

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, August 4, 2021

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Start: 12:02 pm

End: 1:02 pm

Facilitating Co-chair: N. O'Neal

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions - The committee shared words about their summer break.

N. O'Neal - "My summer was interesting."

K. Dennis - "My summer was good."

C. Barnett - "I had an interesting summer, switching jobs, now back at NORA and loving it."

B. Gayheart - "My summer was wet, cold, and boring, but all is good."

T. Marbury - "My summer was pleasant, stayed healthy & strong, and was glad to be out and thankful."

J. Mazo - "It's still summer and I have a birthday coming up soon."

W. Simpson - "My summer's been busy with family stuff, traveling, and preparing for my master's program."

R. Watkins - "Had a fabulous summer, built a teardrop trailer, got to travel & celebrating my 58th b'day today!"

B. Jones - "Same business as usual, survival."

P. Scardino - "Living and thriving in Ashtabula, having a great summer, and been busy with guardianship."

J. Citerman-Kraeger - "Still summer, busy as bees over here."

F. Ross - "It's been good up until recently, but doing better."

Approval of Agenda: August 4, 2021

Addendum: Under New/Old Business, the following changes are proposed:

- a. Lorain County Support Group Update
- b. Review Oral Health Services - Mini-survey feedback,
- c. COVID Protocols for In-person Meeting at Westshore location
- d. Review Housing Mini-survey Feedback
- e. Community Forum in outlying Counties - update

Motion: C. Barnett **Seconded:** J. Mazo

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

Approval of the Minutes: June 2, 2021

Motion: C. Barnett **Seconded:** F. Ross

Vote: In Favor: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1- R. Watkins

New/Old Business

Community Forum in Outlying Counties Update – Billy Gayheart

The main talk at the support groups with the Lorain community and case workers was that many in Lorain County don't know about RW services, and that Case Managers and Social Workers are not familiar with the information. Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger, CDPH attended and shared Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) info and we found out that a lot of people in Lorain County could have been benefitting from those services but neither they nor

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their Social Workers and Case Managers were aware of them. Case workers are a huge asset, so the question now is how can we engage them better? There seems to be a gap getting info out.

**Comment:* N. O'Neal – As a social worker, we see the high turnover rate, however, CCBH holds an annual showcase that is mandatory for Social Workers to share agency services and get information about other agency services and where they are. Maybe this showcase could be done bi-annually? Also, some agencies don't fully support PLHW or attend the trainings. It would be good if all agency members could attend.

**Comment:* B. Jones – We know that it's happening, so what can we do? Maybe we could have an advocacy support group or hotline to engage PLWH on a call, give updates, and have a conversation or a mini-session. It's up to us to engage them and pull them into the network.

**Comment:* R. Watkins – At Safe on the Scene, we used a checklist that was streamlined to identify what people need. I'll send it to PC support to share.

**Comment:* J. Mazo – It's not surprising about these challenges on the professional side, the same systemic issues still exist from the past. We are in a cycle of those that work in the field, working the same way and getting the same results. Advocates are going to have to unite in a common ground on what's best for PLWH. We're not being as successful as we can be. It's the actions to the recommendations where we fall short.

**Comment:* B. Gayheart - When it comes to RW services as a provider, we must have a unified order or recommendation across the board that on what's expected that they provide at a certain level. One provider can't send all their people, but maybe opening that up more periodically, so a few can come in each time and eventually everyone is on the same level. Things are broken and need to be fixed.

**Response:* Z. Levar – We do mandate some of the trainings and try to designate them accordingly, and we do have an annual showcase which gets posted on our website.

**Comment:* T. Marbury – Wondering if people are not getting care, who's monitoring their care? What happens when that person who attended the training is no longer at the agency, and is there anything in place for that new person that replaces them to get that information?

**Response:* Z. Levar – When we do mandate, we have a list of those targeted to attend. If they don't attend, we follow up and contact them.

**Comment:* C. Barnett – Would like to see more peer advocates working. They can bridge gaps between service providers and clients, as someone living with HIV, can better understand what they need. Also, a checklist can be something peer advocates could use as a follow up tool.

**Comment:* K. Dennis – With the lack of communication with training, the trainee should be required to report this information to their agency. Why aren't they bringing back this information, especially if they're an agency receiving RW dollars?

