

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties
Kimberlin Dennis, Brian Kimball, Christy Nicholls, Co-Chairs



Full Planning Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Start: 5:35 pm

End: 6:37 pm

Co-Chair: K. Dennis

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."

Approval of Agenda: September 21, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: F. Ross

Seconded: J. Citerman-Kraeger

In Favor: All

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Approval of the Minutes: August 17, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: C. Barnett

Seconded: F. Ross

In Favor:

Opposed: 0

Abstained: B. Glass

FLU & COVID-19 UPDATE

Brian Kimball, Interim Director, City of Cleveland

To date, there are 143 Covid cases, per 100,000 in Cleveland reported, averaging over 600 new cases, down from the original average. For vaccinations, 66% overall have received at least one dose.

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

For monkeypox, there are 130 cases in Cuyahoga County, half are in Cleveland, 67% African American, 86% men, and it seems cases have decreased. There is also a new study for a drug that was approved for smallpox, found safe in humans, that is being made available on an expanded protocol for people with severe monkeypox.

***Question: S. Harris** - What is severe?

***Response: Dr. Gripshover** - Mostly for having encephalitis, throat or swallowing issues, or severe rectal pain.

***Comment: Z. Levar** - CCBH is setting up clinics in locations to reach those most in need of monkeypox vaccines and continuing a standing clinic on Tuesday mornings. Here is the link to sign up for a MPX vaccine at Cleveland Heights Community Center or CCBH <https://cuyahogamonkeypoxvaccine.timetap.com/>.

***Question: B. Jones** - Where are the most concentrated efforts going and will they ever release that info?

***Response: Z. Levar** - They do intend to release that info when more updates come.

Recipient Report – September 2022 -Planning Council – Z. Levar

1. Recipient Report
 - a. ODH State Integrated Plan – Statewide meeting to share affinity group goals to be held Thursday Sept 29th at 9:00 am.
 - 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. **(PC Directive)** Cultural Competency for Dental Providers – held 9/20/22 in coordination with AETC
 - b. Stigma Training - TBA
 - e. Part A Medical Case Manager Network Meeting - next quarterly meeting to be held 10/18/2022

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- f. CCBH submitted Ryan White Program Services Report (RSR) in March 2022 to comply with data reporting requirements of HRSA – currently conducting monthly data checks to prepare for CY2022 submission
- g. **Part A Funding** – 11 of 14 providers have been brought up to date through July, working with remaining 3 to be brought up to date
- h. **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
- i. FY2022 Monitoring – Part A office has resumed onsite monitoring visits for the first time since pre-COVID, will share outcome summary with PC at conclusion of visits
- j. Ryan White FY2023 Non-Compete Continuation (NCC) Report released, due October

Administrative Report – Z. Levar

- For the Integrated Plan, we began meeting monthly, with upwards of 100 people on the call, discussing what they wanted to accomplish with this plan. Over the summer, we broke out into nine Affinity groups that focused on specific subject matters with goals to put into the plan. A re-engagement meeting is now set for next Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., during which, they will go over goals that came out of these groups.
- Trainings – We completed the PC cultural competency directive for dental providers. It was a great training and all the providers attended, including a former provider, and we hope to get an evaluation form back.
- Part A funding – We got our full RW award later than normal, in June. We spent late July-Aug getting caught up with invoices from providers and should be able to have full scope of where we stand by allocation in November.
- For monitoring, we previously did in-person, annual Part A monitoring but, due to Covid, have had extensions. We have now started back in-person in August and will continue with thru Dec. This is a way for us to review how providers are doing, if meeting requirements or have lapses, and to ensure services are done in the way intended.
- The RW non-compete grant is due on Oct 3rd for our FY2023 funds, and we are on pace to submit it next week.
- We received the Part A carryover request, so we will pull 5% from previous year which is about \$42,000. This funding is to be used for Outpatient Ambulatory Health (OAHS) and Psychosocial services, but if not needed when we get to reallocation, we will present recommendations on where to put those funds.

Fiscal Report – Z. Levar

FY2022 Part A Grant: Current Expenditure split - 74.49% Core - 25.51% Support; Expenses are at 29.46% for 5 months (41.67% target)

We are where we want to be currently and by end of September everything should be in and will have good scope to focus in reallocation. For allocation, we have an 85/19.5 split and the last invoices should be close to the 80/20 split we designed. We also have served about 2,400 clients and expect to get to 3,300.

Medicaid Update – A. Thomas – none

Ryan White Part B Update – K. Ruiz

- The Part B monitoring season has started.
- The monthly jail workgroup has started and we are looking at Butler County first. If interested in participating, contact: karla.ruiz@odh.ohio.gov for the Jail workgroup info.
- For STI's, syphilis is still going strong, we encourage people in communities to be tested and to be safe, even if on treatment medication.
- For the Integrated Plan, if anyone would like further info, please reach out.
- *Question:** What again is a PBP (pharmacy benefit plan)?
- *Response:** K. Ruiz – It is CVS, our pharmacy contractor under the state, which was just announced in July.
- *Question:** B. Jones - Are they doing cross referencing with HIV and STI cases and is there any data on that?

