

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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

Kimberlin Dennis, Terry Allan, Brian Kimball Co-Chairs



Combined Executive and Full Planning Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Start: 5:36 pm

End: 6:40 pm

Co-chair: K. Dennis

Moment of Reflection

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: March 16, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: N. O'Neal
In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of the Minutes: February 16, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: J. McMinn Seconded: F. Ross
In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

FLU & COVID-19 UPDATE

Terry Allan, Commissioner, Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH)

Today the CDC reported countywide, we are at 83.1% for vaccinations and those who are compromised are advised to get another dose, otherwise there is no advice to get additional ones. In Honk Kong and Europe there a lockdown, but here we just advise high-risk folks and kids unvaccinated, under five to wear masks.

Brian Kimball, Interim Director, City of Cleveland

The next reporting period ending March 11, reported 16 new cases per 100,000 for Cleveland, which is significantly down as in the national trend. The CDC currently measured Cuyahoga County low in the community level, consistent with other counties and a decline in cases. For the past week, about 47% of Cleveland residents received one dose of vaccine. There has been a decline in people coming out for vaccine and boosters, so we are encouraging all to come out. We should also see an increase in clinic locations, as some of the more successful clinics are set up in a number of churches. There are also incentives ranging from \$25-100 for vaccines and boosters and we will share those locations for those who need them.

Dr. Barbara Gripshover, M.D., Immunology Medical Director, University Hospitals

The first doses for vaccinations are still recommended for immune-compromised people and possibly a fourth booster for them.

Recipient Report – March 2022 -Planning Council

1. Recipient Report
 - a. ODH State Integrated Plan – shifting to monthly meetings through June, most recent meeting had EHE updates given by Community Solutions and select funded entities in each of 3 regions
 - b. Clinical Quality Management Committee- currently working on CQM plan revisions for 2022

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- c. ODH Sponsored Needs Assessment - ODH conducting key informant interviews
- d. Most recent CCBH HIV Services Newsletter available at: <https://www.ccbh.net/ryan-white-provider-resources/>
- e. FY2022 trainings held by Grantee with help of AETC/Gilead:
 - a. **(PC Directive)** Clinical Bias Training – February 24th
 - b. Stigma Training – TBD
 - c. **(PC Directive)** Cultural Competency for Dental Providers - TBD
- f. Part A Medical Case Manager Network Meeting - meets quarterly with Part A MCMs to provide CM specific training and discuss barriers that clients are facing currently; last meeting held January 25th
- g. CCBH working on Ryan White Program Services Report (RSR) with sub-recipients, which is the annual client level data report for HRSA due in March 2022
- h. Prevention Committee – Next meeting occurring March 2nd from 4-5:30
- i. **Part A Funding** – have received first partial award for Part A for FY22, remaining balance of award can arrive anytime between now and May; all direct service provider partial contracts were sent out on March 1st
- j. **Ending the HIV Epidemic Funding** - The following projects are continuing in FY2022:
 - a. Social media campaigns (topic TBD)
 - b. Community Health Worker Certification program
 - c. Data 2 Care program
 - d. Intensive MCM program
 - e. Medical Transportation for non-VLS clients program
 - f. Rapid Start of ART program
- k. Ending the Epidemic Plan update:
 - Anti-Stigma campaign: <https://www.loveleadshere.org/yourewelcome/>

Administrative & Fiscal Report – Z. Levar

FY2021 Part A Grant:

Current Expenditure split - 79.18% Core - 20.82% Support

Expenses are at 77.89% for 10 months (83.33% target)

A number of people are now involved in the Integrated Plan. The next meeting is tomorrow at 9:00 am. We also had Clinical Bias Training February 24, 2022. We also sent out an evaluation and got feedback on that for future trainings. The upcoming Prevention Committee meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 2022 and the next one will be Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 4-5:30 pm. For Part A funding, we received our first partial award, and the budget passed for the remainder of the year, so we should get it anytime. For our expenditures, we are trending low across the board, but that is because we had opportunity to infuse internal funds.

***Question: C. Barnett** - How much does Covid play in this?

***Response: Z. Levar** – It was not as impactful as last year when things shut down. For the most part in FY 2021, we have operated in some normalcy.

***Question: J. Patterson** – Appreciate the administrative dollars in the pool. When looking at the carryover for 5%, is it for all, including administrative dollars, or what we designated to providers?

***Response: Z. Levar** – The 5% is our formula award and we can grab 5% of that not directed to administration, so we should have the 5% available next year.

