

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, March 20, 2024

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Start: 5:36pm End: 7:06 pm

Facilitating Chairperson: C. Nicholls

Moment of Reflection

Welcome and Introductions – Melissa Hansen, new RW Part A Quality Improvement Program Manager

Approval of Agenda: March 20, 2024

Addendum: To include revisions made at the Executive Committee meeting.

Motion: F. Ross Seconded: J. Stevenson

In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of the Minutes: February 21, 2024

Addendum:

Motion: F. Ross Seconded: L. Moore

In Favor: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1- T. Greene

Part A Expenditure Report – March 2024 - M. Baker

Overview

- Approximately **84%** of the budget for this grant year has been utilized. The target for this timeframe is **91%**

Factors that may contribute to green results:

- Categories that have a large percentage of salary coverage
- Invoice submission—we are currently awaiting 3 invoices which we anticipate totaling \$ 100K+
- Vacancies in key positions—**example: 1 medical case manager position vacant for 7 months; 1 medical case manager position vacant for 8 months**

Factors that may contribute to red results:

- Higher than usual service utilization
- Under allocated funds

Trends:

- High utilization in Other Professional Services, Foodbank and Home delivered meals, Non-medical case management (housing)
- Medical Transportation and Psychosocial Support expenditures are on target

Indications:

- Support Services are in high demand; resources for basic human needs are most sought after in the Cleveland TGA
- Those who are in care are utilizing the supportive services available to maintain their physical and mental wellbeing

Things to Consider:

- How are current trends and their indications affecting the Planning Council's ability to make positive impact in the community?
- Is there anything the sub-committees can do to help address the most critical needs within the community?

***Question: B. Jones** - Will Part B funding assist with housing?

***Response: M. Baker** - We had a meeting with Part B peers, to discuss protocols on housing.

***Comment: Z. Levar** - That piece is set to launch on April 1st and they will update us further.

***Comment: J. McMinn** – Keep in mind not all providers write their grant requests for the same things.

***Question: J. Patterson** - Has the EFA (Emergency Financial Assistance) under the EtHE (Ending the HIV Epidemic) funding stream started?

***Response: Z. Levar** - EtHE is planning that for EFA this year, likely case by case basis, as contracts are now going through the approval process.

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Recipient Report – YTD Ryan White Expenditure Overview – M. Baker

We are at 85% of our total budget, with the goal at 98.7%. As with previous months, all invoices have not reached our processing yet, but are underway. Some factors contributing to spending delays, are due to large salary coverages impacted by vacancies for some agencies. However, most sub-recipients are working through the spend down cycle and will move dollars to areas as needed by the last two months of the grant period. As all our invoices are due on April 12, we will continue to receive them until then, and give further updates after that time.

***Question: B. Willis** - Is there any reproach for not getting invoices in with recipients?

***Response: M. Baker** – This is a just different work climate, vacancies occur at a high rate in at a lot of places, but the more people are aware of openings the more opportunities for them to be chosen.

***Comment: B. Jones** - This may be a conversation for CLC for training PLWH on these employment opportunities.

Priority	Category	Amount Available	Amount Spent as of 3/18/2024	%
Core Services				
5*	Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services	\$ 1,259,597.00	\$ 1,077,106.33	85.51%
6*	Medical Case Management	\$ 1,221,912.00	\$ 1,056,946.65	86.50%
1	Oral Health	\$ 303,252.00	\$ 222,336.78	73.32%
11*	Mental Health	\$ 280,500.00	\$ 232,684.00	82.95%
14*	Medical Nutrition	\$ 79,993.00	\$ 64,121.16	80.16%
8*	Early Intervention	\$ 334,310.00	\$ 237,351.99	71.00%
12*	Home Health Care	\$ 11,896.00	\$ 11,716.82	98.49%
13*	Home/Community Based Health Care	\$ 54,186.00	\$ 54,365.18	100.33%
Support Services				
3	Medical Transportation	\$ 110,170.00	\$ 99,998.72	90.77%
15	Emergency Financial Assistance (prescription)	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 1,815.51	34.91%
*7	Non-Medical Case Management (housing)	\$ 345,620.00	\$ 308,005.89	89.12%
*9	Psychosocial Support	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 48,838.67	90.44%
16	Foodbank/Home Delivered Meals	\$ 88,100.00	\$ 83,091.52	94.32%
*4	Other Professional Services (legal/housing)	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 236,676.18	96.60%
Totals	<i>(*) Indicates a category with a high percentage of salary coverage.</i>	Total available: \$4,393,736	Total Spent: \$3,735,055.40	85.01%

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Medicaid Update – A. Thomas

There are no new Medicaid updates, however, look out for upcoming flyer info on a new long-term care form.
C. Nicholls – This document is a general interest form on Medicaid, SNAP, etc.

Ryan White Part B Update – K. Ruiz

There are no Part B updates. As a reminder, the PPL portal will be shutting down on April 3rd for reconciliation, and the RW year will begin soon. Starting April 1, 2024, we will join our Part A partners in offering Emergency Financial Assistance (short term hotel stays, rent assistance, non-medical emergency transportation, and food assistance).

HOPWA - T. Greene

We are still waiting to hear about the grants we submitted for funding innovative HOPWA strategies, CDC HIV testing, and we also have an open position in our HIV STI program for a grant administrator.

Planning Council Business

Update on Member Feedback Survey – L.J. Sylvia

We had feedback from all members, and the process is still moving through the executive committee.

Epi Data Presentation – Alisha Cassady, MPH, Epidemiologist - Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH)

This update is for 2023 numbers, pulled last month, as the numbers won't be final from the state until late August.

