

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council
Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties
Naimah O’Neal, Faith Ross – Co-Chairs



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 – 12:00-1:30 pm

CLC Committee Members		Planning Council Members	Community Attendees	Presenter(s)
1. Naimah O’Neal, Co-Chair	P	Billy Gayheart	KC	
2. Faith Ross, Co-Chair	P		Jeffrey M.	CCBH Staff
3. LeAnder Lovett	A		Micola	Lisa-Jean Sylvia
4. Talib Mahdi*	P		Brooke W.	Brittanie Evans
5. Kimberlin Dennis	P		T.E.	Anastassia Idov
6. Sahara Rivera	A			Zach Levar
Total of 14 in attendance	P = Present A = Absent O (Other) = Phone *Non-member Volunteer or Pending PC Member			
Call to Order	Co-Chair, Naimah O’Neal, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.			
Moment of Silence	In remembering all those past, present, and future in the fight against HIV/AIDS.			
Quorum Determination	4 of 6 CLC committee members present - quorum of 4 needed.			
Welcome, Introductions & Conflicts of Interest	All members, attendees, and guests welcomed and asked to state conflicts of interest in the chat. <i>Conflicted: Talib Mahdi – NLURC; Naimah O’Neal – The Centers; Faith Ross – Pegasus; Brooke W. – University Hospitals;</i>			
Approval of Agenda	CLC Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for November 5, 2025. Motion made by Naimah O’Neal, seconded by Billy Gayheart In Favor: all; Opposed: 0			
Approval of Minutes	CLC Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from October 1, 2025. Motion made by Kimberlin Dennis, seconded by Naimah O’Neal In Favor: all; Opposed: 0; Abstained: none			
2025 Listening Sessions *World AIDS Day	<p>We have had 2 listening sessions – 1 at the women’s retreat and 1 at the Lorain support group. Faith – I enjoyed the conversation and I like that we were able to adjust the conversation to meet the needs of our people. I enjoyed having that one on one time with people outside of Cuyahoga County. I’m looking forward to exploring some of the other outlying counties.</p> <p>Lj – within Cuyahoga County, we can focus on demographic groups that we don’t have a lot of feedback from, for example younger people.</p> <p>World AIDS Day event – do we want to have our two main questions on paper for people to fill out at our table?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naimah – do we have people who can sit at the table? Talib – I can sit at the table. MiCola – I can sit at the table too. Naimah – do we think people have enough time to fill out the questions? 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billy – are you planning on having anything at the table like items to pass out? Lj – we will have what we had at the Ministry of Hope luncheon (red ribbon pins, ink pens, flyers). • Billy – what is the purpose of the table? People are there to get stamps for the gift baskets. Brooke – the purpose is recruiting new Planning Council members. Tell them how important it is for the funding. Kimberlin – you never know who will be interested. • Naimah – I wonder about repeat visitors giving us the same information that we already have. • Talib – are we inviting people to Planning Council, and the questions are just there and if they have time they will answer? Naimah – it’s two folded, it’s talking about Planning Council and gathering information. • Billy – as someone who has done several tables, it’s based on who shows up. You will have some people who want information. Having enough material to answer any question is the best approach. • Kimberlin – it’s not just HIV positive people that will be there. We never know who this information may reach. • Lj – so the purpose is inviting new people in to Planning Council, get information about services from people when we can, and we want to get information out to folks. • Zach – the videos that were created can help with the elevator speech. Lj – we can have an email sign up list and follow up after the event.
<p>What if funding is decreased?</p>	<p>Be sure to join the S&F Committee to participate in the decision about what happens if funds are decreased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naimah – Our voices need to be heard in all of the committees. Even though this committee is important, the other committees are equally important. I would like people to join Strategy and Finance. We are in a time where the government is cutting things. We talk about if funding is decreased, what will happen? • Lj – S&F meets today at 2:00. Today, the conversation is focused on reallocation and carryover. S&F leads the conversation on how the money will be spent. They look at the data and make recommendations about how the dollars are spent. In January, this committee will pick up the conversation about if we have funding cuts, how will Planning Council make the decision on how the money is spent. We want people living with HIV to be at the center of that conversation.
<p>Preparing for the new year</p>	<p>CLC presentations ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal for 2026 = 5 topics scheduled for the year • January – what you need to know about Medicare; February – upcoming changes to Medicaid; October – Open enrollment • Billy – it would be nice to have a presentation about the role of CLC in planning council. Naimah – This should be in January. • Faith – We should talk about food pantries and other community support. People are really worried about what the government is doing. Maybe gather a list of resources. • Billy – A presentation on if funding is cut, what do I do? How do I access medical care, medication, etc? Helping people understand, if these changes happen, this is where you go and who you contact. • Brooke - https://www.neoch.org/streetcard • Lj – other ideas from before include: managing comorbidities, current Ohio laws, what to know about cognitive disorders, open enrollment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naimah – we could revisit some topics, like life insurance. Kimberlin – I like that idea, and power of attorney. • Kimberlin – how to use MyChart • Brooke – Activism 101, led by NEOCH or Case Law students or ACLU. Zach – an Advocacy training would be appropriate. • Naimah – We need to talk about cyber attacks and scams. • Lj – has anyone had a presentation about dating with HIV or managing relationships with HIV? Naimah – sometimes Positive women’s Network or NMAC will have webinars about that. Also talking about how to combat loneliness.
Parking Lot	
Announcements	<p>Naimah – on the 18th there will be The Real Tea webinar conversation on a discussion on getting older with HIV and is sponsored by We Think 4 A Change.</p> <p>Brooke – World AIDS Day 12/1 at Case Western at 5pm</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Naimah O’Neal at 1:30 pm.
<p>Reminder: Check your Email or the Website for Updates</p> <p>*No CLC Meeting in December*</p> <p>Next Meeting: January 7, 2025 12:00 to 1:30 PM</p> <p>Visit the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Homepage at: www.ccbh.net/ryan-white</p>	