

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

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## **Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

**12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

**Start:** 12:01 pm

**End:** 1:00 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: May 1, 2024**

Motion: F. Ross                      Seconded: L. Lovett

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

### **Approval of the Minutes: April 3, 2024**

#### **Addendum:**

Motion: L. Lovett                      Seconded: B. Gayheart

**Vote:** In Favor: 5                      Opposed: 0                      Abstained: 1- F. Ross

### **Old/New Business**

#### **Vote to Finalize 2024/25 Survey – L.J. Sylvia**

In prior discussion on changes needed for the next survey, we will now review the updates to make sure everything is in order before it is approved.

#### **Survey Updates**

**1. Demographics**-This remains the same for where people receive care, where they live, and for gender.

**2. Question #7** - "What is your race?" – The category (multi-race) was added, and updated in the exact way it is listed on the Reflectiveness report, so that people identifying with more than one race now have the option of selecting that category.

**3. Question #9** - "How long has it been since you were diagnosed with HIV?" This was updated so people can select one, as this will help with data collection. They were also listed in five year increments.

**N. O'Neal** - We should add one to let them write in the year, if more than 25 years old.

**L.J. Sylvia** – The last selection in this category will be changed to "over 25, as this will help us see who is the highest.

**4. Demographics Duplicate Page** – We will fix this before using the survey.

**5. Question #13** – "Which of these services have you used in the past 12 months?" Per Mike's suggestion, this now reads, "The following services are funded by Ryan White Part A funds. If you want to learn more about these services, contact a social worker or go to this website: <https://ccbh.net/ryan-white-services/>."

**6. Question #55** – This was originally two questions, which was confusing to some, and it has now been combined into one that reads, "If you are over 55, do you have specific challenges or health concerns related to your age and HIV? If so, please describe below in detail.

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**F. Ross** - If people are comfortable enough to ask those questions, we should be comfortable enough to answer them. They survey looks good and nothing is in survey that when we're discussing, we don't already talk about.

**N. O'Neal** – If all in agreement, the survey is approved.

**L.J. Sylvia** – We will make last adjustments, get a QI code, and go over it with chairs for final review.

### **Motion: To Approve the Final Version of the 2024/25 CLC Survey for Distribution.**

Motion: F. Ross                      Seconded: C. Droster

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

*Motion passes.*

### **Finalize Plans for Summer Events - Where Will You Get Involved This Summer?**

**F. Ross** – Will do Lorain Pride and wherever else help is needed.

**N. O'Neal** - Will do Cleveland Pride, is there a table?

**B. Gayheart** – Part A office informed that we have a table at Lorain and will forward that info.

**Z. Levar** – For Cleveland Pride, our department (CCBH) gets two tables, one for 'Love Leads Here' and one for CCBH. We will have two tables for whoever wants to be part of that.

**L.J. Sylvia** – There will be two tables at June 1<sup>st</sup> Cleveland Pride and not only CLC but all PC members can join and participate.

**N. O'Neal** – Maybe spread out at multiple tables, adjust shifts to help with coverage, and do t-shirts.

**Z. Levar** - We could look into t-shirts. It may be difficult for this event, but something we could definitely look into for future events.

**L.J. Sylvia** – As a question was asked on what is allowable for small gifts like candy for participating, **we want to be mindful of what's important to focus on at these events. We want to make it clear what this survey is, how it's different than the previous one they just filled out, and then strategize on the main goal in going out to these events, whether to get the word out, or to answer questions.** We also don't want people confused about the survey, so maybe we can use a different color paper or design. With that, **is the higher priority getting the survey completed?**

**N. O'Neal** - They are **both level on what we need**, but with the survey it depends on how many people are attending, as the one in Lorain was more relaxed for conversation.

