

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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

Kimberlin Dennis, Brian Kimball, Christy Nicholls, Co-Chairs



Full Planning Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Start: 5:32 pm

End: 7:02 pm

Facilitating Chairperson: B. Kimball

Moment of Reflection

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: October 18, 2023

Addendum: To add Prevention reports to the agenda.

Motion: N. O'Neal

Seconded: J. Stevenson

In Favor: All

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes: September 20, 2023

Addendum: To change the title of Brian Kimball from Interim Director, to read as Assistant Director, City of Cleveland Department of Health.

Motion: J. Patterson

Seconded: F. Ross

In Favor: 19

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 2- S. Washington, R. Watkins

Motion passed.

FLU & COVID-19 UPDATE

Brian Kimball, Assistant Director, City of Cleveland Department of Public Health

Updated Covid boosters are now available, as vaccines show the best for preventing spread. Please contact providers to schedule appointments, and make sure to get the current year's vaccine for the flu.

Dr. Barbara Gripshover, M.D., Immunology Medical Director, University Hospitals

***Question: J. McMinn** – Can you get vaccines from pharmacy and should you wait two weeks before getting another?

***Response: Dr. Gripshover** - Vaccines are available at pharmacies, but if no appointment, can also go to provider and they can give input on when/if to get another one.

***Question:** What is the new high-dose shot, and what if someone already took the low dose?

***Response: Dr. Gripshover** - It's an improvement from the regular one for folks 65 and older and those most vulnerable to the flu. Would have to check on whether to get another one, as the high dose is mostly for older folks.

***Question** – What is RSV?

***Response: Dr. Gripshover** – RSV is similar in which it easily spreads like Covid. It's basically approved for pregnant women to protect babies and for 60 plus folks.

Recipient Report – October 2023 – Planning Council

Administrative Report – M. Baker

Last month we were able to turn in our NCC progress report which shows how we're doing with our Ryan White funding. This was submitted on October 2, 2023.

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***Question: A. Forbes** - Any tips on retaining folks in care?

***Response: M. Baker** - One intervention used in the Quality Improvement project was to give more reminders to clients, by increasing calling and for no-shows at appointments, using a three-attempt process to follow up. Thought somewhat nuisance process is done to keep folks reminded and more engaged in their health.

Fiscal Report – M. Baker

FY2023 Part A Funding Update - Core: 43.07 %, Support: 50.30%, Expenses: 44.48%, for 7 months, Target: 58.33%; Full Award provided \$4,917,218, **\$145,087 carryover added**, \$5,062,305 new total

As of October 4th, there are additional invoices in after reporting, so numbers may be higher today. We see in red over-utilized, no color for on target, and green for utilized. We are at 43.07% support, which is a little over 50% for what is available. Reallocation takes place in November and a training will cover the topics on reallocation.

***Question: A. Forbes** – Is there help for client having issue getting dental implants?

***Response: M. Baker** - We lean on dentist expertise on what they can/cannot do. Some procedures can't be done, but not sure on particular procedures where we won't cover. However, if it's not related to cosmetics, but prevents someone from eating, they would work to help get something done.

***Response: J. McMinn** - Implants are not covered by RW. They can be exceptions, if approved, but they are mostly to be written as a necessity, not cosmetic.

***Comment: A. Forbes** - Maybe just inform client it's up to provider.

***Comment: L. Lovett** – Doctor's must evaluate their client and make a decision.

***Comment: Dr. Gripshover** – This would still have to get special permission, as it's so expensive, and that may be where it gets confusing.

***Response: M. Baker** – The entire process is another layer in that category, as it's not a matter if we think someone needs the work, but also how much is left in the pot to accommodate this, and based on what time of the year the request is made.

***Response: Z. Levar** - Implants are not impossible through Part A, they just shouldn't be expected to be done through Part A, as this is more of a behind-the-scene thing, going to providers on if they need this, then Part A looking into it further.

Medicaid Update – A. Thomas

For updates, just want to emphasize getting renewal packets in soon as possible. Although we are behind, please continue to send them as we are processing at an 88% time frame.