***Question: T. Allan** – We are asking if we expect to have available our 5% dollars?

***Response: Z. Levar** - It looks like we will have more than the 5% spent, we're getting close to it, but yes we will have more available next year.

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Medicaid Update – C. Nicholls

The Public Health Emergency policy is still in place until April 16, 2022 and we are not closing anyone out of Medicaid. We expect this will extend but we are not sure if it is for all 90 days, or when we will start closing Medicaid cases again. We will provide updates as they come in later.

Ryan White Part B Update – K. Ruiz

The RW Part B and QI Innovative grant awards now released, CPM comes down today. The Integrated plan has been collecting information and things are emerging. We are now looking to develop Affinity groups for PLWH with monthly meetings on topics: **Centering the Voices of PLWHA, Rural Issues, Mental Health and Substance Use/Addiction Services, The HIV Workforce, Growing Older with HIV, HIV Prevention strategies, HIV Care strategies, Housing, Viral Load Suppression, and Data Infrastructure.**

***Question: S. Washington** - What about housing for PLWH, commenting on addicts back on treatment programs unable to find housing spaces or going to areas that should help and getting conflicting information.

***Response: K. Ruiz** – We encourage joining the meeting tomorrow, as that comment has reiterated across the state, and we need people with actual experience to be in these groups. PLWH know about fighting and need to be involved in every stage and that has not always been the case.

***Comment: N. O’Neal** - The bigger thing is some agencies cannot do anything, because the rules come from HRSA and HUD. It is not that case managers don’t want to help, but they are often limited because the bigger powers don’t live with people living with HIV.

***Comment: D. Houston** – It’s not case managers not trying to house people.

***Comment: S. Washington** – We once had life shelter care for PLWH, but don’t know what happened.

***Comment: J. Toombs** – With these rules and funding being cut, many now just don’t fit the criteria.

***Comment: D. Houston** – It is a HRSA, HUD, and CDC thing, but many agencies have resources they are not using. It is about doing the work with funds we have in our hands.

HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for PLWHA) Update – J. Citerman-Kraeger

HUD who funds HOPWA has very strict rules staff must follow. Hoping at the end of the month to have a continuation application available to share with everyone next month.

Planning Council Operations- S. Harris

Monthly Progress Report from HRSA Project Officer

We reported on the S&F and CLC work group progress, prompting discussion on SOC (Standards of Care), making sure our intake form is appropriate. We explained there were no issues and that we are just continuing to improve things. We also discussed membership term-limit implementation, the oral health deep-dive work Quality Improvement is doing, and the new bylaws now posted to the website.

New Co-chair Appointments Announcement- K. Dennis

Good evening, on behalf of the Planning Council, I have the pleasure of announcing the new co-chairs that will fill vacancies on several Planning Council Subcommittees.

Before I announce the new co-chairs, first, on behalf of Brian, Terry and myself, we’d like to thank the current co-chairs,

- Naimah O’Neal, co-chair of the Community Liaison Committee, and
- Brenda Glass, co-chair of the Membership, Retention and Marketing Committee

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We thank you for your commitment and hard work to keep your committees on track and for successfully achieving the goals and objectives of your committees to carry out the work of the Planning Council.

Thank you, Naimah,

Thank you, Brenda

On behalf of Brian, Terry and myself, we appreciate your commitment.

Now, for the new co-chairs:

- 1. The new co-chair for CLC** alongside Naimah will be **Faith Ross** (*Faith is one of the youngest members of the Planning Council. Faith demonstrated her commitment by actively participating in Planning Council meetings even before she was appointed, and we are confident she will continue to bring her energy and passion in her new role as CLC co-chair.*) Adding Faith to the co-chair role to give her the opportunity to benefit from Naimah's leadership will be a great benefit to the Planning Council.
- 2. The new co-chair for MRM** alongside Brenda Glass will be **Billy Gayheart** (*Billy has also demonstrated his commitment by representing the Planning Council at support groups and other community events in Lorain and Ashtabula Counties and other locations across our TGA to educate the community about Ryan White services). Billy volunteers on workgroup and regularly attend almost all subcommittee meetings. He will be a strong active leader alongside Brenda on MRM.*
- 3. Prevention Committee** – As a new Planning Council subcommittee with a focus on HIV Prevention, the co-chairs will be **Clifford Barnett** and **Deairius Houston**. (*Both Clifford and Deairius are among the younger members and have demonstrated their commitment to the work of the Planning Council. We believe their youthful energy and creative thinking will be a great asset to the prevention committee's community engagement objectives. Also, their experience and current jobs have paved the way for the role of Prevention co-chairs.*)

So, on behalf of the entire Planning Council, we welcome each of you as our new co-chairs and best of luck in your new roles. Please feel free to reach out of either me, Terry, Brian or Sharron and Toni, if you need assistance as you get settled into your new role.

