



**Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council**  
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**Clinton Droster, Julie Patterson – Co-Chairs**

**STRATEGY & FINANCE COMMITTEE (S&F) COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – 2-3:30 pm**

S&F Committee Members		Planning Council Members	Community Attendees	Presenter(s)
1. Clinton Droster, Co-Chair		A	Naimah O’Neal	Tony E.
2. Julie Patterson, Co-Chair		P	Deairius Houston	Sofia Dewey, AIDS Funding Collaborative
3. Kimberlin Dennis		P	Billy Gayheart	
4. Tiffany Greene		P	Barbara Gripshover	Michael Gierlach, MetroHealth
5. Xiomara Merced		P	Karla Ruiz	
6. Anthony Thomas		P	Christy Nicholls	
7. Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin		A		
8. Talib Mahdi*		P		
9. Chris Krueger*		P		
Total of 20 in attendance		P = Present   A = Absent   O (Other) = Phone *Non-Member Volunteer or Pending PC Member		
Call to Order	Co-chair, Julie Patterson, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.			
Moment of Silence	In remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV/AIDS.			
Quorum Determination	7 of 9 S&F committee members present - quorum of 5 needed.			
Welcome, Introductions & Conflicts of Interest	All members, attendees, and guests welcomed and asked to state names, affiliations, and conflicts of interest in the chat.			
	<i>Conflicted:</i> <b>Naimah O’Neal</b> – The Centers – Early Intervention Services, Medical Case Management, Oral Health Care, Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services, Emergency Financial Assistance, Medical Transportation <b>Chris Krueger</b> – AIDS Taskforce – Medical Case Management, Medical Transportation, Food Bank/ Home Delivered Meals <b>Talib Mahdi</b> – NLURC – Medical Case Management, Non-Medical Case Management, Other Professional Services, Food Bank/ Home Delivered Meals, Medical Transportation <b>Barb Gripshover</b> – UH – Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services, Medical Case Management, Medical Transportation, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Early Intervention Services, Oral Health Care, Mental Health, Emergency Financial Assistance <b>Xiomara Merced</b> – Metro – Early Intervention Services, Medical Case Management, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Mental Health, Oral Health Care, Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services, Emergency Financial Assistance, Medical Transportation, Non-Medical Case Management, Psychosocial Support <b>Michael Gierlach</b> – Metro – Early Intervention Services, Medical Case Management, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Mental Health, Oral Health Care, Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services, Emergency Financial Assistance, Medical Transportation, Non-Medical Case Management, Psychosocial Support			

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<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>S&amp;F Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for June 4, 2025.</b> Motion made by Naimah O’Neal, seconded by Talib Mahdi In favor: All, Opposed: 0
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>S&amp;F Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from May 7, 2025.</b> Motion made by Kimberlin Dennis, seconded by Naimah O’Neal In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Anthony Thomas  <b>S&amp;F Committee reviewed and approved the Resource Allocation Workgroup minutes from May 28, 2025.</b> Motion made by Christy Nicholls, seconded by Chris Krueger In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Kimberlin Dennis, Xiomara Merced, Anthony Thomas, Naimah O’Neal, Deairius Houston, Karla Ruiz
<b>Recipient Report Fiscal Report Review</b>	Monica Baker presenting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final expenditures are at 99.04% expended for FY2024</li> </ul>
<b>New/Old Business</b>	<b>a. Finalize and Vote on Funding Recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed what the Resource Allocation Workgroup did at their meeting on 5/28.</li> <li>Final 2025 – 26 Priority Ranking for Funded Services (will be voted on by Full Planning Council at PSRA on 6/18):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Medical Case Management</li> <li>2. OAHS</li> <li>3. Non-Medical Case Management</li> <li>4. Mental Health Services</li> <li>5. Early Intervention/ Outreach Services</li> <li>6. Emergency Financial Assistance</li> <li>7. Medical Transportation</li> <li>8. Food Bank/ Home Delivered Meals</li> <li>9. Oral Health</li> <li>10. Psychosocial Support Services</li> <li>11. Other Professional Services (Legal)</li> <li>12. Home Health Care</li> <li>13. Medical Nutrition</li> <li>14. Home &amp; Community Based Care</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Resource Allocation workgroup looked at different criteria and gathered data to see if there were any specific service categories to be flagged and brought forward for further discussion at PSRA.</li> <li>For psychosocial support, what did the increase in funds yield?</li> </ul>

