

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

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## **Full Planning Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

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

**Start:** 5:35 pm

**End:** 6:48 pm

**Co-Chair:** C. Nicholls

### **Moment of Reflection**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Approval of Agenda: January 18, 2023**

##### **Addendum:**

Motion: F. Ross

Seconded: J. Citerman-Kraeger

In Favor: All

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

#### **Approval of the Minutes: November 16, 2022**

##### **Addendum:**

Motion: J. Stevenson

Seconded: F. Ross

In Favor: 20

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1 -M. Deighan

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

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

From recent reports, there has been a decline over the last two weeks. While reported cases may not be the most accurate, we recommend continuing to be vigilant, wash hands, get vaccinated, and when in close contacts, wear masks. Flu rates are down, with a total of 20 new cases this week, but down as well. No reported case for Mpx in the last six weeks and we continue to offer vaccines at both clinics.

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

We are getting the same data. Both Covid and flu rates are down, but 2-3% are testing positive for Covid, so it is still around. Be mindful of handwashing, large crowds, and consider getting the Covid, bivalent vaccine, which protects against the original strain, the omicron strain, it has better activity than omicron strain, and it decreases chances of getting hospitalized.

### **Recipient Report – January 2023 – Planning Council**

1. Recipient Report
  - a. ODH State Integrated Plan – Integrated Plan submitted by ODH and Ohio Part As (Columbus/Cleveland) in December 2022. Currently queued for review by HRSA/CDC
  - b. Clinical Quality Management Committee- Working to re-launch committee in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2023
  - c. CCBH HIV Services Newsletter released on 12/6/2022 (Ryan White's birthday)
  - 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 1/17/23
  - 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** – All contracts that received adjusted funds through reallocation were executed in the month of December.
  - 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

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- 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 – All site visits have been completed, sub-recipients are working through Corrective Action Plan submission, if applicable
- j. RFPs – Closed RFP cycle for PC Facilitation and Direct Service provision in December, currently in review cycle for both throughout duration of January.

### **Administrative Report – M. Baker**

- Integrated Plan now complete, plans for next five years sent to ODH early Dec, now in review phase.
- The newsletter went out Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, also Ryan White's birthday. Thanks to all for contributing to this.
- Currently working on annual report, cleaning sub-recipient data for manual prep, to be done by March.
- Part A funding went through a smooth reallocation process in November, good job done on getting approvals and contracts out, and money now in community for use.
- Sub-Recipient monitoring complete, reports sent to agencies, now working on corrective action plans to ensure solutions are good and sustainable.
- RFP's for PC facilitator and direct services done, now waiting to wrap up.
- Notice was received on a partial award this year, expected in next couple weeks.
- Shout out to the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EtHE) team efforts in CCBH's HIV criminalization statement.
- CQM is working on gathering info for new QI projects and we will update in the second and third quarter.
- We also conducted a provider dental training and now looking to address stigma possibly in April.

### **Fiscal Report – M. Baker**

**FY2022 Part A Grant: Current Exp. split - 78.71% Core - 21.29% Support, Exp. at 62.9% for 8 mos. (66.67% target)**

This is the current info through November. After we work through invoices, we will give a more thorough account.

**\*Question: A. Forbes** – If omicron is an issue, will there be a follow up process?

**\*Response: M. Baker** - Yes, each agency requiring corrective action plans have been notified if approved and should hear back w/in 30 days. We may also do in-person follow up or implement something if not serious.

**\*Question: A. Forbes** – Can we get breakdown of ODAP cases from CCF, those transferred out to access points?

**\*Response: Z. Levar** – We'd have to coordinate with the state, as we don't hold that info. With lapses we see that info and appreciate agencies putting up slack for those vacancies.

**\*Question: J. Patterson** – For services still unmet, will they bail out?

**\*Response: M. Baker** – Won't speculate, as we haven't signed off for Dec invoices yet.

### **Medicaid Update – A. Thomas**

Before New Year, Gov. Dewine approved spending bill which separated continuous coverage for Medicaid, as they are no longer tied to the pandemic after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Not sure how this will look for Ohio, but more info will come.

The COVID Emergency Declaration is scheduled to end in April, so April renewals will begin March 1<sup>st</sup> and start going out. Clients who get them must return to them to JFS agencies, or their benefits will discontinue April 30<sup>th</sup>.

For SNAP update, we had allotments that raised food assistance, but that will stop at the end of Feb. As this is a federal change, regular allotments will resume beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also hosting community forums in the afternoon of Jan 24<sup>th</sup> and the morning of Jan 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

- We officially started the jail pilot. Policy clarification 1802M says HIV meds can be covered for those in jail system.
  - HIV, formerly with infectious diseases, is now separate as HIV, STI, and viral Hepatitis
  - The Integrated Plan implementation groups start in February. If on the list, you will receive invites.
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### **HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for PLWHA) Update – J. Citerman-Kraeger**

The HOPWA site visits are commencing in a week. We are now starting our RFP's and will keep you updated.

