

Cuyahoga Regional HIV / AIDS Health Services Planning Council

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

Naimah O'Neal, Ronald Rolling - Co-Chairs



Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Minutes

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Start: 12:05 pm **End:** 1:05 pm **Facilitating Co-chair: R. Rolling**

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: January 6, 2021

Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: N O'Neal

In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of Agenda Addendum: To correct the spelling of co-chair's last name on the agenda's heading, by removing Ronald Rollins and replacing it with Ronald Rolling.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2020

Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: C. Droster

In Favor: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 3- T. Marbury, S. Washington, L. Lovett

New/Old Business - CLC 2021 Work Plan

1. Create a Planning Council Consumer Outreach Presentation

***Question:** N. O'Neal – Is that the community forum survey?

***Response:** S. Harris – No, it's the presentation PC members can use when going to support group meetings to get consumer feedback. We suggested preparing a presentation to ensure consistent information is presented for soliciting support group feedback. The question is do we want to continue with this?

***Comment:** N. O'Neal – Since we don't know when Covid will end, maybe we should do this virtually and invite people to come and see how it works. We have to try to do something. Maybe it could even be done using survey monkey.

***Comment:** C. Barnett – This is a good idea, it makes no sense to put everything on hold and postpone things when we could do something.

***Comment:** B. Jones – Regarding the money previously used for food and gas cards, maybe this could be used for something else, like providing food for home delivered meals, etc.

***Response:** S. Harris – We'll ask Melissa for an update on options. There may be options that can be provided for PC members that are unaffiliated, but funding previously used for food and transportation must follow HRSA rules for use of the funds. Home delivered meals can only be provided according to HRSA guidelines and funding planned for PC use must only be provided according to HRSA guidelines. The committee should maybe also consider looking into what support groups are doing through virtual efforts.

***Comment:** N. O'Neal – Only support group I am aware of is the ones in Columbus, like Equitas.

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**Comment:* B. Jones – There is also a support group at MetroHealth and Sister Susan at St. Augustine has one, too.

**Comment:* K. Dennis –The Women's Group has been put on hold for now. The organizer, Anita, has started her own meeting, but it has been in-person.

Work Plan-1 assignment to reach out to the organizers for virtual support groups:

- a. B. Jones will reach out to **Sister Susan**; and **Joy** at the Task Force
- b. S. Washington agreed to get in touch with **Jennifer McMillan** at MetroHealth;
- c. R. Rolling will reach out to **Bob Bucklew**, at University Hospitals.
- d. B. Jones suggested "We Think for Change" can also assist.
- e. The committee will also look into Zoom availability and will report back with updates at the next meeting.

2. Create & Conduct Education Sessions to provide info about Ryan White Services

**Question:* S. Harris - Should we keep this or any suggestions on what to do?

**Comment:* N. O'Neal – It has been noticed, as a social worker, that a lot of people don't remember when it's time to renew for services, and it gets hard for social workers to reach them. More personal effort should be made on this. Maybe we can create a checklist on what to bring in general for service appointments, what to do for Medicaid, what to do for those in the Marketplace networks, and what to do for Medicare when that opens up.

**Response:* B. Jones – one issue is that all agencies aren't necessarily on the same page with this. Maybe need to have a conversation with HIV case managers, if we're to teach this responsibility to clients.

**Question:* S. Harris – What would you as a Person Living with HIV/Aids (PLWH/A) want to convey to a case manager?

**Response:* B. Jones – To incorporate what Naimah was saying, don't hold hands too long, but case managers have to be clear, rather than saying no or they don't know the answer.

**Comment:* C. Barnett – Both case managers and clients should have those conversations to work out whatever kinks may be going on in that communication.

**Comment:* B. Jones – It's also important that, at some point, these conversations are led by PLWH/A, rather than outsiders.

**Question:* K. Dennis – Agreed with what was said, but doesn't the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) send a letter beforehand on what to do or how to renew?