***Question: A. Forbes** - We have a process in place scanning our docs and putting them into the drop box. However, as the machine is scanning black, where should we go on this? Also, have all staff returned to onsite work?

***Response: A. Thomas** – If put in a drop box, we will get it. If scanning items in the self-scanning kiosk, someone should be alerted. For staff, we entertain virtually for now, as some things take longer. Many are in the building, but there are also many working hybrid.

***Question: D. Harris** - Is the process for approving still a long time?

***Response: A. Thomas** - If waiting for months that's not typical, but if it's an isolated incident, please contact me and we can review at: anthony.thomas@jfs.ohio.gov.

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Ryan White Part B Update – K. Ruiz

For the Integrated Plan, overall, the feedback has been positive and we have been approved to move forward with the plan. Anyone interested in joining, please reach out to Kate Shumate at: Katherine.shumate@odh.ohio.gov. On the jail presentation, we are making progress, the materials have been given approval and we are awaiting the date and time for the presentation. Butler County projects there are now 28 cases, 15 new diagnosis, and 13 being referred to care. Hopefully more updates will follow on jail systems, as this week we will release a jail protocol, meaning if someone comes up positive, they will receive help.

***Question: L. Yarbrough-Franklin** - Is Butler male or female?

***Response: K. Ruiz** - Mixed, but will have to go back and look at demographics.

***Question: N. O'Neal** - Do persona have to identify as positive to get their meds paid?

***Response: K. Ruiz** – Currently, the jail system offers an opting choice in order to get tested, but you have to answer questions a certain way. Jails won't cover meds for something they don't know exists, so you have to let them now, and there are still folks who know they are positive but don't want meds.

***Comment: S. Washington**- For state prison, you go through orientation, for pregnancy, diseases, etc., all before you get into the general population. The state and feds makes it mandatory. County only requires this if in a fight and the skin breaks. If you don't take HIV or any meds for state and fed, you go into the hole, but just spoke with someone in County who says they're starting to make this mandatory.

***Question: Dr. Gripshover** - In jails it varies, so is this project going to offer testing?

***Response: K. Ruiz** – The basic reason for this protocol is to provide funding for testing and meds.

***Comment: L. Lovett** – Being in jail and as a veteran, they knew my status, but not of civilians on this.

***Comment: R. Watkins** – Seeing a large number increase due to those not wanting meds, and find it appalling locking up or putting folks in hole for that.

***Comment- K. Ruiz** –As current supervisor is from the prison world, will provide more input on this, as reasons why those in prison don't take meds should be part of training and reiterated when we monitor.

L.J. Sylvia - Thanks all for sharing, look forward to the presentation.

HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV/AIDS) Update – T. Greene

We have sent three executed contracts and have a couple more to complete. We encourage all to send reports on time and to use the reporting template and extending financials. If any questions, please contact us.

Planning Council Business

Monthly Progress Report from HRSA Project Officer – L.J. Sylvia

We are looking for co-chairs, as many have served PC for many years. The bylaws state chairs should only serve three years, so there is room for new folks to join. The co-chairs set the agendas and make key decisions for the committees. If interested, you must be committed to monthly core meetings, full PC meetings, and be willing to work with the other co-chairs and the facilitator to create agendas, lead subcommittees, and prepare for monthly meetings.

***Comment: J. Patterson** – The understanding was Prevention was different from the other committees.

***Response: L.J. Sylvia** - Not clear, but will look into this?

***Response: Z. Levar** - We will double check on this, but believe final was that they did need to be full PC members, from a reporting and decision-making perspective, particularly for co-chairs.

***Comment: N. O'Neal** - For CLC, love doing this, because co-chairs set the tone and can get committee to be engaged. For interested folks, please contact us if you have questions.

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***Comment: J. McMinn** - If you are a control freak, co-chairing is for you.

***Comment: J. Patterson** - For people interested in knowing how things work behind the scenes, co-chairing is more involved in putting things together and seeing how the PC can influence that.