**L.J. Sylvia**- The materials needed for the events so far include, **info cards for the listening sessions and the current survey (maybe having an image to distinguish it from previous one).**

**N. O'Neal** – Also, Metro and UH have picnics in places where PLWH come, where we could share flyers.

**L.J. Sylvia** – **Would like to add outlying counties to this as a way of increasing relationships there.**

**B. Willis** - **We could also focus on events in 44102 (near Westside, Detroit-Shoreway area, between Ohio City and Lakewood, and 44109 (parts of Slavic Village, southeastern areas).**

**C. Droster** - **Juneteenth may be good way to reach out to the African-American community.**

**L.J. Sylvia** - WeThink4AChange is involved in a Juneteenth event in the Buckeye-Shaker area.

**B. Gayheart** – **Maybe we can also have a formal invite at PC meeting and at the other committees so everyone knows help is needed.**

**L.J. Sylvia** - Do you want this done at the announcement portion of meetings?

**F. Ross** - **Only issue is that may not give enough time for CLE Pride. Maybe we can send an email on what CLC is doing to all members.** All PC should attend to answer questions even if they're not official.

**L.J. Sylvia** – **We should reach out to partners asking if they would be willing to pass out materials. This way, even if we're not able to be present at every event, there will be people around to distribute our**

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**materials.** Also, with partnership, we can reach out to the Prevention Committee, as a way to break the silos and do more integration with Prevention on the care side, and maybe get their event lists.

**N. O’Neal - For those with mobility challenges,** is there accessible parking/unloading area available?

**M. Baker – We will check on parking and logistics,** as several have attended that event in the past.

**L.J. Sylvia – Also, if we can get t-shirts, how would we do this, and is there room in the budget?**

**Z. Levar - Not concerned on the budget. We will first have to check with our project officer for confirmation, then go through the purchasing process, which would take time.**

**L.J. Sylvia – We will check with Monica and Zach on event plans, and go to PC to see who can also join.**

### 2024 CLC Events Outreach

<p><b>Cleveland Pride Event – June 1<sup>st</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCBH has two (2) tables</li> <li>- Billy</li> <li>- Naimah</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lorain Pride – June 29<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zach will fill out a form for a table</li> <li>- Faith</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ashtabula Pride (June 15<sup>th</sup>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biffy</li> <li>- Peter (cannot work the event)</li> <li>- Brooke?</li> <li>- Billy</li> </ul>	<p><b>World AIDS Day @ CRWU ACTU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Try to be on the agenda to talk about the CLC, what we do</li> </ul>
<p><b>College Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Case Western’s LGBTQ Center</li> <li>- Oberlin College</li> <li>- Tri-C</li> </ul>	<p><b>Homeless Stand Down – April 28<sup>th</sup> (Talib)</b></p> <p><b>MetroHealth Men’s Fair – April 27<sup>th</sup></b></p>

**Begin Preparation for Listening Sessions - Determine Session Dates, - L.J. Sylvia**

In our work plan, we discussed a ‘Save the Date’ idea and decided the next listening sessions would take place after the Pride events. It was also suggested to have two, in-person and two, online sessions, possibly sometime early September or October.

**N. O’Neal – We want to be careful not to coincide with other HIV events going on, particularly in September, although the one online shouldn’t be a problem.**

**L. J. Sylvia - Maybe we can also reach out to a young person’s group, and if possible be part of the women’s retreat again to do listening sessions.**

**K. Dennis – Currently working on that and will let you know once things are finalized.**

**L.J. Sylvia – For now, we won’t have all the final dates, as our next meeting is June 5<sup>th</sup>, but we can look at what should be on the card, and let chairs decide dates for the next listening sessions.**

**N. O’Neal – Maybe we can also consider sending out a doodle poll to get input on session dates.**

**Motion: To Agree for CLC Co-Chairs to finalize the decision for the next, two (2), in-person and two (2), online Listening Session dates.**

Motion: B. Gayheart      Seconded: F. Ross  
**Vote:** In Favor: 4      Opposed: 0      Abstained: 0

*Motion passes.*

**Review Feedback from Last Year and Make Changes, as necessary** – Tabled.

**Standing Business**

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**Agree on CLC Committee work activity (if any) to be reported at the Executive and Full Planning Council Meetings** – We will report on the CLC survey updates and plans for summer events.

