

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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

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Full Planning Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Start: 5:36 pm

End: 6:40 pm

Co-Chair: B. Kimball

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: October 19, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: J. Citerman-Kraeger Seconded: L. Yarbrough-Franklin

In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of the Minutes: September 21, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: C. Barnett Seconded: T. Marbury

In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

FLU & COVID-19 UPDATE

Brian Kimball, Interim Director, City of Cleveland

For Covid update, City of Cleveland current reported, 266 new cases, which is 69 new case per 100,000. This number may not be accurate, as it does not include unreported home tests. For the increase in 35% of new cases, Cleveland's average age was 60. We remind all that October is best time to get Covid boosters and flu shots and you can receive at the same time.

***Question: S. Harris** – Are there cases of extreme sickness?

***Response: B. Kimball** – No huge increases in hospitalization now, may be uptick in fall/winter months.

For Moneypox, there were 143 cases in Cuyahoga County, 58 outside the City of Cleveland, and 95 in the City of Cleveland. From last month when there were 130 cases, the numbers have declined and reflect mostly males, majority black males that count for 98% or 133 of the total 143 cases.

***Question: A. Rollins** - Are they figuring out the omicron variances?

***Response: B. Kimball** – Yes, but there are multiple variants out and data has not been broken down.

Dr. Barbara Gripshover, M.D., Immunology Medical Director, University Hospitals - None

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

1. Recipient Report
 - a. ODH State Integrated Plan – Shared affinity group goal draft on 9/29, taking feedback through 10/31, follow up meeting to finalize on 11/17
 - 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 held 10/18/2022, topics to include resource inventory and referral processes

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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** – received reallocation requests from providers, will put together recommendations for November S&F meeting
- 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 submitted on 9/28
- k. RFPs released for Direct services FY2023/FY2024 and for Planning Council Facilitation and Management: <https://www.ccbh.net/rfgs/>

Administrative Report – Z. Levar

- Statewide Integrated Plan (SIP) monthly update: The goals for the Affinity Group was drafted and will be shared with the wider group on Sept 29, 2022. Kate Shumate and her team are taking feedback through Oct 31st. If there are edits/suggestions, submit them before EOM, as the team plans to finalize things before the Nov 17th meeting.
- The Quarterly Case Manager's Meeting was yesterday where they group discussed sharing different resources and improving the referral process. There was a lot of good info shared and we will continue these conversations.
- Part A funding – Currently all requests have been received from providers and we have now begun the reallocation cycle. This is where we look at mid-point spending and ask providers where they are across different categories, and then package this for recommendation to S&F committee before proposal to full PC in November.
- In September, we submitted the non-compete application to continue our funding. We have not received feedback, but should be good for the upcoming FY 2023 grant year.
- Two RFP's (request for funding proposals) released, for direct services and PC facilitator for 2023-24 grant year.

Fiscal Report – Z. Levar

FY2022 Part A Grant: Current Expenditure split - 78.68% Core - 21.32% Support, Expenses are at 45.87% for 6 months (50% target)

In October, we received invoices for September. For August through March, all invoices have been received, marking the six-month period in which we are on track in spending. A couple over-utilized services, oral health and med transportation, will be reviewed to see what changes occurred in these categories. With med transportation, it appears mostly due to present times with things now more expensive. As we do not want transportation to become a barrier, we are asking providers to use this much as possible, but we may look to S&F if we need to add.

***Question: C. Droster** – Any idea of clients served in oral health?

***Response: Z. Levar** - It was roughly 10-15 procedures, but we will provide better update at next meeting.

***Comment: S. Harris** – As mentioned, transport may be due to more injection treatments, this may need review.

***Question: C. Droster** – Why no dollar amount for home health care and home-based services?

***Response: Z. Levar** – It's a contracting thing. We'll have to await full award before dollar amount can be given.

Medicaid Update – A. Thomas

- Cuyahoga County currently has just over 3,700 applications, being processed at a 80-82% timeliness rate.
- We were informed Monday that the Covid public health emergency will be extended through the remainder of the year, and we will await further updates into 2023.
- The next generation for Medicaid began Oct 1, 2022. The highlight is that all Medicare recipients will receive a new Medicaid card for whichever entity they choose, and they will all look similar.
- We are having a community partner conversation, tomorrow, Oct 20th and next Tuesday, Oct 25th. If interested, send an email and we'll connect you with the outreach team.

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***Question: N. O'Neal** - How long can a person be on straight Medicaid before getting assigned to an HMO?

***Response: A. Thomas** – Through Covid emergency, we weren't able to continue Medicaid, but open enrollment now going on, so if they want to choose a new entity, they can reach out to **Medicaid hotline: 1-800-324-8680**.

***Comment: S. Harris** - Thought selecting an HMO was an option not a requirement.

***Response: N. O'Neal** - They want people to be with a provider not straight Medicaid.

***Comment: C. Nicholls** – The County isn't involved with managed care, but that is correct on service plans. Now with open enrollment and changes in care plans, anyone who was new to Medicaid and would have gone to a managed care plan will not go on a plan until Dec 1st.

***Question: S. Harris** - If they don't choose by open enrollment, will they be assigned?

***Response: C. Nicholls** – Correct.

***Question: B. Glass** - If a person didn't receive a new card, how to guide them?

***Response: C. Nicholls** – Their Medicaid billing number will still work, but have them call Medicaid hotline number to make sure we have their correct address to receive information. The new card also has their pharmacy info, which is Gainwell, except for MyCare-Ohio and Fee-for-Service clients.

