

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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

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Combined Executive & Full Planning Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Start: 3:15 pm

End: 6:45 pm

Co-Chair: B. Kimball

Moment of Reflection

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: March 15, 2023

Addendum: Added HOPWA update to the agenda, after Item 9 (IX), Part B Update.

Motion: F. Ross

Seconded: J. Patterson

In Favor: All

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

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FLU & COVID-19 UPDATE

Brian Kimball, Interim Director, City of Cleveland

For Covid, it has been consistent since last report city and county-wide reporting as moderate. Still urging to update on vaccine, as it is still present in our community. For flu, reporting low levels, which is good and no major changes since last report.

Dr. Barbara Gripshover, M.D., Immunology Medical Director, University Hospitals- No update.

Introduction – Dr. Andre L. Brown, PHD., Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Lita-Marie Wills, MPH, Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) Commissioner, Division of Health Equity and Social Justice

Dr. Andre Brown - As the first to serve in this newly created position, it is my responsibility to help develop policies, procedures, and programs that will involve a more inclusive environment at CCBH. In December 1st, on World AIDS Day, we released an HIV criminalization statement to help modernize Ohio laws and better align them with the science. Additionally, we are also creating a Community Advisory Board, in which some present today have agreed to join. If you have any questions, you can contact me anytime, as we welcome ideas on ways to increase diversity and inclusion. Also, want to give props to Lita-Marie for working to unite efforts between CCBH and CPH, as the issues we serve are the same.

Lita-Marie Wills - This position was recently created in 2021 and was emphasized when the City of Cleveland and the County Council declared racism a public health crisis. The work is divided into three areas that look for solutions, on a macro level, in eliminating racism, the underlying cause of disparities, within the next two to five years. Three programs already in existence will be realigned under a new division: Moms First for infant mortality and maternal health, the Office of Mental Health and Addiction, and the HIV Program, which started at the Free Clinic for HIV testing. These programs will not just focus on health departments, when people come already a crisis, but also look at external groups and mirror those efforts across city departments such as, the Office of Aging, water and sanitation departments, and wherever we can remove barriers.

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Recipient Report – March 2023 – Planning Council

Administrative Report – M. Baker

Admin Updates

- Full award *may be* provided toward the end of March
- In the process of collecting RSR data from providers through 3/6
- On target to report all Cleveland TGA RSR data to HRSA by 3/27
- All FY23 providers have been provided with “intent to award” -New dental provider for Lorain Co

Planning Updates

- ODH Integrated Plan currently in review
- PC Facilitator RFP closes on 3/7; selection process will begin after

Medical Case Manager (MCM) Updates

- Meeting with Project Management Committee took place on 2/27/23
- Discussed improvement of service delivery via improved documentation streamlining
- Acuity assessment discussion

Training Updates

- FY23 Ryan White Part A Provider “kick-off” mtg. scheduled for 3/14
- FY23 Ryan White Provider Showcase meeting scheduled for 3/23
- Stigma training-TBA
- CQM training development for FY23 during next Project Management meeting

Clinical Quality Management (CQM) Updates

- Possible project: Viral suppression of RW clients connected to MCM vs non connected clients discussed
- QI planning- Project Management meeting to finalize QI projects will take place 3/29/23

Collaborative Updates/Info Share

- Truvada Give Away -Family Planning Services of Lorain County offering Truvada for PrEP for up to 3 months for free until. Call (440) 322-7526 to make an appointment
- Men’s HIV Support Group Hosted by ATF 3/6 and 3/20
2829 Euclid Ave., 5:30pm-7pm

Fiscal Report – M. Baker

Current Expenditure split, total expenses, etc., Core: 78.78%, Support: 21.22%, Expenses: 6.77%, for 11 months, Target: 91.67%, Partial Award provided \$841,225

Medicaid Update – A. Thomas

Reminder that EtHE (Ending the HIV Epidemic) pause is ending, and April is the first month to discontinue Medicaid cases. As renewals went out in March for April make sure people get them submitted, answer all questions, and have the necessary verifications needed, so they can be approved more timely.

***Question: J. Patterson** - Do you have more listening sessions, as they are great, thorough, and good detailed info.

***Response: A. Thomas** – Thanks, for awesome feedback, unsure on recording but will check.

***Question: D. Harris** – With patients having literacy/language, and untimely mail issues, is this normal and how can they receive timely help?

***Response: A. Thomas** – We try to do best possible, maybe email me offline and will look into this.

Ryan White Part B Update – K. Ruiz

Reminder that syphilis is still very prevalent, as we are seeing an increase in numbers in Ohio. Please inform clients who may be HIV positive that they can still get other things, and if you are not HIV take precautions. Also HIV is no longer within the bureau of infectious disease, it is now under the Bureau of HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis, headed by new Bureau Chief, Kelly Friar. We have also hired someone to replace Lori Rickert, who will be announced later.

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HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV/AIDS) Update

Hopefully this time next week or by end of next week, we will release a new HOPWA RFP and new CDBG RFP. As this has never been done before, both will be released and the timing will be the same, starting June 1st 2023 and ending May 31st of 2024.

Annual Epidemiology (Epi) Update – Alisha Cassady, CCBH

This update is to provide some numbers for 2021 and before 2022, as the data presented today is preliminary and won't be final until summer.

- For 2021, reported 202 new cases in TGA, 7% decrease from 2020

Males made up 83.7% new cases, 40.6% new cases mostly African American males

Highest number for new cases in 20-24 age group, 43% new cases below age 30

- For 2022, reported 172 new cases, a 15% decrease in 2021

- Trends for 2021-22, increase of 26% in new cases for Hispanic/Latino population

- For 2021 AIDS data, of 202 new HIV cases, 30 diagnosed with AIDS w/in same year of diagnosis, and of the 202 new cases, six (6) reached AIDS at time of diagnosis.

