

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

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## **Full Planning Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

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

**Start:** 5:32 pm

**End:** 6:50 pm

**Co-Chair:** B. Kimball

### **Moment of Reflection**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Approval of Agenda: May 17, 2023**

**Addendum: To add PSRA Presentation under PC Operations and change S&F report to two minutes.**

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

In Favor: All                      Opposed: 0                      Abstained: 0

*Motion passed.*

### **Approval of the Minutes: April 19, 2023**

**Addendum: To change the minutes on the location of the ongoing, 'Free Zone' Support Group, from Nueva Luz to its correct location at University Hospitals.**

Motion: F. Ross                      Seconded: C. Nicholls

In Favor: 21                      Opposed: 0                      Abstained: 1- A. Thomas

*Motion passed.*

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

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

There has been little admittance in emergency rooms with flu-like symptoms and no deaths reported. For the current Covid report, we continue to see low activity in our community levels. The County reports about 45 new cases per 100,000, which is on par with the state average. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Covid emergency ended, but this will not impact vaccination and other treatments, as they will still be available free of charge. Also, vaccines for those uninsured will remain free through 2024 and available at public health centers and pharmacies.

**Dr. Barbara Gripshover, M.D., Immunology Medical Director, University Hospitals- None**

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

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

Our full award was provided in early April, we are now finalizing contracts for board approval at the end of April and, all of our providers will be able to move forward at that time. We are also in the process of preparing our year-end report to HRSA on our achievements and accomplishments from 2022. Last, we are happy to announce that we will be hosting CWRU medical students in August, and we will be looking to have two-three people speak on their experiences with the health care system. Later in the meeting, we will ask for names PLWH interested in joining the panel. Additionally, this discussion will be held at CCBH (Cuyahoga County Board of Health), around the beginning of August. More details will follow.

#### **Fiscal Report – M. Baker**

***FY22 Final Closeout Expenditures - Core: 79.24%, Support: 20.76%, Expenses: 95.13%, for 12 months***

***Target: 100%, Full Award provided \$4,917,218.*** Overall, a very good year in allocation and spending.

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### **Medicaid Update – A. Thomas**

First, Medicaid eligibility has moved from the MAGI (Modified Adjusted Gross Income) system to IMPACT (Illinois Medicaid Program Advanced Cloud Technology), a new provider enrollment system. For clients affected by its reverse direction from reduced coverage on Medicaid, premiums will still be covered during this time and then later reviewed again for eligibility. Second, there will be upcoming trainings on navigating the system. The first training will provide guidance on how to complete a renewal package, as it is important they are done correctly in order to help determine eligibility appropriately. I Second LTC form set for morning of June 14<sup>th</sup> trainings. Also reminder as renewals come in make sure if verifications and changes are done timely so they won't be subject to auto discontinuances. If interested, email me or Christy to get info on training.

**\*Comment: A Forbes** – Maybe there could be a way around lengthy waits/involvement, not the best experience.

**\*Response: A Thomas** – This will be translated to our directors and deputies, as we're working on our service delivery model to improve in lots of areas. For questions or concerns, you may also contact me, Anthony Thomas: [anthony.thomas@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:anthony.thomas@jfs.ohio.gov) or Christy Nicholls: [christy.nicholls@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:christy.nicholls@jfs.ohio.gov) - 216-987-6789.

### **Ryan White Part B Update – S. DiCocco for K. Ruiz**

The ODH (Ohio Department of Health) HIV Client Services Team will be hosting a Ryan White Part B new hire training in June. Info will be forthcoming on how to register.

### **HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV/AIDS) Update - J. Citerman-Kraeger**

We've received all of the proposals, they are now in review process, and hoped to be finalized in next few weeks.

**\*Comment: L.J. Sylvia** – Thanks on your HOPWA presentation at March 1<sup>st</sup> S&F meeting. It was very informative.