***Question: C. Barnett** - With over 3,700 applications, what is the time range to get them processed?

***Response: A. Thomas** – Forty-five days is considered timely and what we are afforded by the State.

***Question: J. Stevenson** – Will the cards for Medicaid automatically be mailed?

***Response: A. Thomas** - Yes, they will mail out, but make sure addresses are correct so they get to right locations.

Ryan White Part B Update – K. Ruiz

- Open enrollment Medicaid Part B, begins Nov 18th

- The Jail Workgroup met last month and went over what can be done. We now have a great opportunity to work with jails. If interested, the next meeting is tomorrow at 9:00.

- Syphilis numbers continue to rise so we encourage all to be tested.

- The Statewide Integrated Plan is on track and due out Dec 9th. All suggestions due by end of October, as goals will be shared with PC at the November 16th PC meeting and December 17th with the Statewide Integrated Plan group. If any questions, please feel free to contact Kate Shumate at Katherine.shumate@odh.ohio.gov or 614-980-8172.

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

We are still finalizing contracts, as there are always issues getting them executed.

Planning Council Operations-

Monthly Progress Report from HRSA Project Officer (P.O.) – S. Harris

The call was cancelled by the P.O. for this month.

Committee Reports

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

We met last week and discussed trying to work with Strategy & Finance on ways to engage other consumers. We are also looking at education ideas, and we talked about having a jam session to express frustrations or needs of PLWH so we can bring this back to PC for input on how we can address.

Strategy & Finance (S&F) – C. Droster

In committee we discussed suggestions about having informative TV videos in waiting rooms as a way to reach out to PLWH, looking at ways to ensure social workers are more educated on RW services, we discussed housing services for aging PLWH, and reviewed the S&F and PSRA work plans.

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

We met Oct 5th and primarily reviewed new member orientation changes and updates and we went over the new member recruitment process. We also discussed having training for new co-chairs and agreed to have a special exec committee meeting on Nov 16th to focus on planning council co-chair roles and responsibilities.

Quality Improvement (QI) – J. McMinn

We met this afternoon with our first discussion on the deep dive into mental health and psychosocial services. The idea behind the dive is to come up with suggestions and creative ideas to deal with feelings of loneliness and isolation some experienced during the pandemic. In addition, we discussed looking into areas affecting the aging population and people experiencing trauma, with the goal to see what's needed, what HRSA will allow, and what we can refer to the recipient.

HIV Prevention (Prevention) – D. Houston

Our last meeting was last Sept 7, 2022. We received updates from Brandy on funding cycles and what RFP's were being released, a DIS (disease intervention specialist) update, and Epi (Ending the HIV Epidemic) staff changes and new director. The monkey pox percentage rates, which have stayed steady, went up only a little, and there was a long discussion on those most at risk, and making the vaccine more accessible to them. Also, Rebecca, from the Aids Task Force (ATF), spoke on numerous things and events they are doing to try and engage the youth. The next and last meeting of the year is, Wednesday, Dec 7, 2022 from 4-5:30 pm.

Public Comments

N. O'Neal – Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) is having a World Aids Day Community Gathering & Forum event, on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a reception, with info tables and appetizers, followed by dinner and a program. They are asking people to host info tables and we would like to host one for PC to recruit people who show up, as people living with HIV (PLWH) definitely will attend. They will also announce the winner of the Marilyn Kuczynski Faith & Strength Award at this event.

B. Gayheart - Officially having cancer surgery tomorrow to remove a tumor, please keep me in thoughts & prayers.

K. Dennis – The Women's Healing Weekend was very successful and had a great turn out.

Announcements

C. Droster – November reallocation is next month. We invite all PC members to join S&F on Nov 2nd at 1:00 pm.

S. Harris - New Member Orientation/ongoing training is at MRM meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at 2:30 p.m.

J. Patterson – The Marilyn Kuczynski Faith nominations are still open to all. They are looking for more nominees.

Adjournment

Motion: F. Ross

Seconded: J. Stevenson

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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	20	
2	Brian Kimball – Co-Chair	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
3	Christy Nicholls- Co-Chair	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
4	Clifford Barnett	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
5	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
6	Michael Deighan	20	20	20	20	0	20	0	20	20	
7	Clinton Droster	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
8	Billy Gayheart	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
9	Brenda Glass	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	20	20	
10	Barbara Gripshover, MD	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	
11	Deairius Houston	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	20	20	
12	Bryan Jones	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	20	0	
13	LeAnder Lovett	20	20	20	20	0	20	20	20	20	
14	Tina Marbury	20	20	20	0	20	20	20	20	20	
15	Jeffrey Mazo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16	Jason McMinn	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
17	Naimah O'Neal	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
18	Julie Patterson	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
19	Faith Ross	20	20	20	20	0	0	20	20	20	
20	Karla Ruiz	20	20	20	20	20	0	20	20	20	
21	Peter Scardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
22	William Simpson	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
23	David Smith	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	
24	James Stevenson	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
25	*Anthony Thomas				20	20	20	20	0	20	
26	Joye Toombs	20	20	20	20	20	0	0	20	0	
27	Stephanice Washington	0	20	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	
28	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	20	20	
29	*Biffy Aguriano										
30	*Daytona Harris									20	
	Total in Attendance	26	27	26	23	23	21	18	23	21	

PC Attendees: A. Rollins, M. Jackson-Rollins, A. Forbes, L. Catania, K. Hill

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