

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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Kimberlin Dennis, Terry Allan, Brian Kimball Co-Chairs



Combined Executive and Full Planning Council Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Start: 5:35 pm

End: 6:34 pm

Co-chair: T. Allan

Moment of Reflection

Welcome and Introductions

*Please note: PC members who have a conflict of interest must inform the committee at the beginning of each meeting. A Conflict of Interest, as it pertains to the Ryan White Planning Council Bylaws, is defined as "an interest (actual or perceived) by a Planning Council member in an action that may result in personal, organizational, or professional gain for the member or his/her spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, or sibling."-
Conflicted: N. O'Neal*

Approval of Agenda: April 20, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: F. Ross

Seconded: N. O'Neal

In Favor: All

Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of the Minutes: March 16, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: J. Citerman-Kraeger

Seconded: C. Barnett

In Favor: All

Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

FLU & COVID-19 UPDATE

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

We are happy to report that hospitalizations are **not** increasing. There have been many vaccinated to some degree, which is helping, as well as with flu shots. We still have work to do and should continue to maintain safe and healthy habits regarding Covid and the flu.

Brian Kimball, Interim Director, City of Cleveland

The most recent report shows a slight increase in positive cases the city of Cleveland with 243 new cases, over the last seven days and compared to previous weeks. We are continuing to provide and encourage folks to receive boosters. Hospitalizations show very little change from last report, so we ask all to wear masks when in close settings to prevent large spikes in cases.

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

We have seen a 5.8% increase in positivity but not in hospitalizations. We still recommend vaccinations and boosters to prevent serious illness. Those over 60 and elderly with underlying conditions are encouraged to get the third booster.

Recipient Report – April 2022 -Planning Council

1. Recipient Report

- a. ODH State Integrated Plan – at the 3/17 meeting, nine (9) affinity groups were set up to direct some of the discussions related to the Integrated Plan. Sign up for affinity groups was completed recently. For more information, please contact Kate Shumate at katherine.shumate@odh.ohio.gov; next meeting April 21st

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- b. Clinical Quality Management Committee- currently working with HRSA staff to revise CQM plan
- 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 Recipient:
 - 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 - next quarterly meeting will occur on 4/19 with discussion surrounding HIV criminalization in Ohio and supporting versus enabling clients
- g. CCBH submitted Ryan White Program Services Report (RSR) in March 2022 to comply with data reporting requirements of HRSA
- h. Prevention Committee – Next meeting occurring June 1st 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 client’s program
 - f. Rapid Start of ART program
- k. Ending the Epidemic Plan update:

-Anti-Stigma campaign: <https://www.loveleadshere.org/yourewelcome/>

Administrative Report – Z. Levar

- For the State Integrated Plan – The group will continue to meet monthly. At the 3/17 meeting, nine (9) affinity groups were set up to direct some of the discussions related to the Integrated Plan. The sign up for affinity groups is complete, but for more information or if you are interested, please contact Kate Shumate at katherine.shumate@odh.ohio.gov. The next meeting is tomorrow, April 21, 2022.

- The Part A medical case management meeting was yesterday. The purpose of these meetings is to bring case managers together to network, provide support and training, look at barriers to care, and discuss ways to resolve issues across the TGA for PLWH and case managers. We had good discussions around HIV criminalization laws. CLC chair, Naimah O’Neal, also presented at that are meeting on her work with the Ohio Health Modernization Movement on their efforts to change current HIV criminalization laws.

- For Part A updates, there are six (6) new DIS (disease intervention specialist) staff starting on Monday, including the five that are now in place that will address HIV/STI Prevention. The new staff will train to become qualified DIS staff and then work alongside the present DIS staff.

- Congratulations to our newly appointed Planning Council members! They are now official planning council members, following their confirmation by the Cuyahoga County Council on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the county offices in downtown Cleveland and virtually on Zoom. Additionally, Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, Clifford Barnett, Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger, Uleta Carter, David Smith, and Peter Scardino provided individual statements on our planning council and the work we are doing.

