

# **Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council**

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## **Combined Executive and Full Planning Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

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

**Start:** 5:34 pm

**End:** 6:51 pm

**Co-chair:** C. Nicholls

### **Moment of Reflection**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Approval of Agenda: August 17, 2022**

#### **Addendum:**

Motion: N. O'Neal

Seconded: F. Ross

In Favor: All

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

### **Approval of the Minutes: May 18, 2022**

#### **Addendum:**

Motion: K. Dennis

Seconded: N. O'Neal

In Favor: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 2 – F. Ross, L. Lovett

### **Virtual Meeting Update for House Bill 51 - J. Mills, CCBH Legal Counsel**

The bill that allowed meetings to extend virtually, due to Covid, expired in July. We look now at how to approach meetings under the new landscape. The conclusion is that because the Council operates under federal law, which preempts state laws, the new landscape does not apply and it is at the discretion of the council on how to conduct future meetings. If the council wants to continue virtually, that is fine, and/or if they ever want to change that process, it is their right. We are confident concluding there is no reason council has to go back to public meetings.

**\*Comment: S. Harris** – We appreciate the advice, as the presentation was clear that federal law takes precedence. To note, four voted for in-person and 16 to continue virtually so, the majority ruled. Zach reached out to legal counsel to get determination and we knew we had that option before the request went out.

**\*Comment: Z. Levar** -Hybrid meetings are something that we will look into depending on the current environment/interest. Most voted to continue virtually so no reason for hybrid. We will revisit this early next year.

Virtual vs. In-person meetings (vote results)

### **FLU & COVID-19 UPDATE**

#### **Brian Kimball, Interim Director, City of Cleveland**

For City of Cleveland, cases increased overall 179 over last three weeks, so still important to keep measures in place in order to keep numbers down. At the community level, Cuyahoga County remains high and across the state as well. We must continue to practice good mitigation measures.

**\*Comment: Z. Levar** - Covid updates are on the website at: <https://www.ccbh.net/covid-19-information-and-resources/> and we are still doing community-based clinics to reach underserved communities.

**\*Question: C. Barnett** - Any info on monkey pox?

**\*Response: B. Kimball** – Last info was 35 cases reported in Cleveland, oldest around age 47, youngest age 19, all black, one Hispanic. Typical person is 23, black, with a male partner, and HIV positive.

**\*Comment: Z. Levar** - In Ohio, we have about 100 cases as of the 15<sup>th</sup>, about a third in the Cleveland region. We received 1,200 doses of the Jynneos vaccine to distribute at pods for those most impacted and we are gathering info to treat, prevent, and we are ramping up the response. FYI, there is an LGBT virtual forum at 7:00 today.

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### **Recipient Report – August 2022 -Planning Council**

1. Recipient Report
  - a. ODH State Integrated Plan – Affinity groups are beginning to wrap up by the middle of August, have been working on developing strategies/objectives to address barriers in each of the selected affinity topics
  - b. Clinical Quality Management Committee- currently working with HRSA staff to revise CQM plan, assisting CLC with linkage checklist pilot project
  - c. Last edition of CCBH HIV Services Newsletter released on 6/1: <https://www.ccbh.net/ryan-white-provider-resources/>
  - d. FY2022 trainings held by Recipient:
    - a. Stigma Training – TBD
    - b. **(PC Directive)** Cultural Competency for Dental Providers - TBD
  - e. Part A Medical Case Manager Network Meeting - recent quarterly meeting occurred on 7/19 and included robust discussion about best practices in supporting client needs
  - f. CCBH submitted Ryan White Program Services Report (RSR) in March 2022 to comply with data reporting requirements of HRSA
  - g. Prevention Committee – Next meeting occurring September 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:30
  - h. **Part A Funding** – all contracts have been amended to reflect full award as of July 27<sup>th</sup>, full award budgets have been approved for providers as well, several invoices have been submitted/processed since contract execution
  - i. **Ending the HIV Epidemic Funding** - The following projects are continuing in FY2022:
    - a. Social media campaigns (Pride, Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month focused campaigns)
    - 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
    - g. Peer Navigator program
  - j. Ending the Epidemic Plan update:
    - a. Currently developing plan to engage community in late fall/early winter to provide updates to Ending the Epidemic Plan progress, coordinating with several EHE funded entities in the region
  - k. Ryan White FY2023 Non-Compete Continuation (NCC) Report released, due October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

