

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

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

**Deairius Houston, Chair**



## **HIV Prevention Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

**4:00 pm to 5:30 pm**

**Start:** 4:00 pm

**End:** 5:27 pm

**Facilitator:** D. Houston

**Moment of Silence**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of Agenda: December 7, 2022**

**Addendum:**

Motion: L. Cornell      Seconded: K. Dennis

Vote: In Favor: All      Opposed: 0      Abstained: 0

**Approval of the Minutes: September 7, 2022**

Motion: J. Patterson      Seconded: K. Dennis

Vote: In Favor: All      Opposed: 0      Abstained: 0

### **Mpox Update – Clarence Williams, Epidemiologist, Cuyahoga County Board of Health**

This is the latest information, based on preliminary data, constantly being updated.

Currently, there are 98 new cases, a 42% decrease from 2021, with 42% being 30 years of age and under and the largest incidences African American. The 2022 Mpox Coinfection Epi Summary shows: Fifty (50) mpox cases within CCBH jurisdiction, 16 HIV diagnoses, 45 for syphilis, 50 for gonorrhea and/or chlamydia, and eight (8) for those infected with mpox, chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhea at the same time. Last, the CHD (City of Cleveland Health Department) led with the most infections for gonorrhea and chlamydia.

**\*Question: S. Harris** - Is this new incidences?

**\*Response: C. Williams** – Correct.

**\*Question: L. Cornell** -With new incidences, is this all in Cleveland?

**\*Response: C. Williams** – Looking at criteria analysis for multi and current STI's, CLE had more mpox.

**\*Question: S. Harris** – Why call it mpox?

**\*Response: C. Williams** - World Health Org recently changed the name in November to mpox.

**\*Comment/Question: J. Patterson** - Thanks for coming, and is there upcoming info on other zip codes?

**\*Response: C. Williams** - We will follow up later, other been doing that and will send out to group

**\*Question: L. Cornell** - What was the percentages for MSM mpox?

**\*Response: C. Williams** – We will get back on that data.

**\*Comment: L. Cornell** - In relation to flu, Medina has also seen increase in this from previous years.

**D. Houston** - Thanks Clarence, and we will look forward to update data.

### **Prevention Program Accomplishment Summary - Recipient Report – M. Kolenz**

We are currently working on putting together contracts for the continuation year, and will look at fall 2023 to be competitive again. A new DIS staff, Lori, started Monday, Lori, by spring the new DIS staff will reconvene, and we also have a new Program supervisor, Ade Alisha who has worked in infectious disease and STI Prevention for many years.

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### **Local Program Highlight - Rickey Lewis, Cleveland Treatment Center, Project Safe**

Project S.A.F.E. is the HIV/AIDS prevention education, public awareness and outreach program of the Cleveland Treatment Center. The program provides culturally sensitive and competent public awareness, education services to the Greater Cleveland Community about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Project S.A.F.E. is staffed with Prevention Specialists, Chemical Dependency Counselors, and indigenous Street and Community Outreach Workers who focus on Project S.A.F.E. street outreach through testing, CAT services, and providing outreach at community settlements, food banks, etc. In line with what we do, would like to share a story on an individual recently tested. This person who was tested, shared he was HIV positive but the test came back undetectable. However, later after the test, it showed detectable. Understanding there can always be a contagious spike can anyone offer feedback/input on this?

**\*Comment: M. Kolenz-** Maybe because antibody test show what's there but viral load test show more.

**\*Comment: D. Harris** – We have had patients that spike in viral load.

**\*Question: R. Lewis** - Are they contagious when spiking like that?

**\*Response: D. Harris** - Yes, pretty sure they are.

**\*Comment: A. Elisha** – We need to verify the undetectable screening test. If undetectable, it needs to be verified in lab blood, as the test which should be investigated is the one that shows negative.

**\*Comment: J. Patterson** – Can you expand on importance of doing testing outside 9-5 hours.

**\*Response: R. Lewis** – We test at LGBT Center is evenings until closing, for night clubs we are sometimes there all evening, at the Leather Stallion, there to 12:30pm. We also try to go out during particular events such as, Gear Night, where men come in jock strap garments as part of the gear.

**\*Question: S. Harris** - Is it a fashion show?

**\*Response: R. Lewis** - No, it's the gear for this venue.

**D. Houston** – We would like to also recognize Silver B, a great advocate in HIV who recently passed.

### **Review Committee Work Plan/Prepare 2023 Work Plan – S. Harris**

We want to review what is in line for next year for the next facilitator to have some guidelines.

1. **Review & Finalize 2023 Prevention Committee Activity Timeline (PCAT)** - Agreed to keep.
2. **Presentation & Submission of Mandatory Confirmation Forms** - In March, present, complete, and submit to recipient's office. Agreed to keep.
3. **Prevention Program Update** – This is a presentation to give updates on Prevention programs in the community and the status of Prevention grant funds, etc. – **J. Patterson** – Suggest to also get Prevention updates from the EtHE (Ending the HIV Epidemic) program side.
4. **COVID-19 Impact/Idea Sharing** – This can be changed for impact of new issues, infections, or public health emergencies with rises in STI's, and this can be done quarterly.
5. **Introduce DIS staff**- This may be done in March or ongoing to acquaint all with DIS staff. **L. Cornell** – Min. once a year and the other time maybe for a major change. **B. Eaton** –With turnover, once a year is good with the entire team in place beginning March.
6. **Review/Approve 2023 Training Calendar** – **S. Harris** – Each month we should discuss updates on topics members want to share, then work on addressing them at the next quarterly meeting. **D. Houston**- This should include training around PrEP, Apretude, and changes on what may or may not be working with Prevention efforts. **B. Eaton**- It would be good for presentations to have more plain language and still encourage utilization. Also PrEP generates a lot of conversation, so perhaps use caution placing it on the agenda. **D. Harris**- Apretude is good to discuss. **D. Houston**- Yes, this is new, younger people attract to this, and we can tailor how we want this presented. **B. Eaton** –The aim is to have less pharmaceutical speech. **M. Kolenz** - Samyell Terry is a good resource.