***Comment: T. Allan** - Congratulations to all our new members joining the group! The County was very impressed with our wide range of experience from multiple counties and commitment they bring. Thank you all for that.

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***Comment: S. Harris** - Congratulations new members, it is official!

***Question: C. Barnett** – On getting word out to case managers about the CLC survey, how did that go?

***Response: Z. Levar** - Naimah spoke at the network meeting and shared survey info to case managers.

***Response: S. Harris** - We reported 31 responses, which is good feedback, and a lot was Metro clients.

***Comment: J. McMinn** - We also have paper copies in the clinic we are using with patients.

Fiscal Report – Z. Levar

FY2021 Part A Grant:

Current Expenditure split - 78.82% Core - 21.16% Support

Expenses are at 92.70% for 12 months (100% target)

The last grant year ended Feb 28, we are in the process of wrapping up everything, and will finalize by next month's meeting. We are at 3.9 mil in total expenses and direct services, which represents 92.7% of allocated funds to direct service and we served 3,285 clients. On our P.O. (Project Officer) call, we went over expenditures, and they were happy on what we pushed out the door this year, versus last year. This was partly because during the allocation process, we dumped a lot into direct service categories and did not spend as much on staffing as in the past, so we pushed out more into the community rather than have it sit in the Part A office.

Medicaid Update – C. Nicholls

The public health emergency has extended to July 15, 2022. As long as we are under that, there will be no shutting down anyone from Medicaid. We hear this is the last extension, but that is a decision on the federal level. If that changes, we will go back to pre-pandemic rules before shutdown. Please encourage everyone to have updated information in place, as we unwind pandemic rules so we are able to contact them. We have had a high number of Medicaid applications due to the marketplace. We were above 8,500, now at 5,000, and we want to lower this. We also have upcoming virtual conversations with community partners. If you want to sign up, you can contact them directly and anyone can attend. In these discussions, they will cover Medicaid updates and Medworks will be talking on the work they are doing. Last, we want to welcome Anthony Thomas to PC, as he will replace me in presenting the monthly Medicaid updates, starting in June. Anthony brings vast experience as one of the managers in our center that focuses only on Medicaid.

Ryan White Part B Update – K. Ruiz

April is STI awareness month and the STI Prevention program would like to make all aware of STI happening. The want to specifically make providers aware of a webinar on patient care and CME's covering syphilis and congenital syphilis taking place on June 1st and 2nd. The HIV QI grant started April 1, 2022. Region 3 is on mental health to suppress PLWH diagnosed with mental health disorders.

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

We did our continuation application late last month and everyone submitted. We are in the process of setting up a review committee to finalize the awards for this upcoming year and hopefully we will have this either next month or it will be final in June and we will report at that time.

Planning Council Operations- S. Harris

Monthly Progress Report from HRSA Project Officer

We talked about the survey and the linkage to care work CLC is doing, the S&F resource allocation work, and QI's deep dive on oral health and the good directives that came out of that. We also talked about

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the upcoming appointments of our new members and that our membership reflectiveness is good. Our Project Officer was pleased with our work, both for our recipient and PC. We had very positive feedback.

Mandatory Confirmation Forms – Update – S. Harris

The mandatory forms, Conflict of Interest, Code of Conduct, Confidentiality Form, and Ohio Ethics Law (acknowledgement) forms is your pledge of commitment to our Planning Council.

The Committee of Record (COR) form is to confirm your selected committee of record. This helps track your overall attendance and your committee of record, where you receive 20 points.

***Question: J. McMinn** – Do chairs have to complete a COR form?

*** Response: S. Harris** – We would ask that they do. The understanding is that chairs serve on their committee of record. However, it is good to have written confirmation of that.

Committee Reports

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) – N. O’Neal

Happy to have a co-chair now and we are getting things done. We have a new survey for PLHW to complete and we are asking case managers and everyone to distribute them. The surveys are usable online and in paper to make it simple as possible to see what services are important to them. We received a lot from Metro and we send thanks to them. There are other things in the works, but this is the most important, as it will be useful for priority setting numbers.

