

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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



Full Planning Council Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Full Planning Council Members			Full Planning Council Members			Community Attendees	Recipient Staff	Guest Speakers
1. Kimberlin Dennis, Co-Chair		P	13. Naimah O’Neal		P	Chris K.	Lisa-Jean Sylvia	Alisha Cassady
2. Brian Kimball, Co-Chair		P	14. Julie Patterson		P	Jeannie CK.	Brittanie Evans	
3. Christy Nicholls, Co-Chair		P	15. Sahara Rivera		P	Jimmy G.	Anastassia Idov	
4. Biffy Augiriano		A	16. Faith Ross		P	Brooke W.	Zach Levar	
5. Clinton Droster		A	17. Karla Ruiz		P	Jacqueline A.	Danielle LeGallee	
6. Billy Gayheart		P	18. James Stevenson*		P	Cielle B.*		
7. Tiffany Greene		A	19. Anthony Thomas		P			
8. Barbara Gripshover, M.D.		P	20. Stephanice Washington		A			
9. Deairius Houston		P	21. Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin		P			
10. LeAnder Lovett		A						
11. Xiomara Merced		P						
12. Lorsonja Moore		P						
Total of 28 present		P = Present A = Absent O = (Other) – Phone *Non-member Volunteer or Pending PC Member						
Call to Order		Co-chair, Kimberlin Dennis, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.						
Moment of Silence		A moment of silence done in remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV.						
Quorum Determination		18 of 21 PC committee members present - quorum of 12 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: Naimah O’Neal, Barb Gripshover, Sahara Rivera, Cielle Brady, James Stevenson, Chris Krueger, Jimmy Garcia, Lorsonja Moore, Deairius Houston, Xiomara Merced</i>						
Approval of Agenda		Full PC Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for April 16, 2025. Motion made by Naimah O’Neal, seconded by Faith Ross Accept amended agenda Motion made by Naimah O’Neal; seconded by Faith Ross In favor: All; -Opposed: 0						
Approval of Minutes		Full PC Committee reviewed and approved minutes from March 19, 2025. Motion made by Faith Ross; seconded by Christy Nicholls In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Barb Gripshover,						

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Recipient Report

Anastassia Idov, CCBH –

- Expenditures
 - 1 outstanding invoice
 - Most service categories are either slightly underutilized or right on target
- Looking forward to the full report from the HRSA site visit
- Administrative Specialist position is still open
- Subrecipient monitoring schedule will be finalized in April
- MCM network discussed HIV Laws in Ohio on April 15
- Utilization data finalized for FY24.
- Working on establishing a subrecipient CQM monitoring process
- Internal Linkage to Care taskforce is meeting regularly to begin drafting a Linkage to Care resource book for the Cleveland TGA
- EHE CAG meeting on April 22nd
- 98.58% of funds expended


Q: Could you say a little more about the internal linkage to care taskforce?

A: Because we have several programs that operate in the HIV space – RW Part A, EHE, DIS – collaboration and efficiency becomes very important. The linkage to care taskforce is something we started to make sure that we map out the process of linking clients to services.


Medicaid Update


Christy Nicholls

- Continuing to decrease the backlog and decrease wait times.
- Upcoming events:




Thursday April 17, 2025






02.00 PM - 4.00 PM





CCPL - Beachwood Branch -
 25501 Shaker Blvd.
 Beachwood, OH 44122

• If there is low registration this session could be cancelled




Thursday April 24, 2025






10.00 AM - 12.00 PM



Virtual - Via Microsoft Teams Live

**QUESTIONS REGARDING REGISTRATION
OR NEED ACCOMODATIONS**



Community_Outreach@jfs.ohio.gov



Cuyahoga Job and Family Services



**PUBLIC BENEFIT
COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR
PROGRAM**

**OHIO BENEFITS
SELF-SERVICE PORTAL TRAINING**

Monday, April 21, 2025

Cuyahoga County Public Library -
Maple Heights Branch
5225 Library Lane
Maple Heights, OH 44137

For more information:
Cuyahoga-PublicBenefitNavigatorProgram@jfs.ohio.gov

Two sessions available!
Scan or click to register for your
desired session

Morning Session



10:00am - 12:30pm
bit.ly/3EH2Wzi

Afternoon Session



1:45pm - 4:15pm
bit.ly/4iVhbP6

The Public Benefits Community Navigator program is intended to educate and train licensed professionals acting as assisters on public benefit programs administered by Cuyahoga Job and Family Services.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 16TH**

Please bring charged laptop or mobile device.