### **Announcements**

**N. O'Neal** - On May 16<sup>th</sup>, QI Co-chair and I will be joining a conversation between a client and a social worker, in which we will answer questions and give feedback. We encourage folks to attend and participate. This is set for May 16<sup>th</sup>, around noon to 1:30pm, and a flyer will come out. This is a WeThink4AChange event. Also, **The Centers** is doing their **Food Markets** again. Please pass the word for all to come and partake of the excellent fruits and vegetables these markets provide throughout the year. The first Centered Markets are scheduled for **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Uptown** and **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Gordon Square (Lot across from 5209)**. If you would like to pick up bags for your clients, families, or yourself, please come visit the Markets between **12pm and 2pm**. Also, they need volunteers from 11:00 am-3:00 pm on both days for: sorting and bagging, food distribution, preparing bags, directing traffic, and information gathering. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help on any Centered Market date, please email The Centers at: [BNRC@thecentersohio.org](mailto:BNRC@thecentersohio.org).

**B. Gayheart - Cleveland Pride Event**, Saturday, June 1, 2024, sponsored by the LGBT Community Center, 6705 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102, (216) 651-5428. Link to register: [https://lgbtcleveland.org/pride/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR1cE6j08biFmNOK\\_yBTn7xO53rWcicN\\_qIS6qQiVVavi085gCgE9LRGyAM\\_aem\\_AVUv0bdFtl\\_cA40FsW5t3eS9o1askuVZEFpAp2eENic4cLaTYTum\\_FxLwnjrZZ\\_XIWhTv2fWlu\\_OMcpuVP9VXr01](https://lgbtcleveland.org/pride/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR1cE6j08biFmNOK_yBTn7xO53rWcicN_qIS6qQiVVavi085gCgE9LRGyAM_aem_AVUv0bdFtl_cA40FsW5t3eS9o1askuVZEFpAp2eENic4cLaTYTum_FxLwnjrZZ_XIWhTv2fWlu_OMcpuVP9VXr01)

**Z. Levar – 2024 LGBTQ+ Lorain County Pride Event**, Saturday, June 29, 2024, 12:00-4:00 pm. Location, Tappan Square, 67 N Main St., Oberlin, OH 44074. **SIGN UP LINK:** <https://forms.gle/8Rb1PQrubZrPaSEm6> or go to their website at: <http://lgbtqloraincounty.org/>

### **B. Willis**

**Community Advisory Board (CAB)** at the CWRU/UH Clinical Trials Unit. Learn about treatment and cure studies for HIV, CMV, HBV, Covid-19, mpox, etc. Meetings are in-person and via Zoom on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday of the month, at 6PM (except July or December). For more info contact: (216) 844-444 or [info@case.edu](mailto:info@case.edu).

**Nightsweats & T-Cells provides custom screen printing and design services for special events**, businesses, artists, and designers. For more info contact: Gil Kudrin and Michael Deeghan <https://www.nightsweats.com/>

**MetroHealth Juneteenth Event**, Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Mall C, in the heart of Downtown Cleveland. This is a city-wide, family-friendly celebration and commemoration of Juneteenth for all to attend. For more info: <https://juneteenthcle.com/>

**Mx. Juneteenth Event**, A Black & Queer Liberation Celebration in Cleveland! Juneteenth 2024 announcement coming soon. Site info at: <https://www.instagram.com/mxjuneteenth/>.

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**US Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA) upcoming Conference in New Orleans, LA, September 12-15, 2024.** For more info: <https://uscha.life/>.

**OASIS Florida Positive Living 26 upcoming Conference, September 20-22, 2024 at the beautiful Island Resort in Ft. Walton Beach.** Registration will close September 6, 2024 at 6:00pm CST, unless the max number of attendees is reached beforehand. Please register early at: <https://www.oasisflorida.org/positiveliving>, as refunds will not be processed after September 6, 2024.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** F. Ross

**Seconded:** B. Gayheart

### **Attendance**

	<b>CLC 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>Naimah O'Neal, Co-chair</b>	20	20	0	20	20					
2	<b>Faith Ross, Co-chair</b>	20	20	20	0	20					
3	Stephanice Washington	20	20	0	0	0					
4	LeAnder Lovett	0	0	20	20	20					
5	Bryan Jones	20	0	0	0	0					
6	Peter Scardino	20	20	20	20	0					
	<b>Total in Attendance</b>	5	4	4	3	3					

**PC Members:** K. Dennis, C. Droster, B. Gayheart, T. Mahdi

**Attendees:** B. Willis

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