### **Administrative Report – Z. Levar**

- Integrated Plan in full swing, wrapping up Affinity groups, designed to address HIV and prevention goals over the next five years using objectives and strategies to inform the overall integrated plan. May engage the larger group later.
- Currently revising our QI plan and assisting CLC with the Linkage to Care checklist pilot project.
- The next Prevention Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 7, 2022, from 4-5:30 pm.
- Part A contracts now amended to reflect the full award. Beginning year, we operated with partial, got full award in June, and now have all full awards, budgets approved, and getting all invoices in from March through July.
- EtHE – Working on plan to engage the community and fully implementing the program. Looking to get other agencies who get funding to work with us to create an agenda and engage the community by late fall, early winter.
- Ryan White FY2023 Non-Compete Continuation (NCC) Report was released, due October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022, as we switched to a three-year cycle, non-compete cycle which is a shorter summary of what we do, but still compliant with HRSA.

### **Fiscal Report – Z. Levar**

Budgets approved, good Mar-April, still doing additions. Reallocation in November, goal for first six months of the year up to date, now half way through. Expenditures: 73% core, 26% support, goal 75% core and 25% support.

**\*Comment: C. Droster** – Can we provide an update about HRSA and the three-year process.

**\*Response: Z. Levar** - HRSA switched to a three-year cycle, instead of a fluctuating award where, during PSRA we usually make funding decisions speculating we would get a 5% increase. HRSA now switched and capped us with a max application amount. Therefore, we decided not to do our allocations based on the pretense that we will get a 5% increase, and we removed that column on our scenario spreadsheet and will act with the real money we have. This makes things more real and not fluctuating on money that does not really exist.

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### **Medicaid Update – A. Thomas**

Medicaid applications, now 2,600 pending in Cuyahoga and we are doing a good job processing more than 87% timely and under the 45-day requirements. No current updates on the public health emergency ending, it will not expire Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, and we will continue operating beyond that October date. Managed Care options continue with the next stage of care, as choices are now available during open enrollment through Nov 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. As a domino effect of open enrollment, there will now be a new, sole pharmacy provider, Gainwell. This transition will begin October 1, 2022. With Medicaid providers and the transition of systems, from MITS to PNM (Primary Network Management), trainings will take place for using that system before it goes live. All trainings are available on the ODM website for understanding the primary network system. For info on registering, contact me.

**\*Question: S. Harris** – Is this the case managers responsibility?

**\*Response: A. Thomas** - Yes, believe it will be for case managers but may look different on each end.

**\*Comment: C. Nicholls** – This is primarily a new filing system to pay claims, etc.

**\*Question: N. O’Neal** - Can they mail people their meds, is that an option?

**\*Response: A. Thomas** – No answer, but will find out and get back on that.

**\*Comment: J. McMinn** - it looks to be people who make decisions, not particularly a pharmacy.

**\*Question: - J. Stevenson** - Is Gainwell like an administrative pharmacy source?

**\*Response: C. Nicholls** - New Medicaid cards will still have plans, Gainwell will make decisions about pharmacies.

**\*Question: C. Droster** - Will they limit types of prescriptions?

**\*Response: A. Thomas** – Not certain, but will get back with updates.

### **Ryan White Part B Update – K. Ruiz**

We approved our pharmacy benefit manager for 2022. The RW database switch over locked some out of the system at ODH, but we are working to move through things. Look out for emails on the Integrated Plan Affinity groups and reach out to Kate Shumate on next steps. The RW HIV Conference is next week, please register online and last, all ADAP coordinators are now accepting Medicaid.

**\*Question: N. O’Neal** - Will Part B align with Part A with once a year applications?

**\*Response: K. Ruiz** - We are working to develop a program to make that change and it may take about ten months. We still accept applications but cannot align with those policies yet. Technically, it should only be once a year.

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

We did an extension of contracts, 90 days for the HOPWA and CDBG program, so there is no delay in contracts going out this year and all contracts processed in a timely fashion. In September, we will have contracts and all will be well for the rest of the program year. The annual report to HUD is due EOM and we are working on that now.