***Question: R. Watkins** - When is next county process for confirming candidates, as would like to be a QI chair, particularly as we are touching base on aging PLWH. Would like to be in the forefront to make great decision on everything.

L.J. Sylvia - If ready for something different, this is the chance to give your perspective. We will keep all updated.

Membership Appreciation – MRM Committee

K. Dennis - We have three members terming off, Brenda Glass, MRM Co-Chair, Tina Marbury, CLC Committee member, and Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin, QI committee member and RW Mental Health category representative. They will fall off for one year then afterwards reapply for a new term. We truly appreciate all their knowledge, commitment, and support over the years and we encourage them to continue attending and participating in PC during their time off.

B. Gayheart – As Co-chair with Brenda, want to acknowledge and thank her for all the help, guidance, support, and for being a wonderful leader. Hoping much success in venturing on your new path.

K. Dennis - Thank you all for everything. We are better people for having you in our lives.

Calendars for 2024 – L.J. Sylvia

The executive committee chairs were given the 2024-25 meeting schedules to review at the November Executive committee meeting, and will give updates and Full PC meeting.

Committee Reports - Tabled

Motion: To table the Committee Reports to the November 15th meeting.

Motion: N. O'Neal

Seconded: J. McMinn

In Favor: All

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passed.

Public Comments - None

Announcements

Dr. Gripshover - Please remember to vote, it is actually good for your health.

S. Washington - Thanks all for allowing me to express opinions and experience.

A. Forbes - Joye hospitalized last Saturday, recovering and doing a little better, will be out for a while.

L.J. Sylvia – The CLC Listening Sessions are next week, online Tues the 24th and in-person Thurs the 26th. Everyone should have received a flyer. If can, please invite three to five people and broadly share.

Daytona Harris, QI member, announced she will be leaving PC and moving from Ohio to fulfill a new role. Last, with end of year approvals, membership committee is requesting attendance from all available voting members at the November MRM and Full PC meetings.

D. Houston - Central Outreach is having its Grand Opening October 25th from 11-1:00 pm. Please come out and celebrate. A flyer will be sent.

K. Dennis – The Women's Healing weekend is going well. It will be a full house and looking forward.

Adjournment

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Motion: N. O'Neal

Seconded: J. Stevenson

Attendance

	Planning Council Members	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Ma y	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Kimberlin Dennis – Co-Chair	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
2	Brian Kimball – Co-Chair	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
3	Christy Nicholls- Co-Chair	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	
4	Biffy Aguiriano	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	
5	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	0	
6	Michael Deighan	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
7	Clinton Droster	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	0	
8	Anthony Forbes	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
9	Billy Gayheart	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
10	Brenda Glass	20	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	0	
11	Tiffany Greene						20	20	20	20	
12	Barbara Gripshover, MD	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
13	Daytona Harris	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	20	20	
14	Deairius Houston	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
15	Bryan Jones	20	20	0	20	20	0	20	0	0	
16	LeAnder Lovett	0	20	0	20	20	20	20	20	20	
17	Tina Marbury	0	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	0	
18	Jeffrey Mazo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
19	Jason McMinn	20	0	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
20	Lorsonja Moore	0	20	0	20	0	20	20	20	20	
21	Naimah O'Neal	20	20	0	20	20	20	20	20	20	
22	Julie Patterson	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
23	Faith Ross	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
24	Karla Ruiz	20	0	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
25	Peter Scardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
26	James Stevenson	20	20	0	20	0	20	20	20	20	
27	Anthony Thomas	20	20	20	0	20	0	20	20	20	
28	Joye Toombs	20	20	0	20	20	20	0	20	0	
29	Stephanice Washington	0	20	0	20	0	0	20	0	20	
30	Rhonda Watkins	20	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	
31	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
	Total in Attendance	21	23	18	25	22	24	26	22	21	

PC Attendees: A. Rollins, T. Moyel, S. Davis, L. Cantania, M. Jackson-Rollins, K. Hill, L. Rodriguez, J. Garcia
 Staff: M. Baker, Z. Levar, L.J. Sylvia, T. Mallory