

# Cuyahoga Regional HIV Health Services Planning Council

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**Kimberlin Dennis, Terry Allan, Brian Kimball Co-Chairs**

## **Planning Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

**5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**



**Start:** 5:33 pm

**End:** 7:02 pm

**Facilitating Co-Chair: K. Dennis**

### **Moment of Silence**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Approval of Agenda: February 17, 2021**

Motion: R. Rolling                      Seconded: C. Barnett

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

### **Addendum to February 17, 2021 Agenda**

Motion: To Add the Review of the Planning Council Renewal Forms for Annual Submission and the Approval of the 2021-22 PC Meetings Schedule, if time permits.

Motion: C. Barnett                      Seconded: R. Rolling

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

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2021**

Motion: R. Rolling                      Seconded: M. Robinson-Statler

**VOTE:** In Favor: 21    Opposed: 0                      Abstained: 1 -J. Mazo

### **Flu & Covid Update**

**T. Allan-** Flu cases have been low, lowest in remembrance and very mild. Masks and distancing is working. Last year 193.6 million received flu vaccines. Now busy vaccinating, going forward on new conditions and eligibility for elders and people working in schools. Current HIV is ***not*** considered in the 1B category along with those having chronic health conditions and we have been advocating at the state level for that. The case numbers are dropping which is great news and hope it continues. Cases are also going way down in nursing homes and other such facilities.

**B. Kimball** – Today, the City will have a vaccination pod at Collinwood Recreation Center for seniors to get a first dose and we will be back providing 400 more doses this weekend. We're also working with the national guards to set up pods in three more senior buildings, in addition to the Collinwood pods. Overall, we are trying to hit as many senior populations as possible. Next week, CCBH and MetroHealth will be collaborating to provide 500 doses of the vaccine to the homeless populations.

**Dr. B. Gripshover, M.D.** - It has been exciting with the decrease in numbers at the hospitals. The real holdup is that there is not enough vaccine. At UH, we have volunteers clinics, help is

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ready to go, but no vaccines are available and currently there are 126,000 volunteers that have signed up. So, we encourage people to sign up or you won't be called.

*\*Question:* T. Marbury – Are you scheduling senior buildings, specifically, like the seniors in the Euclid Indian Hills and larger complexes, will you target those communities?

*\*Response:* T. Allan – We are working on senior buildings, starting with East Cleveland next week. As the buildings are provided to us, we do the vaccines. We'll keep everyone posted as they've just really begun and this will remain on the agenda until we get a better handle on this.

*\*Comment:* R. Watkins: A client called me regarding getting a test online and was denied, due to not meeting criteria. They called because of symptom concerns and were told to call back or see their primary care physician.

*\*Response:* T. Allan – We have places with free testing, multiple places (UH, CDPH, FQHCs, to get free COVID-19 tests, and a link to where they are. UH has mobile testing, as well. The link will be provided later in the chat.

*\*Response:* Dr. Gripshover – Also, symptoms usually qualify for a test, and if someone is having them, they should be able to get testing anywhere.

*\*Response:* P. Conti – There are testing sites at Rite Aid, Walgreens found on: [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov).

*\*Comment:* N. O'Neal - Circle Health also does testing.

*\*Comment/Question* -B. Jones – Also, I experienced not being able to get a test and the appointment was two months away. Also what is the update on the new, one dose vaccine and are the numbers going down because people aren't being seen?

*\*Response:* T. Allan – We've been working with testing sites and they've not been filling up their appointments, perhaps people's interest in testing is dropping now that a vaccine is here, and for probably other reasons, but you should still be able to get testing. At its peak, it was 44,000 a week, now it's at 28,000 people a week. They've basically reduced testing due to lower demand.

*\*Question:* L. Yarbrough-Franklin - We have multiple group homes, recovery houses and no one seems to be coordinating to get these people vaccinated. Will they get help?

*\*Response:* T. Allan – We've been coordinating with CCBDD and other group home directors to address, people that are not mobile. Recovery houses are also on the list.

*\*Question:* C. Barnett- What are the side effects of the vaccine and how long do they last?

*\*Response:* R. Watkins – I experienced a little fever and that was about it, but it's different for everyone.

*\*Response:* Dr. Gripshover – In general, the first shot is a sore arm, mild fever is more common after the second shot and tends to be twelve hours after second vaccine. Much of this comes and goes within 24-48 hours. Anaphylaxis is another possible effect, but there is a very low risk of that.

