

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, March 3, 2021

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Start: 12:02 pm

End: 1:00 pm

Facilitating Co-chair: N. O'Neal

1:00 pm

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: March 3, 2021

Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: F. Ross

Vote: In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of the Minutes: February 3, 2021

Motion: F. Ross Seconded: C. Barnett

Vote: In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

New/Old Business

CLC Strategy/Role to Support QI Oral Health Initiative

Oral Health Priorities from the perspective of CLC members

**Comment:* N. O'Neal - QI has asked CLC to first solicit input for oral health initiatives, any thoughts?

**Comment:* B. Jones – Regarding the dental schools, some people reached out expressing having no issues, particularly with Cleveland Clinic, but some did with Metro. The issue is of inconsistencies with getting care.

**Comment:* J. Mazo – Having been in dental care 15 years, starting with Metro, wanted to transfer and was denied care from Case. When the UH medical case manager was called, they informed that they could not intercede because of conflicts. These issues have been validated and are now under investigation with the County.

**Comment:* B. Jones – It seems now there is issue on who Case/UH is accepting which is different from past times when anyone could receive dental care there. The issues are procedural.

**Response:* M. Rodrigo – We encourage if having ongoing issues to file a grievance with the agency. We review them every year as a way to ensure that services are being provided properly. Also, we look at trends and if we see this as an issue, it helps us address it.

**Comment:* B. Jones – It has always felt that case managers should do a visual on clients to see arising issues and make notes.

**Response:* N. O'Neal – It's usually our providers that do visuals first and then they make notes to case managers for things to discuss.

**Comment:* Z. Levar – With case management, the new acuity assessment goes over 17 different categories and it has a page on oral health, specifically.

**Comment:* N. O'Neal – Sometimes people have reasons for not wanting oral health, like learned experiences. Having had a traumatic experience, fear is a reason. Even if you see someone who looks like they could benefit, it still may be an issue they don't want to address.

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**Question:* B. Gayheart - Do we have enough providers? There are no providers in Lorain County, how can we get oral health care?

**Response:* M. Rodrigo – Yes, there are none in Lorain County. We do, however, fund a transport vehicle to take patients from Lorain County to University Hospital. Members can schedule transportation through Nueva Luz who provides the transportation service to UH.

Next Steps

- B. Jones suggested, possible presentations on oral health and its overall health effects on PLWH/A
- S. Harris suggested, consider creating three or four more questions to get feedback/additional input on oral health – S. Harris
- Co-chair, N. O'Neal suggest that the information shared in today's meeting will be compiled, tallied, and given to Quality Improvement for further review.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Dr. B. Gripshover, MD

Dr. Barbara Gripshover, MD, Medical Director of the John T. Carey Special Immunology Unit of University Hospitals presented an informative COVID vaccine update to the CLC committee. Dr. Gripshover, a big vaccine advocate and an infectious disease physician, stated she was hesitant this time last year, but is now on board and carefully following the science on vaccines. Listed below are key notes from the presentation.

Vaccine Goals

- To prevent deaths, long term effects, and hospitalizations
- Stop the transition of COVID and resume normality
- Must be SAFE

The Three (3) Vaccine Categories

1. mRNA Vaccines – produced by Pfizer and Moderna

It tells cells how to make proteins and learns to recognize and prevent the virus. Almost 40,000 were tested with the Pfizer vaccine, including 121,000 PLWH/A. Those given the real vaccine did not become infected, but some given the placebo vaccine became infected. This is a two-part vaccine to ensure the best protection. With the Moderna vaccine, also an mRNA vaccine, 30,000 were tested including 171,000 PLWH/A, with the same results in protection as the Pfizer vaccine.

2. Adenovirus Vector Vaccines– produced by Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, and AstraZeneca

It operates using an adenovirus with components taken out of it so it can replicate. It isn't a live virus and it also puts in a protein gene which makes it 67% effective, requiring only one shot, and more stable in storage. Additionally, not all of the 40,000 tests done were in the U.S., however, there have been no deaths reported, even in high level variance countries.

3. Protein Vaccines – produced by Novavax

Summary: In clinical trials, all three vaccines have been shown to be effective in preventing 100% hospitalizations and deaths from COVID, all are 65-95% effective, reduce deaths, and have been proven

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safe with only minor 24–48-hour side effects which are quickly resolved. Still looking at data on how long protection lasts and on the prevention of transmission to others.

Side effects – There are overall more side effects with second shots than the first. Most experience arm soreness, headache, and malaise in second shot. The side effects also tend to be worse in younger people than older people. All side effects usually go away within two days and Tylenol can help. There have been no deaths reported at this time from the vaccine and with serious reactions, like anaphylaxis (*severe allergic reaction*) this usually only occurs with people who have experienced similar reactions already.

Co-chair, N- O'Neal – So that we can continue this informative presentation, we will table the rest of our agenda to proceed with questions.

**Question:* B. Jones – How do you register for age 60 plus, when will PLWH/A get the vaccine, and where and how do you sign up?

**Response:* Dr. Gripshover - The governor in each state makes the decisions on this. People at high risk are first, then those with issues like diabetes obesity, etc. At UH, you can register and get on a list, but you do have to call or sign-up to get on a list. More info will also be provided later on sign ups and starting Thursday, the vaccine will be available for ages 60 and above.

**Response:* S. Harris – Shared info via e-mail, of vaccine locations from resident within the City of Cleveland. Members were also reminded that vaccine location postings can be found on health department websites as well.

**Response:* N. O'Neal – You can also contact Circle Health at 216-325-9355 at Circle Health to register for COVID vaccines. Circle Health is a forgotten clinic, but people can be seen quicker than at some of the larger medical facilities.

**Question:* J. Mazo – Any medical conditions that are exempt?

**Response:* Dr. Gripshover – Right now, no. Some things are in discussions like pregnant women, but the benefits of the vaccine, outweighs the risk of getting COVID.

**Comment:* L. Lovett – Thanks for the presentation, it was very understandable and friendly. As a PLWH/A, got the first dose and just experienced a sore arm.

**Comment:* T. Marbury – Just got an appointment a few minutes ago for my mom at Circle Health. It was quick and very easy.

Housing Survey – Ongoing

To date, over 32 surveys have been received, all respondents were from Cuyahoga County. The majority of them have come from University Hospital and Nueva Luz, both submitting several surveys with multiple (10-20) respondents in one e-mail.

Virtual Community Forum in Outlying Counties Update

Ongoing – tabled

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Parking Lot Items

Virtual Support Groups Strategy & Next Steps

Ongoing – tabled

Review & Update Consumer Mini-Outreach Survey

Ongoing - tabled

Standing Business

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

- Update on CLC oral health initiative efforts
- Covid vaccine presentation by Dr. B. Gripshover, MD

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Motion: J. Mazo

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

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

Attendees: B. Jones

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