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7. **Office of Homelessness Presentation** – Attempts made, but group can decide how to proceed. **D. Houston** - Maybe look at NEOCH, an advocacy group that can give more in-depth insight on what we're doing. **S. Harris** – We will target this for the June quarterly meeting.
8. **ODH Representative (ODH HIV/STI) Update**– Rep from the state level, TBD whether to keep. **M. Kolenz** - Maybe R. Richman at state can present on data trends that usually come out June/July. **S. Harris** – We will target for the Sept. meeting.
9. **DIS Updates/ODRS Data Extractions**- This is a more comprehensive data report through surveillance records. **B. Eaton** - Maybe cover Jan-Sept numbers for one half year, then second half numbers, depending on what period it covers. Also, due to way cases are finalized, we will have to await completion of the data.
10. **Prevention – Highlight Local Programs** - Local providers give updates to inform groups of what's going on in community. **B. Eaton** - This could be for any agency, not necessarily local, but whoever joins the meeting. **D. Houston** – This is also a way to get more info on testing, if people are hitting the marks, and more on what is actually being done on Prevention. **S. Harris** – Will share some bullets on what the group wants and present a template to Melissa, Brandy, and Ade to see if they are realistic. This will be given monthly, for two templates, one for highlights and one for an annual summary.
11. **Prevention Program Accomplishment Summary Report** – This is to review, looking at end of year and going forward. This is to be continued annually.
12. **Review Committee Work for Compliance** – Review that goals were done for the year.

### **Approve Prevention Committee 2023 Work Plan**

#### **Motion: To Approve the Prevention Committee Work Plan (PCAT) for 2023.**

Motion: J. Patterson      Seconded: K. Dennis

Vote: In Favor: All                      Opposed: 0      Abstained: 0

*Motion passed.*

### **Next Steps**

The next Prevention Committee meeting is Wednesday, March 1, 2023, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

### **Announcements**

- **S. Harris** -This is my last, official committee meeting for 2022. The February 2023 PC meeting will be my last meeting, as a whole. Also, the template discussed today will be put together before my leaving.
- **L. Cornell** - Congrats Sharron, and I will also be retiring in 2023!
- **J. Patterson** - There is an upcoming webinar on women's contraceptive access, sponsored by the KFF Women's Health Policy program, titled, "**What is the future of contraceptive care in a post-Roe world?**" at 12:30 p.m. ET on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. To register, you can click on the link at [web event](#) or for more details or info, contact Mikhaila Richards at (202) 654-1328 or email: [mrichards@kff.org](mailto:mrichards@kff.org)
- **C. Jackson** – The Centers are doing Harm Reduction vending machines (HIV take-home tests included, condoms, and Narcan) now available at the Uptown, Gordon Square, and East locations.
- **D. Houston** – Would like to welcome Devonte Black on the call, manager of Central Outreach, a young person on board with the Ryan White program.
- **C. Barnett** - Thank you all. It has been a pleasure working with you. I'll now begin expanding my horizons, traveling the country, but will see you all again and pop-in meetings.
- **Z. Levar** – The Advisory group will start up again January 11, 2023, we will send a formal announcement.

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### **Adjournment**

Motion: K. Dennis

Seconded: J. Patterson

### **ATTENDANCE - (36)**

	<b>PREVENTION MEMBERS</b>	<b>Dec 7, 2022</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
1	<b>Deairius Houston, Co-chair</b>	<b>X</b>	
2	Julie Patterson	<b>X</b>	
3	Bryan Jones		
4	Tina Marbury		
5	Michelle Jackson-Rollins		
6	Ahlem Zaaed		
7	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	<b>X</b>	
8	Rebecca Strong		
9	Christine Osborne	<b>X</b>	
10	Logan Boyer		
11	Emily Tighe		
12	Akeem Rollins		
13	Loretta Cornell	<b>X</b>	
14	Rickey Lewis	<b>X</b>	
15	Holly Phillips		
16	Corry Freeman		
17	Elizabeth Habat		
18	Kate Burnett-Bruckman		
19	Pam Weiland		
20	Karla Ruiz		
21	James Stevenson		
22	Karen Hill	<b>X</b>	
23	Joye Toombs		
24	Leander Lovett		

**Attendees:** C. Barnett, M. Brooks, R. Watkins, D. Harris, D. Black, B. Gayheart, T. Greene, F. Allan, J. Brubaker, L. Catania, K. Dennis, D. Espino, L. Smith, J. Luke, C. Jackson, P. Scardino, B. Willis

**Staff:** M. Kolenz, S. Harris, C. Williams, A. Elisha, M. Baker, Z. Levar, I. White, R. McDade, B. Eaton, V. Panakkal, P. Ganesh, T. Mallory