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- All funding was utilized for staff salaries, food, materials, and presenters for groups in both FY23 and FY24. During rapid reallocation in FY24, one subrecipient requested an additional \$16,000 to help cover salaries. The total amount expended was \$79,253.
- In terms of funds expended, the increase may be due to changes in staffing, etc. rather than a demonstrated need in the community.
- What categories do we want to flag for deeper discussion at PSRA?
  - Julie – because we are not clear on what the data shows for Psychosocial Support and Mental Health, I don't think we should flag those categories for further discussion. Oral Health was coded red to potentially decrease funds, but I changed this to black because of the over-requesting of funds. I would not recommend this category for flagging.
  - Naimah – we started to do surveys so that the consumers can tell us what they need.
- Julie – I would recommend that we take money out of Home Health Care, but it is such a small category. We could move \$2000 to Food Bank.
- Billy – Leave it as it is, keep it flat funding and keep allocations the same. It has taken years for us to fine tune this process and I think it has been very successful. It is too early to start changing numbers until we have further information, because we have the option to reallocate.
- Lj – we could take money from service categories that underspent.
- Naimah – I agree that we should leave everything the same, then worry about moving money during reallocation.
- Karla – Please be mindful of what is currently happening in the State budget and the trigger language regarding Medicaid. This could impact the services that people will need.
- Julie – Could we also present a counterpoint for discussion?
- Karla – Part B funds MCM, OAHS, Mental Health, Oral Health, EFA. It doesn't cover Home Health or Home/Community Based Services, Food bank, or Other Professional Services. I lean towards if someone has been underspending, they don't need that much money.
- Xiomara – As far as staff, do we know how many organizations are awarded for each category to know how many staff might be affected?
- Naimah – I think we should leave it the same and not take money out because we should factor in people aging with HIV – there might be an increase in need for Home Health Care in the future.
- Karla – I would pay special attention to Food Bank/ Home Delivered meals, Psychosocial Support Services, and Transportation.
- Lj – Anyone can offer an alternative on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Pay attention to the money that was not spent in certain categories.
- **Motion to flag Food Bank/ Home Delivered Meals, Medical Transportation, and Home Health categories for further discussion at PSRA.**
  - Made by Julie Patterson, Seconded by Karla Ruiz
  - Discussion: Christy - Worried about having multiple things brought forth with no recommendations from S&F.
  - In favor: 5; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Naimah O'Neal, Barb Gripshover, Talib Mahdi, Xiomara Merced, Chris Krueger
- **Motion to leave the allocations percentages as they are and bring it forward to Full PC on 6/18.**
  - Made by Billy Gayheart, Seconded by Naimah O'Neal

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ In favor: 7; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0</li><li>• Do we want to bring forward a decreased funding scenario to Full Planning Council? We should also have a discussion about which service categories are protected, and which can be decreased or eliminated. These questions will need to be answered at some point. What percentage decrease signifies that the recipient must return to PC for reallocation?</li><li>• Zach – Are we confirming the carryover categories in this meeting? Lj – that will happen at PSRA.</li><li>• Christy – I would like to see us make some sort of threshold. Nobody wants to see a decrease in funding, but we should be proactive and realistic about the situation. For example, if funding is cut by 20%, we have to come back to the table.</li><li>• Barb – if Medicaid goes away, do we need to rethink our allocations?</li><li>• Christy – There will be cuts to Medicaid, whether it's at the State or Federal level.</li></ul> <p><b>b. Review and Finalize Agenda and Slides for PSRA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Motion to move the agenda and slides for PSRA to Executive Committee.</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Made by Billy Gayheart, seconded by Naimah O'Neal</li><li>○ In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>*PSRA Learning Lab – June 11 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM*</b></p> <p><b>*Priority Setting &amp; Resource Allocation – June 18 from 12:00 – 4:00 PM*</b></p>
<b>Parking Lot</b>	None
<b>Announcements</b>	Naimah – HIV Long-Term Survivors event at City Hall at 4:30. There will also be a protest from Act Up before that event at 4:00 outside of City Hall. On 6/21 there is a memorial for Bryan Jones.
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Meeting adjourned by Julie Patterson at 3:36pm.</b>
<p><b>Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Minutes and Agendas</b></p> <p><b>Visit the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Homepage at: <a href="http://www.ccbh.net/ryan-white">www.ccbh.net/ryan-white</a></b></p> <p><b><u>*PSRA is on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 4 PM. No meetings in July*</u></b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting: August 6, 2025 2:00 – 3:30 PM</b></p>	