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***Response: K. Ruiz** – Not sure, but we will reach out on those numbers.

***Comment: B. Jones** – There used to be secondary prevention, which was education dollars to help PLWH, now with Covid, not seeing those programs. We may assume they are available, but that is not the case.

***Response: K. Ruiz** - We have funds towards training, we are fully-staffed, and have an HIV trainer in charge of coordinating that. There is also different funding for training, as we want a red ribbon series that talks about HIV experiences with case managers included. Hopefully we can now get that started.

***Question: D. Houston** - Will dollars come to help agencies test for syphilis?

***Response: K. Ruiz** – Not sure, but there was massive funding that came through and will see what is being done.

***Question: A. Forbes** – Will we be driving patients to CVS for prescription drugs?

***Response: K. Ruiz** – It has been going on for a while and there should not be any change. Going forward, CVS is the big entity needed and that will be used on that contract, rather than mom and pop agencies.

***Comment: A. Forbes** – That may hinder mom and pop places from competing to provide drug services.

***Comment: S. Harris** - From that perspective, ODH is trying to make sure all clients can access medications, but client satisfaction and such things are something to consider.

***Comment: J. McMinn** – Agree. CVS contract meds are determined by ODH, so as a PBM (pharmacy benefit manager), not a traditional pharmacy operation, they have to follow certain guidelines and are not powered to say which meds are or are not covered.

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

Our contracts should be complete in the next few days. We are trying to make them not have a carryover, so we are awaiting approval for a 12-month contract.

Planning Council Operations-

Monthly Progress Report from HRSA Project Officer - S. Harris

We reported on each committee. One comment was whether CLC had approved two letters, one for consumers and one for case managers, and if the results of the survey would be posted for clients to review. The P.O. was pleased with PC's progress, gave good recommendations, and advised us to post the CLC survey results to the RW website soon as possible. She was also pleased with S&F improving the priority process and for completing and prioritizing every category. We also informed her of MRM's vetting process for the three new PC candidates, and that they would be presented today for final vote. We also talked about the deep dives QI will be doing for mental health and psychosocial categories, and the update Prevention committee received on the MPX vaccine. Overall, it was very good feedback.

New PC Candidates – S. Harris

Thanks to all the interview panelists: Joye, Naimah, Clifford, and Billy, and thanks to our three new candidates, Biffy Aguriano, Daytona Harris, and Anthony Thomas for their time and participation in the vetting process. These three candidates will soon confirm mandatory slots for: Unaffiliated, Non-aligned PLWH (Biffy), Part C rep (Daytona), and Part B Medicaid rep (Anthony).

Comments from Interview Panelists:

N. O'Neal - Before Biffy was a candidate, she showed a great level of commitment, and it was more of an enjoyable conversation than an interview.

C. Barnett - Daytona is a seasoned case manager who works with younger and older people in the community, and is interested in becoming involved in HIV efforts, as a whole.

S. Harris - Anthony was very knowledgeable and the first candidate we interviewed. He also works with clients that may potentially be eligible for RW services.

J. Toombs – Anthony was more than eager to get going, expressed interest in doing the work, and has already proven to be a great candidate for PC.

K. Dennis - With his educational background and expertise, Anthony would be a great asset to PC.

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Adjournment

Motion: All

Seconded: N. O’Neal

Attendance

	Planning Council Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Kimberlin Dennis – Co-Chair	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
2	Brian Kimball – Co-Chair	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
3	Christy Nicholls- Co-Chair	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
4	Clifford Barnett	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
5	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
6	Michael Deighan	20	20	20	20	0	20	0	20		
7	Clinton Droster	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
8	Billy Gayheart	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
9	Brenda Glass	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	20		
10	Barbara Gripshover, MD	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
11	Deairius Houston	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	20		
12	Bryan Jones	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	20		
13	LeAnder Lovett	20	20	20	20	0	20	20	20		
14	Tina Marbury	20	20	20	0	20	20	20	20		
15	Jeffrey Mazo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
16	Jason McMinn	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
17	Naimah O’Neal	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
18	Julie Patterson	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
19	Faith Ross	20	20	20	20	0	0	20	20		
20	Karla Ruiz	20	20	20	20	20	0	20	20		
21	Peter Scardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
22	William Simpson	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
23	David Smith	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
24	James Stevenson	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20		
25	Anthony Thomas				20	20	20	20	0		
26	Joye Toombs	20	20	20	20	20	0	0	20		
27	Stephanice Washington	0	20	20	0	20	0	0	0		
28	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	20		
	Total in Attendance	26	27	26	23	23	21	18	23		

PC Attendees: K. Hill, A. Forbes, A. Rollins, K. Cloud

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