**Comment:* B. Jones – We should utilize social workers more, network greater, newsletters. It was suggested after trainings to meet with police departments so they can bring back highlights of what was discussed to their work sites. Also, PLWHA should be attending these meetings. We should push that the information is available to all.

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**Question:* N. O' Neal – Anyone can attend the trainings, is that correct?

**Response:* Z. Levar – That's correct.

**Comment:* P. Scardino – For disseminating info, wondering if Signature Health and Community Counseling can establish a rapport to get more information out there.

**Response:* Z. Levar – They're usually geared for professionals and do a lot of things during the workday. We try to be respectful of PC's time and will do better to include PC in trainings.

**Comment:* S. Harris – PC Members who participate in support groups should be the ones inviting HOPWA representatives and others to the support groups and community meetings, and not waiting on others to do it. Like B. Gayheart did in Lorain County, if you believe the support group members will benefit from the information you as a PC member should be instrumental coordinating with the Social Worker in charge of the meeting to get the information out.

**Comment:* N. O'Neal - This will be ongoing and we'll add to the agenda each month. It's been systemic for years, and disheartening to hear not much has changed.

**Comment:* B. Jones – When we talk about professionals, we don't think about PLWHA. Many of us have the experience, knowledge, and expertise, and should be utilized in these trainings.

**Comment:* N. O'Neal – For the next meeting, be prepared to bring ideas or help with other's ideas on ways to create, market, and organize a curriculum to address this issue.

Review Oral Health Services – Mini-Survey feedback – S. Harris

To date, eight (8) electronic responses of the survey have been received. The link is still active and was also sent in the newsletter update to caseworkers. We had 39 responses, 31 paper copies, and since then, eleven more responses have come, for a total of 50 responses. As others come in, they will be added to the update on the next report.

**Comment:* N. O'Neal – The numbers are good, still a little low, so please continue to distribute the survey e-mail or give hard copies. The cutoff date will be the 15th of August, no later than the 18th to send any additional paper survey responses.

**Comment:* B. Jones – We've been pushing back things, like allowing someone other than K. Dennis, to attend the RW conference. How long is her term? We should have a discussion on how others can attend that conference.

**Response:* S. Harris – The current PC bylaws, approved April 2017, term limits for members are: one, 3-year term, followed immediately by eligibility to re-apply for a second 3-year term, then the member must roll off the PC for a year, before re-applying again for a new 3-year term. The same rules apply for the co-chair appointed by the Planning Council as for regular membership. The only exception to this rule is for the two co-chairs appointed by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Terry Allan, and by the City of Cleveland, Brian Kimball.

Covid Protocols – S. Harris

The first in-person meeting in September will be at the Westshore Center. All are required to go through self-screening, wear masks and have temperatures taken. If an all-clear light does

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not go green after taking your temperature, you will not be allowed to proceed into the building.

Review Housing Mini-Survey Feedback - Tabled

Parking Lot Items – All items Tabled, due to running out of time

1. Education Sessions at Support Groups to educate on RW services
2. Capacity-Building Training ideas
3. CLC Consumer-Focused presentation at Full Planning Council
4. Review & Update Consumer Mini-Outreach Survey

Standing Business - Tabled

1. Agree on CLC Committee work activity (if any) to be reported at the September 15, 2021 Executive & Planning Council meetings
2. Monitor Committee Work plan for compliance - Tabled

Announcements

S. Harris – A virtual LGBTQ Plus Safe Training e-mail was recently sent out.

B. Jones – Ohio Health Modernization Movement now trying to gather Cuyahoga data.

Z. Levar – We're working with a new social media campaign agency to do a stigma campaign, and will discuss with PC and advisory groups on stigma on how to address this issue for the campaign. The agency will present this to PC on August 18th. A link will be sent out soon.

Adjournment - Motion: J. Mazo

Seconded: C. Barnett

Attendance

		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	Tina Marbury	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
3	Stephanice Washington	20	0	0	0	0	0	0			
4	Faith Ross	20	0	20	20	20	20	20			
5	LeAnder Lovett	20	20	20	20	20	0	0			
6	William Simpson	20	0	20	0	0	0	20			
7	Tracy Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Total in Attendance	7	4	6	5	4	3	4			

PC Members: C. Barnett, J. Citerman-Kraeger, K. Dennis, B. Gayheart, J. Mazo, R. Watkins, B. Jones, P. Scardino

Attendees: none

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