### **Planning Council Operations-**

#### **PSRA Presentation – C. Droster, J. Patterson**

This presentation is to prepare and give everyone an overview of the PSRA (Priority Services & Resources Allocation) process for next month's PSRA meeting on June 21, 2023

#### **Overview of Priority Services (PS) Process**

1. As part of the PSRA process, all Part A Core (8) and Support (6) service categories must be ranked.
2. Before the June PSRA meeting, the Strategy & Finance Committee leads the ranking process during Strategy & Finance Committee meetings.
3. The final ranking is voted on by the full Planning Council at the June PSRA meeting.

**C. Droster-** S&F completed the ranking process for Part A services funded in the TGA, as of May 3, 2023.

#### **Overview of Resource Allocation (RA) Process**

1. The resource allocation process of the planning council takes place during a meeting of all PC members in June each year. The process is led by the Strategy and Finance Committee.
2. HRSA does not increase Ryan White Part A budgets based on advocacy. Requests for additional funds, even if backed by data, are generally futile.

**J. Patterson** – Every November, we do reallocation, where we work closely with the recipient to move money across services categories in order to ensure we expend funds fully as possible throughout the grant year. As this was an overview of PSRA, we will present this again in June, and will also provide the actual categories that were flagged for discussion. If anyone is interested in the PSRA process, feel free to join the S&F meeting or workgroup.

### **Monthly Progress Report from HRSA Project Officer – K. Dennis**

Had first meeting as facilitator, she raved on TGA being amazing and all of what she likes. We have great longevity and folks who really know their stuff. Question asked most was making sure we are good on recruitment and right mix of both, reflectiveness, as well as being on target with PSRA in ranking categories.

### **Committee Reports:**

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### **Community Liaison Committee (CLC) – F. Ross**

We discussed the survey which closed on the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Lorain (June 24<sup>th</sup>) and Ashtabula (June 3<sup>rd</sup>) Pride events. If interested in helping, please let L.J. know so she can give further updates. Also, please don't commit unless 100% sure you can. Last, the CLC workgroup is in process of setting our next meeting date for moving forward on listening sessions and how to proceed with housing issues.

### **Strategy & Finance (S&F) – C. Droster**

The S&F Workgroup met on April 26<sup>th</sup> and went over resource allocation and revised the PSRA feedback survey, which will all be brought up next month in PSRA. Also, as reported in the fiscal report, we have spent 95% of our budget, which is good, leaving 5% underspent, which HRSA usually will allow us to carryover.

### **Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – B. Gayheart**

We met this month, went over reflectiveness and come to realization that our focus has to be on young males and Latinos. As remaining good in reflectiveness is a priority with HRSA, we will add this to our future MRM agendas. Also, COR forms were sent out in April packets to be completed. If you need another one, please let L.J. or Toni know. We also assigned mentors to our five (5) new applicants, for our mentor program.

### **Quality Improvement (QI) – J. McMinn**

We met earlier today. We are now shifting from our deep dive into mental health and psychosocial support categories, as we have completed directives for them, which will be approved at PSRA. For our next steps, we will not be reviewing a service category, but rather looking at a category of the population, namely, aging PLWH 50 and over. Because this number continues to grow, we want to take time to look at services available, people who are working with this population, and then come up with best practices. We started today, discussing articles and research done, and we will pick up again in August on this topic: Positively Aging.

### **HIV Prevention Committee (Prevention) - D. Houston**

We last met March 1<sup>st</sup>, and announced Rachel McDade joined Central Outreach and is now Clinic Manager. We also have open positions for DIS workers. At the meeting, we received an Epi update, had a presentation from CRWU students on a new project for HIV testing, and a presentation by Alex Nelson on the preventative injection treatment, Apretude. We also reviewed our committee work plan, and our next meeting will be: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 from 4-5:30 pm.

### **Public Comments – None**

### **Announcements**

**M. Baker** – As mentioned earlier, CCBH is looking for a few PLWH volunteers to attend and upcoming discussion with CWRU students on their experiences with the health care system. This will be at CCBH on the week of August 7<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping that providing them early exposure to patient perspectives will give students ideas on what chronic conditions mean in their lives and those of their families and friends, so they can have a better understanding about their journey. They have several objectives they want to gain. Will reach out in next few weeks on those interested in participated: L. Lovett, N. O'Neal, F. Ross, K. Dennis, C. Taylor, and T. Marbury. Further updates on the event and on those chosen to participate, will be provided later.