Strategy & Finance (S&F) – C. Droster

We starting working on priority settings over the last few months and will finish them. The resource workgroup meets on the last Thursday of each month at 10:00, where we discuss criteria needed for resource allocation decision-making. We are making good progress and would like to have a model in place for the PSRA process this year.

Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – B. Gayheart

The main goals were that we reviewed the TGA epidemiology to show our reflectiveness. We also discussed status updates on the mandatory confirmation forms, and we went through membership attendance and flagged those of concern.

Quality Improvement (QI) – J. McMinn

We met this afternoon, finished the oral health discussion, and voted and approved the two directives we will send next month. We started to discuss the next deep dive into another category and plans on how to select that. We also got updates on the Statewide Integrated Plan, and we encourage members to participate to make sure we share our voices.

HIV Prevention (Prevention) – S. Harris

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The six new DIS (disease intervention specialist) staff will be on board and possibly introduced.



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Public Comments – Terry Allan’s Retirement

Terry Allan, Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) Commissioner, is retiring and leaving after 33 years of service. Dr. Roderick Harris is now the new Board of Health Commissioner. Below are a few words from Terry on his departure from CCBH and as an Executive Co-chair of the Planning Council. *“I want to thank you all for everything...I’ve learned so much more than I was able to give. With this transition, the county has appointed Christy Nicholls to serve as exec co-chair to replace me in that role. Congrats, Christy you will be a great co-chair. You all are a great group of folks, you are passionate, knowledgeable, dedicated, and I will carry that with me forever.”*

Kimberlin Dennis, Executive Co-chair – *“On behalf of the entire Planning Council, Terry, thank you, thank you, thank, you!”*

Sharron Harris, Planning Council Facilitator – *“Terry, you have been so important to us, so balanced in guiding us through this process. I hope to be like you in my retirement, still energetic. We will miss you, but we are jealous of where you are headed.”*

Announcements

Julie Patterson- On behalf of Prevention, we have an upcoming lunchtime webinar next Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at noon, and Gloria Agosto Davis will be speaking. Learn about opportunities in 2022 for professional development, and network via Zoom with new and seasoned colleagues from across Northeast Ohio by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/3x7Q3ru>.

Adjournment

Motion: K. Dennis **Seconded:** B. Kimball, F. Ross

Attendance

	Planning Council Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Kimberlin Dennis – Co-Chair	20	20	20	20						
2	Brian Kimball – Co-Chair	20	20	20	20						
3	Christy Nicholls- Co-Chair	20	20	20	20						
4	Clifford Barnett	20	20	20	20						
5	Uleta Carter	20	20	20	20						
6	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	20	20	20	20						
7	Michael Deighan	20	20	20	20						
8	Clinton Droster	20	20	20	20						
9	Billy Gayheart	20	20	20	20						
10	Brenda Glass	20	20	0	0						
11	Barbara Gripshover, MD	20	20	20	20						
12	Deairius Houston	20	20	20	20						
13	Bryan Jones	0	20	20	0						
14	LeAnder Lovett	20	20	20	20						



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15	Tina Marbury	20	20	20	0						
16	Jeffrey Mazo	0	0	0	0						
17	Jason McMinn	20	20	20	20						
18	Christy Nicholls	20	20	20	20						
19	Naimah O'Neal	20	20	20	20						
20	Julie Patterson	20	20	20	20						
21	Marlene Robinson-Statler	0	20	20	20						
22	Faith Ross	20	20	20	20						
23	Karla Ruiz	20	20	20	20						
24	Peter Scardino	0	0	0	0						
25	William Simpson	20	0	0	0						
26	David Smith	20	20	20	20						
27	James Stevenson	20	20	20	20						
28	Joye Toombs	20	20	20	20						
29	Robert Watkins	20	20	20	20						
30	Stephanice Washington	0	20	20	0						
31	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	20	20	20	20						
	Total in Attendance	26	28	27	24						

PC Attendees: K. Hill, A. Thomas, B. Scott, K. Hunter, A. Forbes, S. Dumas

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