

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, October 4, 2023

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Start: 12:02 pm

End: 12:51 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: October 4, 2023

Motion: F. Ross Seconded: J. Mazo

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

Approval of the Minutes: September 6, 2023

Motion: J. Mazo Seconded: F. Ross

Vote: In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 3- N. O'Neal, P. Scardino, R. Watkins

Old/New Business

Listening Session Planning

Continued Planning of the Listening Session – N. O'Neal

The flyer looks really nice and the QR code is a good idea. Perhaps we should provide the link, as well. Copies of the flyer were brought to the Transforming Care conference today, hoping PLWH will pick them up social workers in the field who may be attending. One question of concern is if we only want people from Cuyahoga County who we serve to attend the sessions, or are all counties invited to join, as it was thought the idea was to promote not just in our six counties, but also for any RW eligible persons living with HIV, who might be asking these questions, whether in our communities or not.

***Comment/Response: L.J. Sylvia** – For the flyer QI info or other tech help, people can all or text me, if needed. As for other counties, we should try to focus on the population of the counties we serve, considering the small turnout for the last session.

***Comment/Response: T. Marbury** – The flyer is tastefully done, like the diversity. If people are asking about RW services which they may not have in their county, this gives them an opportunity to fight or advocate for something. But if it's just for our county, the flyer should indicate that it's for Cuyahoga.

***Comment: N. O'Neal** – For now, the sessions are just for listening to issues of PLWH, not offering advice, so how or do we focus on sessions with other folks, counties, etc.?

***Response: L.J. Sylvia** – It may help to circle back and look at how the sessions were designed which was to: listen to the community, express concerns, meet the community, promote self-advocacy, as well as participation in CLC.

***Comment: T. Marbury** - We should be clear that we can't serve outside of our community. That would alleviate the issue of people coming in from other areas.

***Question: J. Mazo** - Is there some way we could gather data for folks outside our TGA?

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***Response: L.J. Sylvia** - Great point. We will add all our counties to flyer, and if someone shows up from a separate county, we will clarify the intended audience, give folks a choice on whether to stay, and make side notes to follow-up. More importantly, we will try to connect them with folks in their counties.

***Comment: M. Baker**- We serve other than Cuyahoga, so we shouldn't look only to focus on Cuyahoga.

***Comment: L.J. Sylvia** - The flyer will be wrapped up tomorrow, but if you have one, you can share that.

***Question: P. Scardino** - Who is getting the flyer and are we broadcasting to the community?

***Response: N. O'Neal**- Once everyone gets flyer, it's our responsibility as CLC to send it out to our communities, social workers, PLWH that you know, ASO's (AIDS Service Organizations) in the county, FB, Twitter, and almost anywhere to get them involved

***Response: L.J. Sylvia** – We also agreed to do this broadly to all and will send personalized invites to contacts, friends, and support groups.

***Comment: P. Scardino** - In this county, we have to rely on social workers, as there is not much contact with PLWH in Ashtabula. Signature Health and Community Counseling in Ashtabula deal with PLWH, so maybe they would distribute to people they work with or know. Will reach out to all case managers with my clients at Signature, and Matt Butler at Community Counseling.

***Comment: L.J. Sylvia** - On workgroup Tuesday, Oct 10th, we will gather more input on the listening session agenda, as it seems there is more info upfront offered, instead of listening. Maybe we can think on topics for listening and on what we want to give them.

***Question: R. Watkins**- Will we consider an interpreter?

***Response: L.J. Sylvia** - We can look at that if needed.

***Comment: P. Scardino** – We also don't want to assume everyone knows about RW, so we should ask basic questions, like do you know about the RW program?

***Comment: N. O'Neal** – We can also inform what service RW offers, give background on RW, and ask if they know who is eligible for RW services?

***Comment: L.J. Sylvia** - Maybe broadening that question to what has been your experience been in accessing RW services.

***Comment: R. Watkins**– Also, what are your barriers to getting health care, and while there are barriers to obtaining health care, we still have to educate first.

***Comment: N. O'Neal** – We also want to make aware that RW is a payer of last resort.

***Comment: L.J. Sylvia** – We can dive more in the workgroup, but for now, it seems there are more questions around educating, versus listening. The other issue is on barriers that impact their experiences to access services, or generally speaking? Looking at PSRA for next year, we want to listen so we can get the data we need on what's most important to people. We can also do polling in the Zoom meeting to see what people want.

***Comment: B. Gayheart** - Good input, ready to get this going.

***Comment: J. Mazo** - If involved in a listening sessions, my purpose would be on things I'm experiencing issues with, such as difficulty in appointments especially with more PLWH aging. The concern is hospital systems working towards more availability for appointments for various health challenges.

***Comment: B. Gayheart** - We must also be mindful of the limited time, and to use that time to hear what people have to say.

***Comment: N. O'Neal** – The in-person session should be different, maybe we should also discuss how this should go?

***Response: L.J. Sylvia** – The purpose, intention, and guidance, are the same for both. We will talk more in the workgroup on what will happen, and look at how we want the environment to be so people can engage, particularly for the in-person session at Neighborhood Connections. This event will be more

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private, with only one group in the room, after hours, small kitchen for snacks, info, and a space where folks can mingle for one-on-one conversations. With that, does the committee want name tags?

***Response: N. O'Neal** – We should, as at past community forums we also had scripts or some type of structure, and all the participants volunteered.

Takeaways:

1. The list of PC members attending the listening sessions are:

Billy Gayheart, both

Tina Marbury, Online - Tina, In-person, so both for Tina

Rhonda Watkins, Online - Rhonda, In-person

Peter Scardino, Online

Faith, both

Naimah, both

2. The two listening sessions will be: Online Tuesday, October 24, 2023 from 6-7:30 pm, and In-person, Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 pm.

3. For the flyer QI info or other tech help, people can all or text L.J., if needed.

4. We will add all our counties to flyer, and if someone shows up from a separate county, we will clarify the intended audience, give folks a choice on whether to stay, and make side notes to follow-up.

5. The flyer will be revised and wrapped up tomorrow but, if you have one now, you can share that.

6. In the workgroup on Tuesday, Oct 10th, we will discuss the agenda topics we want for the sessions, as well as talk through what we want to happen.

7. We will share flyer broadly to community, social workers, etc., and will send personalized invites to friends, contacts and support groups.

Standing Business

Agree on CLC Committee work activity (if any) to be reported at the October 18, 2023 Full Planning Council Meeting – This is what we will share on listening sessions discussions to PC.

Announcements - None

Adjournment

Motion: J. Mazo

Seconded: F. Ross

Attendance

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

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9	Rhonda Watkins	20	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	20	
	Total in Attendance	6	8	5	4	7	7	7	4	7	

PC Members: B. Gayheart

Attendees: C. Taylor

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