**J. Patterson** – On June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10-11:30, the AIDS funding Collaborative and the Centers for Community Solutions, will host a panel discussion on issues of HIV and aging. It will feature our very own, CLC Chair, Naimah O'Neal, as well as Gary Richardson and Dr. John Wiegand, Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Health. This will also be done in-person at the Benjamin Rose Institute, and on live stream with DSAS (Department of Senior & Adult Services).

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**A. Forbes** - On June 3<sup>rd</sup> AIDS Healthcare Foundation, AIDS Task Force and Ohio Family Scene is having a Resource Ball, 3450 Cedar Road, Phyllis Wheatley building, free of charge. There will be resources on HIV and doors will open at 8:00pm until, which is 12:00 pm. We hope to see everyone. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, ATF is hosting the play, 'Black Girl in Love with Herself' at Karamu Center. Today, ATF hosted a 'Produce to the People', as well as an Expungement Clinic. We had a great turnout, as this proved a different twist to assisting people in other ways.

**Z. Levar** – Tomorrow, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Julie Patterson will be participating in a panel discussion with several prominent HIV care officials for HIV and Vaccine Awareness Day. She was chosen to participate because of her advocacy work on vaccine research.

**J. Patterson** - HIV.gov is hosting this webinar tomorrow. The best news is that Harold Phillips, Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) and NIH (National Institutes of Health), Carl Dieffenbach will be attending. If interested, it is from 2:30-3:00, and you can ask questions. Register at:

<https://www.hiv.gov/blog/register-now-live-with-leadership-a-conversation-commemorating-national-hiv-vaccine-awareness-day/>

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** F. Ross    **Seconded:** C. Droster

### **Attendance**

	<b>Planning Council Members</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June PSRA</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
1	<b>Kimberlin Dennis – Co-Chair</b>	20	20	20	20	20					
2	<b>Brian Kimball – Co-Chair</b>	20	20	20	20	20					
3	<b>Christy Nicholls- Co-Chair</b>	20	20	20	20	20					
4	Biffy Aguriano	0	0	0	0	0					
5	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	20	20	20	20	20					
6	Michael Deighan	20	20	20	20	20					
7	Clinton Droster	20	20	20	20	20					
8	Anthony Forbes	20	20	20	20	20					
9	Billy Gayheart	20	20	20	20	20					
10	Brenda Glass	20	20	0	20	0					
11	Barbara Gripshover, MD	20	20	20	20	20					
12	Daytona Harris	20	20	20	20	20					
13	Deairius Houston	20	20	20	20	20					
14	Bryan Jones	20	20	0	20	20					
15	LeAnder Lovett	0	20	0	20	20					
16	Tina Marbury	0	20	20	20	20					
17	Jeffrey Mazo	0	0	0	0	0					
18	Jason McMinn	20	0	20	20	20					
19	Naimah O'Neal	20	20	0	20	20					
20	Julie Patterson	20	20	20	20	20					
21	Faith Ross	20	20	20	20	20					

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22	Karla Ruiz	20	0	20	20	20					
23	Peter Scardino	0	0	0	0	0					
24	David Smith	0	20	0	20	0					
25	James Stevenson	20	20	0	20	0					
26	Anthony Thomas	20	20	20	0	20					
27	Joye Toombs	20	20	0	20	20					
28	Stephanice Washington	0	20	0	20	0					
29	Rhonda Watkins	20	0	0	0	0					
30	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	20	20	20	20	20					
	<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>					

PC Attendees: A. Tomco, S. DiCocco, C. Taylor, N. Kabir, T. Moyel, M. Jackson-Rollins

Staff: M. Baker, Z. Levar, L.J. Sylvia, T. Mallory

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