

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 Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 20, 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	A	Talib Mahdi*	Lisa-Jean Sylvia	
2. Brian Kimball, Co-Chair		A	14. Julie Patterson	P	Tina	Brittanie Evans	
3. Christy Nicholls, Co-Chair		P	15. Sahara Rivera	A	Tony Elmore*	Zach Levar	
4. Biffy Augiriano		A	16. Faith Ross	P	Brooke Willis		
5. Clinton Droster		A	17. Karla Ruiz	P	Christopher Krueger		
6. Billy Gayheart		P	18. James Stevenson*	P	Jimmy Garcia		
7. Tiffany Greene		P	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 present		P = Present A = Absent O = (Other) – Phone *Non-member Volunteer or Pending PC Member					
Call to Order		Co-chair, Christy Nicholls, called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.					
Moment of Silence		A moment of silence done in remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV.					
Quorum Determination		14 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: Talib Mahdi – NLURC; Lorsonja Moore – DSAS; Chris Krueger – AIDS Taskforce; Xiomara Merced – MetroHealth; Barb Gripshover – UH; Cielle Brady - UH</i>					
Approval of Agenda		Full PC Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for August 20, 2025. Motion made by Faith Ross, seconded by Julie Patterson In favor: All; Opposed: 0					
Approval of Minutes		Full PC Committee reviewed and approved minutes from May 21, 2025. Motion made by Faith Ross; seconded by Xiomara Merced In favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: Tiffany Greene, Karla Ruiz Full PC Committee reviewed and approved minutes from PSRA on June 18, 2025. Motion made by Julie Patterson; seconded by Kimberlin Dennis In favor: all; Opposed:0 ; Abstained: Karla Ruiz, James Stevenson, Anthony Thomas					

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Recipient Report	Zach Levar presenting: • 32.5% spent and paid out to providers. We were at 19% on this date last year. The target for expenditures at this point in the year is 33.3% expended. • Under vs over spending is usually evaluated after August invoices are received. There are no concerns at the moment for any category being over or under spent. • Carryover awarded on 7/28 and Full award received 7/31. The total award (FY25 base award plus FY24 carryover) is \$4,844,994.00 • The Part A Supervisor position should be filled in September. • We attended a HRSA reverse site visit earlier this month. This was an opportunity to hear from HRSA about best practices, and provide our feedback to them. • MATEC provided a trauma-informed care training for our providers on June 27th
Medicaid Update	Christy Nicholls presenting: • We are current on our non-long term care applications. This means there will be more timely responses to folks.
Part B Update	Karla Ruiz presenting: • We have a new Part B Administrator, Stacy Herman, who started on June 30th. • We met with Zach from CCBH and with MetroHealth and NLURC today. • We had our Part B HRSA site visit this past July.
HOPWA Update	Tiffany Greene presenting: • We are waiting for funds from HUD.
Planning Council Business	a. Changes to Medicaid and SNAP – Christy Nicholls • We are waiting on the rules to be written by FNS for SNAP and CMS for Medicaid. • About 98,000 people in Cuyahoga County fall into Group 8. State trigger language means that if the federal FMAP is decreased for Group 8, then Ohio will no longer provide Group 8 coverage • Changes to SNAP – expanded work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents. Repeals exemptions for veterans, homeless individuals, and former foster youth. • Funding changes to SNAP – share of administrative cost increases the state share from 50% to 75%. Estimated cost to Ohio is \$60 million. • There is a community forum on 9/8 at 5pm to cover the changes to Medicaid and SNAP. b. Site Visit Follow Up – Corrective Action Plan - Lj • Our site visit was in March. The Planning Council has 5 findings that need to be corrected, including: Membership issues, updating the bylaws, implementing a new process for the Planning Council budget, and creating a separate Policies and Procedures document. • Executive Chairs and Executive Committee created an improvement plan and submitted it to HRSA, received feedback from HRSA, and resubmitted the plan to HRSA. c. Update on Bylaws Review - Lj • MRM and Executive Committees are currently reviewing the bylaws. Some changes have to happen to the bylaws by the end of this calendar year.

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	• Every member of Planning Council should read and understand the bylaws. These are the rules that we operate by. • If you are willing to help with the review, or if you have questions, contact Lj. • Topics for consideration: adding a leave of absence policy, revising term limits, shifting governance responsibilities to Executive Committee.
Committee Reports	<u>Community Liaison Committee (CLC) - Lj -</u> • In August, there was a presentation from MetroHealth about long-term injectable treatment options. • In June, there was a session about life insurance options for people living with HIV.
	<u>Strategy & Finance (S&F) Committee – J. Patterson -</u> • We met August 6 and went over the fiscal report. • We discussed feedback from people who participated in PSRA. • We had a presentation from Christy Nicholls about Medicaid and SNAP changes.
	<u>Membership, Retention & Marketing (MRM) – B. Gayheart –</u> • We met today and reviewed reflectiveness. We are currently at 33%. After the new applicants are approved, we will be at 37-39%. We voted on 2 new members today. • Cielle gave an update about the NXTGEN Collective
	<u>Quality Improvement (QI) – Lorsonja Moore–</u> • We met today and discussed a needs assessment. This will involve a lot of time and resources. The last needs assessment was done from 2017-2020. • As a group, we are looking at the previous needs assessment. If you are interested in learning more about the needs assessment, let Lorsonja or Lj know. • Next month, Alisha will provide us with an update regarding our deep dive topic.
	<u>HIV Prevention (Prevention) - Lj –</u> • Next Prevention meeting is September 3rd and will have a presentation about long-term injectable PrEP and an agency spotlight from B Riley Sober House.
Public Comments	None
Announcements	Lj – The Executive Committee members are all of the co-chairs. It is an open meeting. However, we don't have things like public comment, as it is a discussion of the co-chairs. Julie – shared an article about changes to Medicaid: https://www.communitysolutions.com/resources/how-changes-to-medicaid-will-impact-people-living-with-hiv-aids Anthony - Resource Fair taking place at the Huntington building on Lakeside 8/22/2025 11am-3pm
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned by Christy Nicholls at 6:38 pm.
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, September 17, 2025 - 5:30-7:00 PM	