### **Planning Council Operations-**

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

We talked about the consumer needs assessment CLC is working on to collect data. For S&F, we reported the resource allocation workgroup efforts, approved the PSRA work plan, and will conclude the PSRA process on June 20, 2024. For MRM, we reported now looking to recruit youth and Latino males. The QI committee is doing a deep dive into mental health/psychosocial support, and we reported expression of interest letters sent out for co-chairs for QI, S&F, and Prevention.

### **Vote on 2023-24 Meetings Schedule**

**Motion: To Approve the Planning Council 2023-24 Meetings Schedule, as written.**

Motion: F. Ross

Seconded: J. Patterson

Vote For: All

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

*Motion passes.*

### **Expressions of Interest for Co-Chairs- S. Harris**

If interested, let us know as we would like to select by the Feb 15<sup>th</sup> PC meeting. Eligibility for all co-chair positions, S&F, QI, and Prevention, is that a person must be an official, County-appointed Planning Council member for both S&F and QI. You need to have an application on file to participate in the HIV prevention committee to be considered for co-chair of HIV Prevention, however, the HIV Prevention Co-chair do not have to be appointed by the County Executive.

**\*Question: B. Jones** – When does exec co-chair position come available, it may be an agenda item to be facilitated by the new Planning Council Technical support?

**\*Response: S. Harris** – That should be addressed after the vacant co-chair seats are filled. Unlike the Executive co-chairs appointed to the County and the Mayor of the City of Cleveland, the PLWH Executive Co-chair position, currently held by Kimberlin, must be represented by a PLWH who is open about their HIV status. As a PLWH, this co-chair serves as the back-up and stands-in as chair of any subcommittees in the absence of the subcommittee co-chair; represents PLWH across the TGA community overall in the public on behalf of the Planning Council. The PLWH Executive co-chair is elected by the appointed members of the Planning Council in a confidential vote, tallied and managed by Planning Council Support staff. Every Planning Council member with a current term that was appointed by the Cuyahoga County Executive has one (1) vote. Any current member PLWH appointed by the County Executive may express an interest and ask for Planning Council members vote to serve as the PLWH Executive Co-chair.

**\*Question: J. Patterson** – Does subcommittee co-chair positions have term limits, or step down?

**\*Response: S. Harris** – Yes, terms limits also apply to co-chairs, as with the normal appointment term. A term as co-chair expires when the individual's term on the Planning Council expires. However, our Bylaws allow flexibility so that a member who fills a mandatory membership category can remain on the council until a replacement can be appointed to fill their vacant membership slot.

In addition, our Bylaws also identify those mandatory membership categories that are exempt from term limits. This applies to the mandatory membership categories for Part B, C, D and a Federally Qualified Health Center. Also, it is preferred that one (1) member of each committee's co-chair team is a PLWH. It is not mandatory but preferred. The current term limits is: an initial three-years, immediately followed by an appointment to another three-years term, then there must be a one-year break required after two (2) consecutive 3-year terms or six (6) years of service, before re-applying, which during this time, your name is removed as an official PC member and you cannot vote. However, you can still continue to participate in meetings, as an attendee.

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**CLC – N. O’Neal** - Last meeting on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, we approved the schedule for the year, talked on updating the consumer survey by adding 3 additional questions help more with priority setting. Hopefully, this will enhance the survey to help identify what communities survey respondent represent, and questions about HIV aging and the services need by PLWH as they age. We also looked at other topics of interest people have and talked on doing an in-person community forum in an outlying community. If you can attend CLC, we welcome input.

**MRM – B. Gayheart** - We met Jan 4<sup>th</sup> and went over PC reflectiveness and what is needed to be compliant. One thing noted was the need to recruit more youth, males, and Latinos as our focus. We also reviewed the open nomination process and training plan for 2023.

**Prevention – D. Houston** –Met Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, and received an Mpox update from CCBH Epidemiologist, Clarence Williams, Prevention updates from HIV Prevention Program Manager, Melissa Kolenz, program highlights from Rickey Lewis of Project Safe, recognized Silver B, a great advocate in HIV who recently passed, and approved our 2023 work plan. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 1, 2023, from 4-5:30 p.m.

**N. O'Neal** – Upcoming webinar Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, noon to 1:00 pm., sponsored by “We Think 4 A Change,” recognizing HIV awareness day. Anyone from agency or a PLWH, out with their status, send a pic, note the date of year born or died and send to me. We are creating a musical tribute to those people and would like info by Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Adjournment

## Attendance

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

PC Attendees: A. Rollins, A. Forbes, D. Black, R. Watkins,

Staff: M. Baker, Z. Levar, Tiffany (CCBH), S. Harris, T. Mallory