Regarding vaccinations, we are currently administering to the 1A population: EMS, EMT's, and front line workers. We have also set up pods for dispensing vaccines downtown but by appointment only. Those most eligible can contact the health department's COCID Consumer line, (216) 664-222 or visit the website; however, eligibility for the COVID vaccine is a **Tiered** approach determined by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH).

T. Allan – We are waiting for guidance. The list of 1B, for Feb 15th, includes congenital disorders like cystic fibrosis, metabolic disorders, and Downs syndrome. However, HIV is **not** listed.

**Question*: N. O'Neal – Because of the virtual meetings, can we move the PC meeting up until we can go face to face?

**Response*: K. Dennis -What time were you thinking?

**Response*: N. O'Neal - Maybe replacing or moving up the PC meeting for right after QI.

S. Harris – That will be put on the schedule for a vote at next month's meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: R. Rolling

Seconded: C. Barnett and M. Robinson-Statler

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Attendance:

	Planning Council	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Kimberlin Dennis – Co-Chair	X									
2	Terry Allan – Co-Chair	X									
3	Brian Kimball – Co-Chair	X									
4	Clifford Barnett	X									
5	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	X									
6	Michael Deighan	X									
7	Clinton Droster	X									
8	Billy Gayheart	X									
9	Brenda Glass	X									
10	Barbara Gripshover, MD	X									
11	Deairius Houston	X									
12	Tracy Johnson	0									
13	LeAnder Lovett	X									
14	Tina Marbury	X									
15	Jeffrey Mazo	0									
16	Jason McMinn	X									
17	Christy Nicholls	X									
18	Naimah O'Neal	X									
19	Julie Patterson	X									
20	Chris Ritter	0									
21	Marlene Robinson-Statler	X									
22	Ronald Rolling	X									
23	Faith Ross	X									
24	William Simpson	0									
25	Robert Watkins	X									
26	Stephanice Washington	0									
27	Leshia Yarbrough- Franklin	X									
	Total in Attendance	22									

PC Guests: L. Pappas, R. Austermiller, S. DiCocco, J. Stevenson, E. Tye, L. Boyer, S. DeSouza, M. Jackson-Rollins, C. Taylor, K. Burnett-Bruckman

Staff: M. Rodrigo, S. Harris, G. Agosto, P. Conti, T. Mallory