

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council
Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties
Deairius Houston, Chair

HIV Prevention Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Prevention Committee Members		Planning Council Attendees	Community Members	Guest Speakers
Deairius Houston, Chair	P	LeAnder Lovett	Jess Collier	Tyler Stimpert
Cielle Brady	A	Billy Gayheart	Natalia R.	
Sahara Rivera	P	Lorsonja Moore	Brittany Freese	
Tiffany Greene	A	Tony Elmore	Dr. Luther Walls	Recipient Staff
Julie Patterson	P	Jimmy Garcia	Jordian Foster	Lisa-Jean Sylvia
Kimberlin Dennis	P	Akeem Rollins	Christina Jackson	Brittanie Evans
Karla Ruiz	P		Colleen Kishman	Erin Janowski
			Sofia Dewey	Danielle LeGallee
			Stephanie Young	
Total of 24 in attendance.	P = Present A = Absent O (Other) = Virtual, Phone			
Call to Order	Chair, Deairius Houston, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.			
Moment of Silence				
Quorum Determination	5 of 7 Prevention committee members present - quorum of 5 needed.			
Welcome, Introductions & Conflicts of Interest	All members, attendees, and guests welcomed.			
Approval of Agenda	Prevention Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for June 4, 2025. Motion made by Julie Patterson, seconded by Billy Gayheart In favor: All; Opposed: 0			
Approval of Minutes	Prevention Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from March 5, 2025. Motion made by Julie Patterson, Seconded by Billy Gayheart In Favor: All; Opposed: 0; Abstained: *check minutes*			
Prevention Update	Danielle LeGallee, CCBH: - We just hired a new DIS and are now fully staffed. - Our new grant year started on June 1, 2025. We are still funding the same agencies. - Working with the EHE team and marketing agency, there is a new Love Leads Here website: www.loveleadshere.org			
Planning Council Update	Lisa-Jean Sylvia: The biggest news from Planning Council is that PSRA is this month. That’s the process where PC determines what the			

	priorities are and how funding will be allocated in the next funding year. PSRA is on June 18th from 12 – 4 PM. Billy Gayheart: • We now have some additional members that have moved through the voting process at MRM. The vote will go to Executive Committee and then County Council to approve new members.
Prevention Community Highlight	LGBTQ+ Community Needs Assessment – Tyler Stimpert, BSBA, MPH presenting • Overarching goals include: Increase awareness about public health as it relates to LGBTQ+ community in Greater Cleveland; describe the local LGBTQ+ population demographically; describe the current status and resources available to the local community by domain; develop recommendations to *check recording* • Project timeline was from January 2023 to December 2024 • Over 2,000 unique survey responses • 26 listening sessions were held in total with 178 participants • Key project deliverables can be found at www.lgbtqohio.org ○ Full community report and recommendations ○ 2SLGBTQIA+ Racial Equity Report ○ Interactive self-reported health and socio-demographic dashboard ○ Community Resource Linktree ○ Social media campaign • Priorities and Lived Experiences ○ Community identified priorities: Foster a culture of inclusiveness within and outside the LGBTQ+ community; enact and enforce laws against discrimination; Address uncertainty and feelings of helplessness by promoting actionable solutions and community engagement; Increase accessible community education. • Represented, recognized, included, advocated for, and accepted ○ 46% of respondents identified self-esteem as a source of difficulty in life ○ 55% of respondents feel worried about being safe or accepted because of their LGBTQ+ identity • HIV Knowledge and Prevention ○ 5% of respondents don't know HIV status ○ 5% of respondents rate their knowledge of HIV and HIV prevention as Poor ○ 9% are not currently taking PrEP but they do want PrEP ○ 16% of those on PrEP got their last medication given to them by someone else with a prescription • HIV testing behaviors

	○ 43% get tested only when they feel they need to be tested ○ 27% have never been tested for HIV ● 4% of respondents indicated a positive HIV status ○ 65% identify as Gay; 68% identify as Male ○ 86% are taking medication prescribed by a doctor to manage their HIV; 2% have never taken any medication to manage HIV ○ 18% are currently receiving gender-affirming hormone treatment ○ 21% currently experiencing housing insecurity
Agency Check-In	<i>What are your outreach plans for the summer?</i> ● Sahara – MetroHealth - doing Lunch and Learn sessions and will have a table at Pride in the CLE ● Jessica – Thrive 4 Change – will be attending several Pride events. Bi-weekly outreach event in the 73rd and Lorain area. ● Tyler – Thrive with Pride on 6/25 ● WeThink4AChange – Pride and national testing day with Walgreens ● Lorsonja – DSAS – elder abuse awareness month seminar at Benjamin Rose ● Brittany – Signature Health – HIV testing day at Walgreens ● Deairius – Central Outreach – table at Pride ● Erin – CCBH will have a mobile clinic at Pride. We will also have a Love Leads Here table with self-test kits.
Announcements	Lj – HIV Long-Term Survivors day at City Hall on 6/5 Julie – AFC just released our RFA in the responsive grants category Michelle – Bryan Jones memorial on 6/21 at Karamu House 3 – 7 PM
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Deairius Houston at 5:34 pm.

Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Updates

Next Meeting: September 3, 2025

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