Virtual Meetings - Legislative Update

The press release from February 17, 2022, allows Planning Council to continue working through June in virtual meetings. We do not meet in July but will keep everyone updated on whether we continue with virtual meetings and/or if we return in-person.

Mandatory Confirmation Forms – Update – S. Harris

We want to remind everyone to submit the mandatory forms so we can have them in our records and be prepared if HRSA requests them.

Committee Reports

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

Thanks to the PC Chairs for my new Co-chair, Faith. We will work well together. In our last meeting, we had robust conversations on housing, making sure people are not discriminated and on where oral health fits in client services being available and educating on how to access them.

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Strategy & Finance (S&F) – C. Barnett

We had our meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. We did our fiscal reviews, had two data presentations on housing and the needs assessment, and went over the progress report from our Resource Allocation workgroup.

Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) - S. Harris

We looked at member term limits and the mandatory categories that are exempt from term limits in other jurisdictions as a model. Those Mandatory Membership categories that are exempt include, the Part D, Medicaid Agency representative, the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) (designated centers that serve the poor), and Part B and Part C categories. We have eight members whose terms will expire but can indefinitely continue in that slot until there is a replacement. There is progress moving on the applications submitted from last year and we hope to have answers in the next few weeks to formally name those applicants to the Planning Council.

Quality Improvement (QI) - R. Watkins

We had a meeting today where we reviewed and wrapped up the oral health provider project and began the oral health directives discussion. We also had updates from Vino and Karla on the Statewide Integrated plan. They mentioned the SIP meetings are now monthly and that they plan to invite people from regional county ADAMHS boards to attend the meeting tomorrow. La’Keisha also shared a presentation on the 2021 Clinical Quality Management (CQM) direction, where they continue to implement viral suppression. There was no update on the Statewide Needs Assessment.

HIV Prevention (Prevention) - S. Harris

We met on March 2, 2022. The focal meeting agenda was a presentation/overview, introduction of Cuyahoga County’s DIS (Disease Intervention Specialist) staff. They also had a presentation from Signature Health on the work they are doing. The next meeting will be June 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Public Comments

T. Allan - Congrats to Zach Levar, on his promotion to Director of Prevention at CCBH.

N. O’Neal - We need to be kinder to each other and start thinking outside the box to find new ways to work in the community to get everyone into care and tested.

Announcements

N. O’Neal - We Think for a Change is having a webinar in April 13, 2022 on “Planning Your Sunset.”

Adjournment

Motion: N. O’Neal **Seconded:** R. Watkins, L. Lovett

Attendance

	Planning Council Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Kimberlin Dennis – Co-Chair	20	20	20							
2	Terry Allan – Co-Chair	20	20	20							
3	Brian Kimball – Co-Chair	20	20	20							

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4	Clifford Barnett	20	20	20							
5	Uleta Carter	20	20	20							
6	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	20	20	20							
7	Michael Deighan	20	20	20							
8	Clinton Droster	20	20	20							
9	Billy Gayheart	20	20	20							
10	Brenda Glass	20	20	0							
11	Barbara Gripshover, MD	20	20	20							
12	Deairius Houston	20	20	20							
13	Tracy Johnson	0	0	0							
14	Bryan Jones	0	20	20							
15	LeAnder Lovett	20	20	20							
16	Tina Marbury	20	20	20							
17	Jeffrey Mazo	0	0	0							
18	Jason McMinn	20	20	20							
19	Christy Nicholls	20	20	20							
20	Naimah O'Neal	20	20	20							
21	Julie Patterson	20	20	20							
22	Chris Ritter	0	0	0							
23	Marlene Robinson-Statler	0	20	20							
24	Faith Ross	20	20	20							
25	Karla Ruiz	20	20	20							
26	Peter Scardino	0	0	0							
27	William Simpson	20	0	0							
28	David Smith	20	20	20							
29	James Stevenson	20	20	20							
30	Joye Toombs	20	20	20							
31	Robert Watkins	20	20	20							
32	Stephanice Washington	0	20	20							
33	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	20	20	20							
	Total in Attendance	26	28	27							

PC Attendees: B. Aguriano, S. Dumas, K. Hill, A. Rollins, L. Boyer, E. Tighe, J. Kelly

Staff: M. Halko, M. Kolenz, Z. Levar, S. Harris, T. Mallory