### **Planning Council Operations-**

#### **Monthly Progress Report from HRSA Project Officer – S. Harris, K. Dennis**

We had a positive call this month with the P.O. (Project Officer). We reported the work with CLC on the excellent response to the consumer survey, how they are looking at feedback to help them draft a response and thank people who participated. We also reported on the progress of the PSRA workgroup and their work done on reallocation strategies. We talked about membership, now vetting three new applicants with two interviews completed, and that we are pleased with a good group of candidates. Last, we discussed how Quality is scheduling another deep dive for a service category, and that council agreed to remain meeting virtually. She also asked if our PC prioritized every service category, as some councils do not and we informed her that we did. We also talked about the HIV AIDS conference for August 23<sup>rd</sup> and that it is virtual this year.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Community Liaison Committee (CLC) – F. Ross**

We discussed things related to issues of PLWH and we reviewed the final consumer survey results.

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### **Strategy & Finance (S&F) – C. Droster**

We discussed moving our PCAT to October and doing reallocations in November. We also had the AEAM presentation, talked about the new, three-year grant cycle, the semi-annual date for CLC presentations, and agreed that the workgroup will resume in February of next year.

### **Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – K. Dennis**

We discussed reflectiveness, three new recruits and their interview dates, the last one set for Aug 22, 2022.

### **Quality Improvement (QI) – J. McMinn**

We met today, great meeting, well attended, based on the CLC survey and other data, QI chose to deep dive, simultaneously, into Mental Health and Psycho-Social service categories, as these stuck out in surveys where many commented on isolation and social disconnections. We will look at ways to provide improvement on these things for clients. We also reviewed the Integrated Plan and will dive more into that as the state progresses.

### **HIV Prevention (Prevention) – C. Barnett**

We discussed topics that we want to focus on, as the co-chairs and Brandy will meet to decide formats and help structure things more to see how to proceed. The next meeting is September 7, 2022 from 4-5:30 pm.

### **Public Comments**

**B. Gayheart** – Currently experiencing a medical situation (diagnosed with prostate cancer), asking to be kept in your thoughts during this process over the next few months. Being absent from PC is the most challenging, as it has always been my goal to be tops in attendance.

### **Announcements**

K. Dennis – The Ministry of Hope is sponsoring an upcoming Women's Healing Weekend retreat, October 7-9, 2022 at Hiram House Camp. A bus will be available for pickup. To register: [www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-healing-weekend-tickets-381048064017](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-healing-weekend-tickets-381048064017). For more info contact: Kimberlin Dennis (216) 374-3980 or Halima Grant (216) 246-8339.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** C. Barnett

**Seconded:** K. Dennis

### **Attendance**

	<b>Planning Council Members</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June PSRA</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
1	<b>Kimberlin Dennis – Co-Chair</b>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
2	<b>Brian Kimball – Co-Chair</b>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
3	<b>Christy Nicholls- Co-Chair</b>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
4	Clifford Barnett	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
5	Uleta Carter	20	20	20	20	0	0	0			
6	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
7	Michael Deighan	20	20	20	20	0	20	0			
8	Clinton Droster	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
9	Billy Gayheart	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			

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10	Brenda Glass	20	20	0	0	20	20	0			
11	Barbara Gripshover, MD	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
12	Deairius Houston	20	20	20	20	20	20	0			
13	Bryan Jones	0	20	20	0	20	20	0			
14	LeAnder Lovett	20	20	20	20	0	20	20			
15	Tina Marbury	20	20	20	0	20	20	20			
16	Jeffrey Mazo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
17	Jason McMinn	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
18	Naimah O'Neal	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
19	Julie Patterson	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
20	Faith Ross	20	20	20	20	0	0	20			
21	Karla Ruiz	20	20	20	20	20	0	20			
22	Peter Scardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
23	William Simpson	20	0	0	0	0	0	0			
24	David Smith	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
25	James Stevenson	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
26	Anthony Thomas				20	20	20	20			
27	Joye Toombs	20	20	20	20	20	0	0			
28	Robert Watkins	20	20	20	20	20	0	0			
29	Stephanice Washington	0	20	20	0	20	0	0			
30	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	20	20	20	20	20	20	0			
	<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>			

PC Attendees: K. Rodas, M. Jackson-Rollins

Staff: M. Kolenz, J. Mills, M. Baker, Z. Levar, A. Hardy, B. Lutz, S. Harris, T. Mallory