**Response:* N O'Neal – That's for Part B, but some people don't put their address in the system, so some get it, some don't. Ryan White doesn't send updates, and everybody is on a different page. Maybe we can create something for patients when they come in to be seen. However, it's done, it should be a journey of people walking together.

**Comment:* K. Dennis – It's always a practice to keep my caseworker updated on what's needed to do for me and to check back with them to make sure everything gets processed on time.

**Comment:* N. O'Neal – That's the way it should be.

**Comment:* B. Jones – There was also something seen on the news for people having rent trouble that maybe we can address later.

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**Comment:* C. Droster – It's wished that we could reach more consumers. It should be something that's on your calendar that you do every six months.

**Response:* D. Houston – This is difficult though for young people because many don't have permanent residences. When we're older we're more organized, but younger people don't always tend to keep things in place, because they're not always in place when it comes to their ideas and goals.

**Response:* N. O'Neal – That should be part of the topic, though not sure if having specific documents would also be a HRSA requirement, so we can confer with the grantee.

**Question:* C. Barnett – Is there any way to inform someone in advance, or give them documents on the time for their appointments?

**Response:* D. Houston – If you don't have an address or residential stability, you can't send a letter or have a way to reach them.

**Comment:* B. Jones – Training on how to navigate the system should also be done and could help, as well as collaborating with other agencies simultaneously, like Catholic Charities Sister Susan.

**Comment:* C. Barnett – They'd need a resource guide on that.

**Response:* N. O'Neal – The resource guide is hard to keep updated.

**Comment:* K. Dennis – Another issue is that, a lot of time clients go to other agencies, and they get turned away, or the providers are not helpful.

Work Plan 2 - As the two points have been covered, the committee agrees that this should start in February and be ongoing.

3. Plan Two (2) Community Forums

The committee will try and do them virtually, using Lorain County as the test subject. Include Faith Ross and Billy Gayheart to lead the planning effort.

Work Plan 3 – Schedule a Go-To-meeting video call to plan the Lorain event for Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 11:00 am. (Note: The meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 11:00 am.)

The CLC Co-chairs agreed to table the remaining CLC 2021 Work Plans (Items 4-11) for the February 3rd meeting.

Housing Survey – Feedback Update – S. Harris

To date, only four people have responded to the survey. The committee was encouraged to send the link out again for more participation. All updates will be provided at the next meeting.

**Comment:* B. Jones – We need PLWH/A to have more involvement in order to make these surveys more effective.

**Comment:* T. Marbury – That's true, and to reiterate that, we have to educate people and not feed into or escalate the stigmas that these problems exist just because a person has HIV.

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**Response:* O'Neal –That could be another educational session. We would just have to figure out how to frame it. It all starts with PLWH/A, and how we perceive what they're dealing with, no matter what others think. If we have a better outlook, then we can do things a little differently going in to 2021.

Review & Update Consumer Mini-Outreach Survey - Tabled.

Parking Lot Items - Late Spring 2021 Lorain County Community Forum

The committee agreed that a lot was covered and that all remaining agenda items will be tabled for the February meeting.

Standing Business - Agree on CLC Committee work activity (if any) to be reported at Executive & Planning Council meetings. Information and updates will be given at the Combined Executive and Full PC meeting.

Announcements - *N. O'Neal* - An upcoming webinar, The Transgender Experience, sponsored by the Ohio Modernization Movement, will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. More updates will be sent out.

B. Jones – The Ohio Modernization Movement is also drawing together to have a U=U day. We would like to have conversations with chairs from the City, which may be helpful. The Grantee agreed to post the information and look into a possible proclamation from the County Board of Health.

Adjournment: Motion: T. Marbury Seconded: F. Ross

The meeting was adjourned unanimously by proclamation at 1:05 p.m.

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

PC Members: K. Dennis, C. Barnett, M. Deighan, C. Droster, B. Gayheart, D. Houston

Guest Attendees: B. Jones

Staff: S. Harris, M. Rodrigo, T. Mallory