

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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

Naimah O'Neal, Faith Ross – Co-Chairs



Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Start: 12:03 pm

End: 12:54 pm

Facilitator: N. O'Neal

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: April 5, 2023

Addendum

Motion: F. Ross Seconded: T. Marbury

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

Approval of the Minutes: March 1, 2023

Addendum: Motion made at CLC May 3rd meeting to change seconder to voting member, K. Dennis.

Motion: F. Ross Seconded: ~~T. Moyer~~ K. Dennis

Vote: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1- L. Lovett

Old/New Business

Consumer Survey Update- N. O'Neal

We currently have over 60 surveys, and we ask everyone continue to get people to do the surveys in support groups, Sr. Susan's events, and wherever PLWH might be present. Last year, we had 100 and would like to at least get that far for this year. Jen McMillen is having an ice cream social on the 6th, in which we will attend and offer surveys, and try to increase the number by giving tokens and giveaways.

***Comment: F. Ross** – In a couple weeks, will be speaking at a Cleveland support group and will have surveys. Also, the online survey monkey is now unlocked so hard copies can be entered into it directly.

***Comment: C. Taylor** – Surveys will be distributed at the Conversation Corridor event on April 29th.

Creating Educational Sessions on Presenting to Legislatures – N. O'Neal

As we are not a political entity, we would like to discuss thoughts on how to talk to legislatures on issues relating to PLWH. If interested in this, we may be able to create a workgroup to talk about this or maybe bring people in from the Ohio Modernization Movement to present. As for Ohio AIDS Watch, the national one has happened, but maybe we can prepare in Ohio for next year.

***Question: T. Moyer:** What is this educational session about?

***Response: N. O'Neal** - This is to learn how to lobby or talk to legislatures on PLWH issues, as we must be precise and knowledgeable on how we present.

Discussion on Lorain Pride – N. O'Neal

We went last year, and have been asked to attend again this year. There would be a table, giveaways, etc., and we can offer information and answer questions on RW and the services.

***Comment: F. Ross** - Interested, few showed last year. If doing again, we need representation from PC.

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Consumer Listening Session Update – N. O'Neal

We had a listening session on March 29th. It was very exciting, people attended, and we had robust conversations and plan to have more list sessions. After debriefing, will see how to get more to attend the next ones.

***Comment: K. Dennis** - It was good for very first one, not a lot attended, but only takes a few to get info out and feedback for next time. Great conversation, intrigued on issues many go through, not being alone in this, and how listening helps deal and understand other's concerns, which may also be our own.

***Comment: B. Willis**- Helpful, and good to have council, staff, and PLWH, like to see done more often.

***Comment: N. O'Neal** – It was another way to reach people so they feel comfortable. We recorded to get accurate info, but gave options on joining/sharing. We will debrief and decide for the next one, how to better advertise to get more involved, as there is definitely a need to hear people in real time.

***Comment: M. Baker**- Kudos to all who put the listening session together and the participants.

Although participation was low, those that attended were able to give input, testimonies, which were both helpful and powerful. We encourage not to focus on numbers, but rather on the power of what you bring when coming together to discuss experiences, and in PC, movement can be created in that. Look forward to what the group comes up with next.

Parking Lot Items

CLC Consumer Education Focused Presentation – N. O'Neal

We always want to be in habit of educating ourselves and PLWH, in order to help them navigate the system and to partner with social workers so PLWH can achieve good help. Maybe today, think about future session that can be presented.

***Comment: F. Ross** – In Lorain, one main thing is **having education on filling out paperwork and how to communicate with case workers**. Many express difficulties with this.

***Comment: N. O'Neal** – Agree, as some just don't have what they need, even people in the system for a while, that may not **have clear understanding on completing updates. It goes along way with the partnership between social worker and patient.**

***Comment: B. Willis** - Maybe get a **consolidated list for support groups where everyone is welcomed.**

***Response: Z. Levar** – The QI committee is presently working on this.

***Comment: F. Ross**- Also noticed, many PLWH have little or no **understanding the facts of HIV and how it affects the body. This would help PLWH work better with doctors in their treatment process.**

***Response: N. O'Neal** – Also, if people understood more, maybe they'd take meds and have lower viral loads, and **educating could be something basic, like a video.**

***Comment: F. Ross** – Also, **with HIV Criminalization laws, people may need more understanding on what that entails or the penalties around that.** Having a lot of ideas, would like to be on the educational workgroup.

***Question: F. Ross** - Do other counties have PRIDE events?

***Response: B. Willis** - There were a dozen last year.

***Comment: F. Ross** – We'd like for all PC to volunteer and participate in upcoming events.

***Comment: Z. Levar**- We recommend finalizing Lorain's PRIDE event on Saturday, June 24th, so we can get a table together for two PC members to attend. Saturday, June 24th. We will reserve a space and then communicate back with the smaller subset.

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Takeaways

Four (4) suggestions for education sessions:

- * **Building social worker and patient relationships**
- * **Making sure people understanding the paperwork needed for updates**
- * **Understanding on Ohio HIV Criminalization Laws and what they mean**
- * **Basic information on HIV and how it affects they body**

N. O’Neal - If there are other events, please let us know so PC can represent in ways such as: having a table, offering testing, and providing information on RW and the program. Also, there is a Women’s Group in May, sponsored by Women We Think 4 A Change, and surveys will be taken there.

Standing Business

Agree on CLC Committee work activity (if any) to be reported at the April 19, 2023 Executive & Planning Council meetings

Announcements

C. Taylor- On June 24th for PRIDE month, there will be a ‘Conversation Corridor at the M.L.K. Public Library on Stokes Blvd, and it would be good to have info and tabling set up. We are expecting a good group out, as it will be a PRIDE event.

T. Marbury – On May 5-7th, Women We Think 4 A Change, will sponsor a Women’s Retreat. We will send flyer info.

N. O’Neal – Bryan Jones is also having an upcoming Retreat for men, over 50, who are LWH.

K. Dennis – The AIDS Task Force is having their first Women’s Group, starting Tuesday, April 11th from 11:30a-1:30p, on continuing every second Tuesday.

Adjournment

Motion: F. Ross **Seconded:** T. Marbury

Attendance

	CLC Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Naimah O’Neal, Co-chair	20	20	20	20						
2	Faith Ross, Co-chair	20	20	20	20						
3	Tina Marbury	20	20	0	20						
4	Stephanice Washington	0	0	0	0						
5	LeAnder Lovett	0	20	0	20						
6	Bryan Jones	0	20	0	0						
7	Peter Scardino	20	20	20	0						
8	Jeff Mazo	20	20	20	0						
	Total in Attendance	5	7	4	4						

PC Members: K. Dennis, C. Droster, B. Gayheart

Attendees: C. Taylor, T. Moyel, B. Willis

Staff: A. Idov, M. Baker, T. Mallory