Continuing Education Units Pending


- Recruiting for AmeriCorps VISTA

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	<div data-bbox="396 308 1533 926">  <p>CJFS Recruiting AmeriCorps VISTA</p> <p>Learn more at https://bit.ly/3UKmRRg then find our 2 positions by clicking "FIND AN OPPORTUNITY" and using "CJFS" as the Program Name.</p> <p>WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!</p> <p>Build up the Cuyahoga County community while building your resume with AmeriCorps VISTA. Help Cuyahoga Job and Family Services make sustainable changes and learn skills to help you excel in your future career.</p> <p>Cuyahoga Job and Family Services has the right opportunity for YOU. Click the links below to learn more about each opportunity and apply TODAY.</p> <p>CJFS Community Engagement and Outreach VISTA https://bit.ly/CEOVISTA</p> <p>CJFS Workforce Strategy VISTA https://bit.ly/WFVISTA</p> <p>Take the first step towards your future. Learn about benefits, eligibility and more at AmeriCorps.gov/VISTA</p> <p>Dept. of Health and Human Services Cuyahoga Job and Family Services</p> <p>AmeriCorps</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CJFS Speakers Bureau: 5/19/25 @ 2:00pm in-person at Cuyahoga County Public Library – Garfield Heights Branch • Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Community Resource Fair: 5/14/25 @ Cleveland Heights Community Center– 1 Monticello Blvd, Cleveland Heights, 44118 • In the draft state budget, there is trigger language – if the federal government decreases the funding by any amount, the trigger language would mean that this covered group would lose eligibility.
Part B Update	<p>Karla Ruiz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAB meeting on 4/28 5:00pm-6:30pm. to be added to the list please reach out to Juanita at Juanita.Montgomery@odh.ohio.gov • The Combined Community Planning Group(CCPG) meeting will be In-Person, May 14, 2025, 9:30am-3:30pm. Please share if you plan to attend by clicking on the link below: "Yes" I will be attending, or "No" I will not be attending. If you are unable to open the link below, please send Juanita an email with your response of "Yes" or "No" to attending. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73SMLWF • I followed up with ODH surveillance team after the QI committee meeting today. There is a lot of publicly available information related to surveillance, including zip code data. The 2024 data is still being reviewed. Check out the ODH surveillance website <p>Q: How is Part B operating currently as far as partial award, etc?</p> <p>A: We are doing business as usual. We have a partial award for both Ryan White Part B and EHE.</p> <p>Q: Because of the cost of medication, how realistic would it be that we would be able to help everyone to get their medication?</p> <p>A: Very realistic right now. Funding should continue as-is for medication.</p>
HOPWA Update	<p>Jacqueline Asare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with 5 agencies

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Planning Council Business	<p>a. Epi-Data Presentation, Alisha Cassidy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Cleveland TGA Epidemiology summary (data is preliminary) • 187 new cases in TGA in 2024 – 7% increase from 2023 • 19% of new cases in the 30 – 34 year old age range • 34% of new cases were males who had sexual contact with another male in the last 12 months • Discussed HIV incidence by zip code • Trends among PWID – small increase in cases from 1 in 2023 to 4 in 2024 • Western counties: Lorain and Medina – 53% increase in new cases from 19 to 29 • Eastern counties: Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula – 36% decrease in new cases from 11 to 7 • Cuyahoga county – 4% increase in new cases from 145 to 151 • Priority zip codes for testing and outreach in cuy county: Top 5 zip codes by incidence - 44105, 44125, 44102, 44112, 44128 • Testing ideas and recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with the LGBTQ center to offer testing and PrEP options ○ Work with community development centers ○ Work with other agencies doing STI testing • Reviewed care continuums for 2024 <p>Q: Do you know if clients were tested on their way in or on their way out? A: To my knowledge, they are just tested on the way in. Q: Retention in care was at 70%, how do we compare on a national level? A: Nationally we are comparable with other jurisdictions.</p> <p>b. Forms Update</p> <p>c. New Member Orientation – April 23, 2025 in person at Circle Health 12201 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44106 RSVP to Lj no later than April 17, 2025</p>
Committee Reports	<p><u>Community Liaison Committee (CLC) - N. O'Neal -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We talked about summer plans. We're not going to have a presence at the Cleveland Pride this year. We're looking at other locations. • Possibly changing the form we use to capture data. • Presentation by Benjamin Rose on resources for aging adults
	<p><u>Strategy & Finance (S&F) Committee – J. Patterson -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great meeting with a lot of good participation • Gearing up for PSRA. We are currently ranking service categories for priority setting.
	<p><u>Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – B. Gayheart –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met today and had updates on the open nomination process and finalized the new member orientation plans, discussed update to bylaws, and youth workgroup

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	<u>Quality Improvement (QI) – Lorsonja Moore–</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taking a brief pause on our deep dive due to waiting on data• May – Kate will present regarding state integrated plan and Melissa Hansen will give an update about CCBH CQM. Lj will share information about CQM from TargetHIV and PC primer.• By the end of the year, we will be looking at the needs assessment.
	<u>HIV Prevention (Prevention) - Deairius Houston –</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Prevention meeting is first Wednesday in June
Public Comments	None
Announcements	Julie – AFC briefing on 4/29 Anthony Thomas – Office of re-entry for Cuyahoga County – Job fair tomorrow at main floor of Tower City. April 28 th housing summit at Cleveland State law school. Brooke – LGBT community center is hiring an advocacy coordinator https://lgbtcleland.org/jobs/
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned by Kimberlin Dennis at 7:09 pm. Motion was made by Faith Ross, seconded by Lorsonja Moore
Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Minutes and Agendas Visit the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Homepage at: www.ccbh.net/ryan-white Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21 , 2025 - 5:30-7:00 PM	