*\*Comment:* N. O'Neal – Also experienced with Covid vaccine a sore arm at first, for the second dose, was a little under the weather but by the weekend was back to normal.

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*\*Comment:* J. Mazo – Just had a sore arm with the Pfizer vaccine.

*\*Comment:* K. Dennis - It's probably best to get the vaccine rather than not.

### **Grantee Report - February 2021 – Planning Council**

#### **1. Grantee Report**

- a. ODH State Integrated Plan no update. ODH filling key positions.
- b. Clinical Quality Management committee continues to meet with the efforts focusing on disparities in viral suppression. CCBH is finishing 2021 project meetings with all providers over the next two weeks.
- c. Grantee team submitted the 2020 estimated carryover for 2021 grant year
- d. S&F is completed reallocation in November 2020. Contracts have been adjusted and budget revisions have been submitted. Due to delayed hiring due to COVID 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. A preliminary is being presented February 3<sup>rd</sup> to S&F committee.
- f. Grantee completed version six of the newsletter and it was sent out on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Feedback welcome. Next version June 2021.
- g. The AETC presented at Planning Council in October. This met the PC directive of the grantee.
- h. Data to Care – ODH is reviewing its D2C process. CCBH will need to update our protocol in regard to changes. 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. All data is requested to be ready for submission by February 5<sup>th</sup>. RSR is coming due target end of February 2021. CCBH completed a RSR training for all providers during two separate meetings. CAREWare was upgraded so the report could be submitted to HRSA.
- 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. Final expenditures are coming due to close out the grant.
- k. Upcoming items: Your Part A office is coordinating the following- HIV and PrEP 101 - supported by Gilead February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Mental training COVID focused



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supported by the ADAMHS board, March 12<sup>th</sup> -Annual Kick off meeting with providers, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Showcase of services, ORAL Health training – April date TBD coordinated with Avenue 360 and the AETC

- i. 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.
- m. 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 79.28% core 20.72% Support the expenses are at 65.44% for nine months which is underutilized. Nine months should be 75% there are a few providers behind schedule.

### **Administrative Update & Fiscal Report**

- We are starting to close fiscal year 2020 and start 2021
- Part A and EtHE full awards due first two weeks of March
- Requests have been sent out to agencies for the 2021 year programs
- Upcoming trainings include: HIV & Prep 101, the ADAHMS Board Mental Health Training, Annual RW Kickoff meeting April 12, RW Showcase of Services March 26, and Oral Health training at the February Quality Improvement meeting
- Expenditures – Providers are a little behind in billing and are back billing to making sure all costs are covered. There may be some underutilized funds, due to vacancies which took more time than normal due to Covid.

### **Medicaid Update – C. Nicholls**

The federal marketplace was reopened on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month and will remain in place for people to reapply for medical benefits thru April 15<sup>th</sup>. If any issues, feel free to reach out.

### **Part B Update- S. DiCocco**

We hired a new HIV Prevention Manager, Angela Street-Underwood and a new Chief for the Bureau of Infectious Diseases, Kristen Dickerson. The Needs Assessment reports is currently being reviewed by ODH's Public Affairs and we are looking for ideas and topics for the Phase 3 survey.

### **HOPWA Update - J. Citerman-Kraeger**

A new RFP is coming next month for CDBG and HOPWA programs. We begun quarterly meetings, site visits due next month, and budget hearings with City council. There is no

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information on the website about the U=U campaign, as it's undergoing changes, but looking into getting a link to "Love Leads Here" soon.

**Planning Council Operations** - Monthly Progress Report from HRSA Officer - Topic covered.

### **PSRA - EPI Presentation – V. Panakkal**

The data represent 2019 numbers, the data for 2020 is slated to be release in the summer.

There were 184 new HIV cases in the TGA total in 2019,

- Males made up 86% of new cases in the TGA, 53% of new cases were African-American males;
- Most new cases was in 25-29yrs age group; 54% MSM exposure category
- **Cuyahoga** - Of the total, 158 new cases were in Cuyahoga County, males were 86%, 51% below 30- years old; 56% MSM exposure category.
- **Lorain & Medina** - For 2019 there were seventeen (17) new cases, 88% male; both Black & White males separately were 35%; 4 new Hispanic/Latino cases; 41% were 25-29yrs. Old; 65% were MSM exposure category
- **Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula** – for 2019 there were nine (9) new cases in the three counties; 67% were male. Black males (3), white females (3), and white males (3), each made up 33% of the cases; 33% of cases were in the age 25-29yo age group; and 33% of cases were in the heterosexual exposure group.

