

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina

Clinton Droster, Julie Patterson – Co-Chairs

Strategy and Finance Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

1: 00 pm to 2:30 pm



Start: 1:03 pm

End: 2:27 pm

Facilitator: C. Droster

Moment of Silence

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: March 1, 2023

Addendum:

Motion: F. Ross **Seconded:** J. Citerman-Kraeger

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

Approval of the Minutes: February 1, 2023

Addendum:

Motion: F. Ross **Seconded:** N. O’Neal

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

Recipient Report – March 2023 – Planning Council

Administrative Update – M. Baker

- We received a partial award last month, as is standard practice, by March should receive full award.
- Moving forward w/providers in the RFP process, also acquired a new dental provider in Lorain County.
- We submitted the Integrated Plan, and is now in review.
- PC Facilitator RFP closed March 7th, still gathering responses, and selection will begin after March 7th.
- MCM to do streamlining of documentation, get ideas to provide services and make improvements.
- The Provider Kickoff is March 14th, where we get them acclimated on Part A
- The RW Provider Showcase meeting is March 23rd, where providers brief on RW services they provide.
- CQM (Case Quality Management) is currently working on projects, one looking at viral suppression connections between clients that are connected vs not connected to medical case management and those disparities. They are also meeting again March 29th to finalize and discuss upcoming projects.

***Question: J. Patterson** - Any others not awarded?

***Response: M. Baker** – Far West, Fam Planning didn’t re-submit, had small clientele, don’t see gaps.

***Question: R. Watkins** - Where is funding to train outreach front-liners for rapid testing?

***Response:** N. O’Neal – Years ago, The Centers/ Circle Health was able to provide some training because they also were training volunteers, but not sure if this is still true.

***Comment in chat:** Family Planning Truvada giveaway today. Contact: (440)322-7526 for an appt. Men’s support group at ATF Aids Task force, March 6th and March 20th from 5:30-7:00 pm.

***Comment: J. McMinn** - In past, we combined those meetings into one and called it showcase of services. Maybe some confused over wording and may need referencing so they will know.

***Response: M. Baker** – Thanks, duly noted, and we will reference that in future emails.

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Fiscal Report – M. Baker

We still have invoices coming in and are on task, now at 87.6 percent for core.

***Question: C. Droster** - Any categories off concern?

***Response: M. Baker** – Nothing worrisome. Med transportation used heavily as expected, no red flags.

***Question: J. Patterson** - Will we make it with 5% or less, not expended?

***Response: M. Baker** - Yes, as of today.

New/Old Business

Cleveland Department of Health – HOPWA Presentation – J. Citerman-Kraeger

- HOPWA History - Created in the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act, a part of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, to provide housing assistance and related supportive services for low income people living with HIV/AIDS, and their families.

- The HOPWA program is a homelessness prevention program designed to provide housing assistance and related supportive services for low income people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

- HOPWA is a formula grantee program, having two types of grants made under the program. HOPWA formula grants are made using a statutorily-mandated formula to allocate approximately 90 percent of HOPWA funds to eligible cities on behalf of their metropolitan areas and to eligible States. HOPWA competitive funds are awarded on the basis of a national competition.

-In 2016, the HOTMA (Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act) was established. This is a re-balance how funding was distributed across the country.

- The grant covers the Cleveland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) which includes: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties, and is funded by HUD to the City of Cleveland.

- HOPWA provides a variety of services such as, rental assistance, housing placement, workforce development, daily living assistance, and meals/nutrition services.

- Programs Partners include: AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland, EDEN (Emerald Development & Economic Network Inc.), Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), Nueva Luz (NLRUC), and Joseph's Home (JOE HM).

***Comment: J. Patterson** – Hearing PLWH housing needs and seeing HOPWA is main provide, would like more info on slide talking of other services and that funding.

***Response: J. Citerman-Kraeger** - These support services have always been in the RFP. We know all RW doesn't cover all needs, but doubt if agencies will apply although they are available. Having asked about childcare on how much can be appropriated, reply was an agencies, if wanted, could apply to provide that service though, technically, RW and HOPWA are payers of last resort. This is something we need to let people know is available, can be accessed, but has never been done locally.

***Question: J. Patterson** - Can we offer something to make that a deliberate thing?

***Response: J. Citerman-Kraeger** - It can possibly come from co-chairs, when deliberating on RFP's, asking if they could consider not funding categories and RW will take care of that.

***Question: N. O'Neal** - On housing research placement, what is that?

***Response: J. Citerman-Kraeger** - CM that provides assistance on where housing is available.

***Comment: N. O'Neal** – As told, clients have to find a place then come back to case managers with update, then they do next steps, otherwise no help in finding housing.

***Response: J. Citerman-Kraeger** -Will research CM part in RW, as is now monitored with low emphasis.

***Question: N. O'Neal** - How can you verify patients received assistance? What questions will be asked?

***Response: J. Citerman-Kraeger** - Questions on HUD website will include reviewing files, also want to know how much CM is doing to assist clients, the research they provide, and how they assist with finding housing.

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***Comment: J. McMinn** – This is a fight given up on, as when supervisors of agencies become involved, things get crazy and are not happening, and nothing changes.

***Comment: N. O'Neal** - Patients also need to be educated and have ability to say they really need help. Maybe we can devote a listening session to housing, as agencies and patients have responsibility in this.

***Question:** Did homeless stand down happen?

***Response: J. Citerman-Kraeger** - Not far as know, think it's been delayed.

***Comment: R. Watkins** - It's April 23rd, BVU is still running it, but they have cut off registration for vendors already due to the overwhelming response.

Part B Client Utilization & Spending in Cleveland TGA - Tabled

PSRA Workgroup Progress Update- J. Patterson

We talked about plans for workgroup, pulled up work plan, gave updates from that, and had good conversation and feedback. We will next look at flagging service categories in ranking, utilization & spending, and reallocation data. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – 12:00-1:30 pm.

Standing Business

Training Opportunities for S&F Committee Members – Tabled for next month March 15th or will be sent to S&F chairs before their next meeting.

Parking Lot - None

Announcements

N. O'Neal – On Monday, March 13, 2023 from 11:30a to 1:00p, Women We Think 4 A Change, will acknowledge Women and Girls Day by sponsoring a virtual webinar discussing WLH breastfeeding or not, as women with HIV are now having children and that topic has not been recently addressed. A link will be available to attend.

Adjournment: Motion: F. Ross Seconded: J. Patterson

Attendance

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
	S & F Members										
1	Clinton Droster, Co-chair	0	20	20							
2	Julie Patterson, Co-chair	20	20	20							
3	Michael Deighan	20	0	0							
4	Naimah O'Neal	10	10	10							
5	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	0	0	10							
6	Jason McMinn	10	10	10							
	Total in Attendance	4	4	5							

PC Members: K. Dennis, B. Gayheart, D. Houston, F. Ross, R. Watkins

Attendees: none

Staff: M. Baker, D. LaGallee, T. Mallory