- For western counties of Lorain and Medina reported 29 new case, a 32% increase from 2021, 93% being male

- For eastern counties of Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula, 18 new cases, 20% increase from 2021, 68% male, black males 11%, white males 61%

- For Cuyahoga in 2022, 125 new cases, 24% decrease from 2021m males 81% new cases, African-American males, 46% new cases, highest numbers, in 20-24 age group, 39% under age 30

- Mpox numbers, 156 cases w/in county as of beginning of March, African American males 60% of cases, 40% under 30 years old, 44% were HIV positive, of those 22% hospitalized, two deaths resulting, both HIV positive

- Cuyahoga County focus recommendation: African-American males, MSM's (men who have sex with men), and under 30 age group

- Eastern and western counties recommendation focus: White males, 20-24 age group, MSM

- Top five HIV incidence zip codes: 44111, 44102, 44121, 44120, (44109, and 44110 tied)

- Top five HIV high prevalence areas: 44102, 44107, 44109, 44111, and 44120

- Overall recommendations include: Working in jails and prisons, in Hispanic populations, LGBT centers to offer testing and PrEP, community development centers, providing testing during off-hours, and using social media to promote testing.

***Question: Dr. Gripshover** – What of seeing increase in drug injections?

***Response: A. Cassady** - Will check and report back.

***Question: A. Forbes** - Do you see reaching the goal of EtHE (Ending the HIV Epidemic)?

***Response: A. Cassady** - Hopeful we can see decreases every year.

***Comment: J. Patterson** - Great presentation, curious on if babies born with HIV in last few years.

***Response: A. Cassady** – None were seen, but will report back.

***Comment: C. Droster** – In going through the pandemic, seems incidences risen in younger adults.

***Comment: Z. Levar** - From programmatic perspective, with influx of funding EtHE promise, a dip is necessary before we start going up. The goal is to create innovative testing, and though testing goes up, at same time, viral load numbers go down, as we look to bring folks to the table to engage them into care. The hope is to get people in care and through these innovation practices, stay in care in which data should gradually rise by 2030.

***Comment: M. Baker** – Interested on data for black women, as the priority population hugely impacts black women as caretakers and being susceptible to having sex with men and everything that encompasses persons living with HIV. The numbers are high and staggering in Black and Latino communities that are impacted by those populations, and any data would help support these women to be more aware.

***Comment: T. Marbury** – Thanks, for the update and your comment, Monica. This was very informative.

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Planning Council Operations-

Monthly Progress Report from HRSA Project Officer – Z. Levar, K. Dennis

Z. Levar – We met with the P.O. this week, and it went smoothly. We talked on PC work with the CLC survey that's out, and kudos were extended for that project being a good way to capture the needs of PLWH around our TGA. We also gave updates on our both the CLC and S&F Resources Allocation work groups, and the P.O. was awestruck on how we meet in smaller groups to make these strategies successful. Kimberlin – just concerned on needing a new facilitator, we discussed the mentors, was pleased in work doing and progress making.

Committee Reports

(Community Liaison Committee (CLC) - F. Ross – We discussed the survey and the update on how many received and the goal of exceeding 100. The survey is also now available on survey monkey. We also met Crystal Perez, CCBH Community Engagement Coordinator and we are looking forward to working with her. Last, the first CLC Listening Session is set for March 29th and we will provide an update at next meeting.

***Comment: M. Baker** - The survey is now available in Spanish, in hard-copy only, and the online version in English.

***Comment: F. Ross** - Survey monkey is unlocked, you can enter multiple ones, or email to Toni, Zach, or Monica.

Strategy & Finance (S&F) - C. Droster - Thanks Alisha for Part B update, we now have a new dental provider in Lorain, and we are on target for the fiscal year and under our 5% carryover. We also had a great HOPWA presentation, and for the our next workgroup on March 22nd, we will be going over unduplicated services, reallocation scenarios, preparing for priority setting, and will start priority setting the first meeting in April.

Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – B. Gayheart – We met on March 1st and discussed updates/next steps on the open nomination process such as scheduling interviews and getting new applicant packets in place. We also reviewed the co-chair vacancies for QI and Prevention, discussed the mentor program and assigning mentors. If anyone is interested in mentoring, please let us know. Also for COR (Committee of Record) assignments, forms will be sent out for annual updates.

Quality Improvement (QI) – J. McMinn -We finished the deep dive into the mental health and psychosocial support categories, and are entering the phase to come up with directives for priority setting process. We will plan to do directives next month, so please offer possible directives. We will next, dive into aging issues for PLWH.

HIV Prevention Committee (Prevention) - D. Houston – We met last March 1st. In our Prevention summary, it was announced CCBH Prevention Supervisor, Rachel McDade, is leaving for a position with Central Outreach, and that CCBH is looking to replace her and two DIS (Disease Intervention Specialist) positions. We received a preliminary epi update from CCBH, Clarence Williams on syphilis and HIV cases, had a presentation from students at CWRU on a new HIV testing project, and received a community update from Alex Nelson on the HIV drug, Apretude. Last, we reviewed the committee work plan, and the next meeting will be, Wednesday, June 7, 2023, from 4-5:30 pm.

Public Comments – None

Announcements – none

Adjournment

Motion: F. Ross

Seconded: T. Marbury

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

PC Attendees: T. Moyel, L. Sylvia, L. Wills, M. Donica, M. Jackson-Rollins, A. Rollins, T. Grier

Staff: Dr. Andre Brown, M. Baker, Z. Levar, A. Cassady, M. Kolenz