*\*Question:* J. Patterson - Any data on persons with injection drug use?

*\*Response:* V. Panakkal -Maybe a low percentage, like 3%, but we will check further.

### **HIV Prevention & Care – Draft Bylaws Update**

We are about done with the Bylaws rewrite for incorporating prevention and care. We are now looking at the Appendices. The next Prevention meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. We are also collecting applications for those who want to serve on the Prevention committee and anyone interested in service as a co-chair. So far we've received several applications.

### **PC Meeting Schedule 2021-22**

#### **Vote to Approve Final 2021-22 Meetings Schedule**

**Motion:** To Approve the 2021-21 Planning Council Meetings Schedule

Motion: C. Barnett      Seconded: J. Patterson

VOTE: In Favor: 21                      Opposed: 0                      Abstained: 1 - N. O'Neal

### **Addendum: Reminder on Submission of PC Renewal Forms**

All committee members should have received the following renewal forms: Code of Conduct, Member Confidentiality Pledge, Conflict of Interest, and the Acknowledgment Form of Ohio Ethics. The acknowledgement form for the last page of the Ethics manual should also be signed and returned. It acknowledges that you received and reviewed the Ethics manual.

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### **Committee Reports**

#### **Community Liaison Committee (CLC)- N. O'Neal**

We are working on several projects such as assisting the Quality Improvement committee with Oral Health and conducting the housing survey, which once it is tallied, we will update. We are also still looking to do community education forums, virtually.

#### **Strategy & Finance (S&F)- S. Harris**

Strategy & Finance committee reviewed the monthly financial report; ranked all non-funded service categories in the Cleveland TGA. We also had several needs assessment presentations on 1). Needs Assessment; 2). Covid funding updates from CCBH and CDPH; Updating PSRA activities in March include: 1). Part A, and Part B Utilization and HOPWA Presentations.

#### **Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – B. Glass**

We reviewed the PC Training schedule for the year, looked at other trainings and scheduled some, and reviewed the attendance policy and ways to address those struggling with meetings. We also reviewed the mentorship program, looking at assignments and how to encourage participation for those interested. The goal is for everyone to receive the attention they need, to get involved, and stay informed. We are also in need of recruiting Hispanic males up to age 49, to improve our reflectiveness.

#### **Quality Improvement (QI)- R. Watkins**

In the QI meeting today, we had discussions on Oral Health and agreed that the CLC committee will explore concepts on Oral Health questions and concerns, QI co-chairs will provide additional questions, and an Oral Health training will be held on April 20, 2021. We also explored dental consumer grievances and made a data request for dentists to join the March 17<sup>th</sup> meetings. No update on statewide programs; awaiting the Ohio needs assessment process.

### **Public Comments**

*\*Comment:* J. Mazo – It seems there is no mention of RW presentations by city wards, maybe this is something to look into? That could include Prep and U=U campaigns, making communities more aware about RW, its purpose, and what it can do.

*\*Comment/Question:* R. Watkins – Now with virtual meetings, what becomes of funding with food and gas cards?

*\*Response:* M. Rodrigo – An order was placed for chromebooks and data to help PC consumers continue to participate using virtual methods.

### **Announcements**

- 1) N. O'Neal – There will be an upcoming , two-day virtual workshop, Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, sponsored by the Ohio Modernization Movement. They are looking for women. The first 25 registrants will get a gift card.
- 2) K. Ramirez Mercado – new Community Liaison Coordinator on new vaccines.

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- 3) T. Marbury – Congratulation extended to Bryan Jones on his recognition at Ohio University on Wednesday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Motion: R. Watkins

Seconded: T. Marbury

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

**PC Attendees:** S. DiCocco, M. Jackson-Rollins, B. Jones, L. Boyer, U. Carter, S. Mason, R. Austermiller, E. Tye, J. Stevenson, K. Ramirez-Mercado

**Staff:** M. Rodrigo, S. Harris, Z. Levar, V. Panakkal, M. Halko, P. Conti, T. Mallory