2023* Cleveland TGA Epidemiology Summary

- 171 new cases in the TGA in 2023; **minimal change from 2022**
- Males made up **85%** of new cases in the grant area
 - More specifically, **almost half (47%)** of new cases were Black/African American males.
- Highest number of new cases was in the 20-24 age group (**23% of cases**).
 - **Almost half (47%)** of new cases were below the age of 30.
- **Around 1/3 (36%)** of new cases were males who had sexual contact with another male in the last 12 mos.

2023* Epidemiology: Cuyahoga County – Incidences / New Cases

- **140 new cases** in the county in 2023; **12% increase** from 2022
- Males made up **83%** of new cases in the county
 - Specifically, Black males made up **over half (54%)** of new cases
- The highest number of new cases were in the 20-24 age group (**26% of new cases**)
- **Over half (53%)** of cases are under 30 years of age
- Over 1/3 (36%)** of cases were males who had sexual contact with a male in the last 12 months

Priority Zip Codes for Testing and Outreach in Cuyahoga County

Top 5 by Incidence	Top 5 by Prevalence of PLWH
44102, 44110, 44109, 44104 / 44146 (tied)	44102, 44107, 44109, 44111, 44120

Testing Ideas/Recommendations for Cuyahoga County

- Working with LGBT Center to offer testing and PrEP options
- Working with Community Development Centers
- Agencies working in Cuyahoga County continue to test in priority populations
- Bring more testing to places where high risk populations may frequent and also during “off-hours”
- Utilize social media to promote education and testing

Testing Ideas/Recommendations for Outlying Counties

- Working with LGBT Centers/Alliances
 - Working with the jails/prisons
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***Question: B. Jones** - This is a direct correlation to the health modernization movement, do we have anything that correlates STI's with these numbers, and how will this impact the new molecular surveillance?

***Response: A. Cassidy** - Molecular surveillance is done at the state, we're not involved, but we will give updates as they're provided to us.

***Question: B. Willis** – Does the ZIP code refer to their home, or where they were tested?

***Response: A. Cassidy** - Yes, that refers to a home address that was given, or the address that was reported with the diagnosis from the hospital or testing facility, as often there is no demographic info.

***Question: B. Jones** – Are there transwomen numbers?

***Response: A. Cassidy** – As the state only wants larger numbers, it's more of maintaining privacy for low numbers.

***Comment: Z. Levar** - The transgender numbers at the state level are hard to track, as they suppress that data, which is more population-based. We do track that locally through CAREWare, but today was just an overview.

Insights from the Consumer Survey & Listening Sessions – F. Ross

We are so proud of the work we've done this year. In the end, 232 surveys came through thanks to all the case managers and everyone who told their friends and networks about the survey, and we hope next year will be even better.

L. J. Sylvia- As a summary, the highest number of responses were from Cuyahoga County, most received care in the county where they reside, surveys increased for ages 30-39 and 40-49 year ranges, however, there is still work to do in the youngest categories. We also had three listening sessions and gathered more data from there, as some of those issues have been shared with PC such as: housing, stigma, and challenges within healthcare.

Committee Reports – Two minutes each please.

Consumer Liaison Committee (CLC) – F. Ross - We reviewed the CLC survey results and began discussion on presenting at the upcoming orientation.

Strategy & Finance (S&F) – C. Droster – Part B presented, we have an upcoming workgroup in April to work on PSRA, and we will have new membership orientation on March 27th.

Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – B. Gayheart – Went over open nominations and target groups, we will be holding interviews April 8th and 22nd, and we finalized our new member orientation for next Wednesday.

Quality Improvement (QI) – J. McMinn – We finished our deep dive in growing older LWH. The culmination is directives, and we came up with them and they were approved in our committee. We will vote on those next month, and will update on our next move.

HIV Prevention (Prevention)- D. Houston – Last meeting was March 6th, and we had an update on Doxy PrEP and PEP, presentations on CCBH's new Epi tutorial, PrEP 211 Intervention Services, and received flyer info on the March 30th Spring Ball event. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Public Comments - None

Announcements

B. Jones - Reminder of upcoming Community Town Hall event, Thursday, March 28 2024, 10am -4pm, at the LGBT Community Center, 6705 Detroit Avenue. For more info email: jones.curtis.bryan@gmail.com or call (216) 640-3404.

Adjournment

Motion: F. Ross **Seconded:** L. Moore

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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 Aguiriano	0	20	20							
5	Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger	20	0	0							
6	Michael Deighan	20	20	20							
7	Clinton Droster	20	20	20							
8	Billy Gayheart	20	20	20							
9	Tiffany Greene	20	0	20							
10	Barbara Gripshover, MD	20	20	20							
11	Deairius Houston	20	20	20							
12	Bryan Jones	20	20	20							
13	LeAnder Lovett	0	0	0							
14	Jason McMinn	20	20	20							
15	Lorsonja Moore	20	20	20							
16	Naimah O'Neal	0	20	0							
17	Julie Patterson	20	20	20							
18	Faith Ross	20	20	20							
19	Karla Ruiz	20	20	0							
20	Peter Scardino	0	0	0							
21	James Stevenson	20	20	20							
22	Anthony Thomas	20	20	20							
23	Joye Toombs	0	20	0							
24	Stephanice Washington	20	0	0							
25	Rhonda Watkins	0	0	0							
26	Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	20	20	20							
	Total in Attendance	21	20	18							

PC Attendees: L. Spangler, A. Rollins, S. Davis, B. Willis, M. Jackson-Rollins, K. Rodas, C. Kruger, T. Moyel, T. Mahdi

Staff: A. Cassady, M. Baker, Z. Levar, D. LaGallee, M. Hansen, L.J. Sylvia, T. Mallory